

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF STEGER, WILL & COOK
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

The Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on this 16th day of April, 2012 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with President Sherman in the Chair and presiding and Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Trustee Peterson was absent. Also present were Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Village Engineer Joe Schudt, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and accepted as written, as all members have copies. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki reported that Code Enforcement is looking for two individuals to mow lawns this summer at vacant properties around the Village. Interested Steger residents with valid driver's license should apply at the Village Hall for the positions.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Superintendent Cox reported that Public Works has been removing trash and mowing in the parks and other Village properties, on a weekly basis. Repairs have been made to bleachers at Hecht Park and seeding in areas damaged by water main breaks has begun. Hydrant flushing continues each Tuesday around the Village. Installation of "radio reads" has started in District #1. The generator at the well house has been installed and will soon be operational. Trustee Lopez inquired about the status of "hydrant flushing" signs to be used in areas where flushing is underway. Superintendent Cox stated he will look into the signs.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez reported that the 7th grade boys' basketball team has placed 2nd in the State of Illinois and has qualified for the National Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee. Trustee Lopez congratulated Gerald Stewart and his team.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

Trustee Perchinski referred to Fire Chief Roesner. Chief Roesner reported that five members of his Department recently graduated from the instructor course at Prairie State College. They are Assistant Chief Fillion, Captain Garcia, Lt. Vlahakis, Lt. Long and Mike Urzendowski. Trustee Perchinski thanked Chief Roesner for his efforts and stated that the Department is heading in a positive direction under his direction with new members joining the Department.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the bills for payment as funds allow. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Percy Clark, owner of 3222 Sofia Court asked the Board for a building permit to build a home at 3222 Sofia Court. Attorney Burkey reported that the subdivision has not yet been accepted, that the road, the detention pond and other improvements have not been completed. Trustee Perchinski added that the Board has been working with the bank to get the work completed. Mr. Clark asked how the bank was able to sell the property to him if the work is not completed. Attorney Burkey stated that that was part of the problem. Mr. Burkey asked that Mr. Clark leave his contact information and he will attempt to work with him.

A resident reported illegal dumping on East 31st Street. The dumping obstructs the flow of water in the neighborhood. Asphalt, aggregate, railroad ties, etc. have been dumped in the alley. Code Enforcement Officer Brown reported that the neighbor dumping in the area had made an effort to clean up the obstruction. The neighbor reported that the dumping continues down the alley all the way to the railroad tracks. Trustee Lopez suggested a citation is in order. President Sherman asked that Code Enforcement investigate the dumping.

Nancy from Kmart expressed safety concerns of Kmart regarding possibly using the Municipal parking lot for the Circus, as requested by the Chamber of Commerce. Nancy stated that emergency vehicles cannot gain access to the store if the Circus used the parking lot. Customers had difficulty parking and the fire lanes were blocked. Trustee Perchinski stated that the parking lot is a municipal lot and that the Chamber has done a lot of good for our community. Trustee Perchinski also stated that with Harry's Restaurant closed; perhaps the Circus can take advantage of that space. Nancy asked that the Board keep in mind the concerns of Kmart regarding their customer's safety.

Harry Hammock of the Recreation Board stated that a problem continues at Veterans Park regarding the use of the softball field by residents and neighbors opposing the use of the field. Hammock reported that the Police have been called and have asked residents to leave the field. Hammock reported that an injunction exists restricting use of the softball field by Village organized baseball teams. Trustee Lopez asked Chief Stultz to let the Police Department know that the park is available to residents. Chief Stultz will look into the situation.

Michael Balanow of 3328 Florence thanked Code Enforcement for checking on the volume of the music being played at 3322 Florence. The music has been turned down.

A resident commented on the request of Wildcat Football to exchange service on the ball field for their ComEd bill. He recommended Football look into a corporate sponsorship to help pay the bill and that they should be liable for their own bill.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Update to the use of Village vehicles policy (tabled 2/21/12, 3/5/12, 3/19/12 & 4/2/12). Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the request of Steger Area Chamber of Commerce to use the municipal parking lot near K-Mart for their Circus event on August 4th & 5th, until he has a chance to review safety concerns with the Circus. (tabled 4/2/12) Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez has not received feedback from Wildcat Football regarding their proposal to aerate and seed the football field and all other fields at Veterans Park in exchange for their annual ComEd Electric bill (their portion is \$3,000 annually). (tabled 4/2/12) Trustee Lopez made a motion to table the request indefinitely. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to go out to bid for 2012-15 Paramedic Service, using the Kurtz proposal for specifications. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to go out to bid for the painting, cleaning and rehabilitation of the Water Tower at Hecht Park, as requested by Trustee Seehausen. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of the Salvation Army to hold Donut Days June 1st and 2nd and Red Kettle Campaigning November 16th through December 24th, 2012 with the exception of November 23, 24 and 25. Trustee Banicki asked that the donations be collected by Salvation Army representatives wearing safety vests with proper signage. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request from Jolynda Reyes to transfer \$4,000 from the corporate fund to the DARE fund to help pay for salaries of DARE officers. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the bid of Gallagher Asphalt for asphalt for the coming year. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid by Shepley Motor Express Gravel/Stone for the coming year. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Banicki made a motion to accept the low bid by Suburban Landscaping for mowing of vacant properties for the coming year. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid of Beverly Environmental for Concrete work for the coming year. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the low bid of Homer Tree Service for Tree Trimming/Removal for the coming year. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the bid of Merts/Airtron for HVAC Maintenance for the coming year. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the low bid of Excel Electric, Inc. for Street and Parks Lights Maintenance for the coming year. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept Giovanni Pacelli as a probationary firefighter, pending background check, at the request of Chief Roesner. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Royal Heating and Air at 3237 Loverock, pending inspections. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of J4 Eatery at 438 West 34th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application MedVoc Rehabilitation, LTD of 17 Scrementi Lane, until MedVoc provides the Board with a signed, recorded agreement between MedVoc and Scrementi's for parking. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application Joe Brzowski of 3218 Chicago Road, Unit C, pending inspections. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:33pm

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried

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At 8:00 pm the Board returned from Executive Session to discuss personnel.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Seehausen moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk