

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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: Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. Trustees Banicki, Lopez and Perchinski were absent. Also present were Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers, Village Engineer Joe Schudt 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 Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen deferred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox gave the water report and stated that in April, Public Works repaired two water main breaks and replaced a fire hydrant. Fluoride and bacterial samples taken during the month came back as satisfactory from the IL EPA. Installation of radio read devices is continuing throughout the Village. The new generator at the Halsted Boulevard well house is fully functional.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

Trustee Kozy deferred to ESDA Coordinator Roger Mumford. Mr. Mumford reported that Bloom High School Band's 5k run will be held Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mumford reminded the Board that the Drivin' the Dixie event will be held at Veterans Park on June 16<sup>th</sup>. As project manager, Mr. Mumford reported that as part of this year's CDBG road work, portions of the following streets will be repaired; Crescent Drive, McKinley, Stella Boulevard, 35<sup>th</sup> Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Place, Green Street, Halsted Street, Park Avenue, 32<sup>nd</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> Street.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

In the absence of certain Trustees, Trustee Peterson referred to department heads for reports.

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers reported that in April 49 permits were issued for total revenue of \$6,532.00. 54 permit inspections and 43 re occupancy inspections for total revenue of \$2,150.00. Code Enforcement also completed 173 business license inspections and wrote 32 A/O citations.

Mr. Myers discussed condition of a septic field on Lisa Lane that runs down to the creek. The mortgage company and the State of Illinois are involved in the clean-up of the home.

Mr. Myers also discussed the drainage problem on 31<sup>st</sup> Street recently brought to the Board's attention. The owner has been cited, but no progress has been made to rectify the situation.

Mr. Myers also reported that he was called to the property at Richton Road and Union Avenue where the resident was completing some work in the storm sewer due to a blockage. The resident installed a clean out that should prevent future flooding.

Mr. Myers reported that T-Mobile will be working on the cell tower at Hecht Park on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Myers will be meeting with the neighbors on Florence Avenue to mediate a solution to the noise problems between them.

Mrs. Diane Rossi reported on Community Center events. Ten new basketballs were purchased for the children to use during the Community Center's extended hours. The basketballs are appreciated by the children. Mrs. Rossi states that openings are still available for summer club for children Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner reported that in April, the Fire Department responded to 99 calls; 17 fire and 82 medical related. There were 175 hours of training including fire inspections, fire hose and appliances. Five Fire Department personnel took part in Instructor I course.

Trustee Peterson deferred to Police Chief Richard Stultz. Chief Stultz reported that in April the Police Department issued 87 A/O tickets, 39 Compliance tickets, and 17 long form tickets, made 15 arrests and responded to 1,063 calls for service.

## **BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to hold the invoice from Joe Schudt and Associates for \$2,615.00 for re billing. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

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

## **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Danny Hammond commented that the former Clark Station at Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove needs to be mowed. Mayor Sherman assured Hammond that the Village will look into the problem. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers stated that the Village

has made many attempts to locate the property owner and that the Village has had the property mowed several times and the Village has placed liens on the property. Mr. Myers stated he believes that the property is in foreclosure. Hammond did not feel it is necessary to mow all of the 4 acre property, just enough for the children to play there.

Kevin Hassemeyer of 3222 Florence asked the Board to consider a dog park. A fenced area where dog owners can let the dogs run off the leash. Owners would be responsible for picking up after their dogs and minimal maintenance would be required.

Steve Thurmond of 3443 Butler approached the Board and commented that with the warmer weather "things are heating up between the kids". Kids are disrupting the flow of traffic on Halsted Blvd, walking in the street and acting in a disrespectful manner to residents. Thurmond asked that the Police Department get a handle on the situation soon, as school will be out shortly. Chief Stultz replied that his officers are out every day. Trustee Seehausen stated that he, too has witnessed kids in the street, impeding traffic. Trustee Peterson said that on 34<sup>th</sup> Street near the Colonies he's witnessed people walking in the street. Peterson is concerned for the safety of walkers and asked whether a restriction on walking in the street in that area can be posted. Chief Stultz said that tickets can and have been issued to those impeding traffic.

Thurmond also expressed concern regarding gangs tagging properties. Sgt. Rossi assured the Board that extra patrols and unmarked cars are on the streets and making an effort to catch the graffiti culprits. Trustee Peterson assured Thurmond that the Police Department is actively implementing plans to prevent further tagging.

Thurmond also asked about hydrant flushing. Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox explained that flushing is done each Tuesday on different districts each week. Mr. Cox also explained that signs will be used to notify residents of district flushing.

Tracey of 17 East 31<sup>st</sup> Place consulted the Board regarding her garbage bill. Tracey states that she has a two unit building and wants to receive just one bill. Mayor Sherman informed her that by ordinance, all units must have garbage service. Attorney Burkey added that besides trash pickup, Allied Waste will pick up yard waste and recycling as well as street sweeping.

Jeff Watson of 3729 Union Avenue asked about the nature of the business that has requested a license at 3801 Union Avenue. Trustee Peterson read from Mr. Fink's business license application that he plans to operate an excavating, trucking and repair business at that location. Mrs. Jeff Watson asked about hours of operations. Mayor Sherman said that hours will be determined and enforced. Mrs. Watson reported that trucks are left running at Fink's property and that the exhaust goes into Watson's windows and is bothersome. Mr. Watson asked how Mr. Fink could obtain a business license prior to completing the list of violations. Trustee Peterson explained that it did not look like a business license could be issued until all violations were resolved. Trustee Peterson asked Code Enforcer Ed Myers to investigate the business license application questions.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for April, 2012 which was \$239,559.83.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of April 2012, which was \$30,159.96

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for April 2012:

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$39,248.07	February 2012
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$23,660.98	February 2012
STATE INCOME TAX	\$49,570.53	October 2011
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Dec. 2011-DELAY
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Jan. 2012-DELAY
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Feb. 2012-DELAY
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 6,148.48	March 2012
LOCAL USE TAX	\$11,108.29	March 2012
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$19,187.74	March 2012
UTILITY REVENUE	\$16,154.67	March 2012
UTILITY REVENUE	\$14,466.68	March 2012
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 543.00	March 2012
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 561.36	February 2012

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Trustee Peterson. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the proposed budget of \$3,000 for the Summer Band, as requested by Band Director Edward Fitzgerald. The Steger VFW has contributed \$600 to the Village to help with the cost of the Band. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table indefinitely consideration of the Village vehicles policy, until he can prepare a proposal. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the request of the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce to host a circus at the Kmart parking lot August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Peterson will contact Bloom Trail High School to research the possibility of holding the circus there. In the mean time, Chamber President Charles Fillion will contact the circus and request a diagram of how they intend to lay out the circus in

the Kmart parking lot. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the temporary business license application of MedVoc Rehabilitation until a satisfactory parking agreement between Scrementi's and MedVoc can be reached and recorded with Will County. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson will contact MedVoc regarding the agreement. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to concur with the appointments by the Mayor for one year of the following Department Heads and Officers;

Joseph Schudt, Village Engineer  
Franklin D. Burkey, Village Attorney  
Edward Myers, Chief Building Inspector  
Brian Driscoll, Hearing Officer  
Letke & Associates, Village Auditor  
Diana Rossi, Community Center Director  
Richard Stultz, Police Chief  
Jeff Roesner, Fire Chief  
Crista Zivanovic, Village Prosecutor  
Pat Donahue, Police Pension Fund Member  
William Cox, Superintendent of Public Works  
Mark Gineris, Village Treasurer  
Roger Mumford, Project Manager/ESDA Coordinator  
Harry Hammock, Recreation Board Chairman

Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt a Debt Recovery Ordinance. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion reconsider the vote by the Board at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting regarding the Kurtz contract. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Kurtz contract. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Steger and the Illinois Office of the Comptroller regarding the Local Debt Recovery Program. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve a Proclamation recognizing A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois for 25 years promoting motorcycle safety. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the request from the Village of South Chicago Heights regarding the rehabilitation of Miller Road south of Sauk Trail to 225th Street. South Chicago Heights is requesting the Village of Steger share the cost. Steger's share is estimated to be \$28,000.00. Village Engineer Joe Schudt will look into the possibility of using MFT funds for this project. Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the request. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve, subject to availability, the request of Reverend T. Jason Cox of First Apostolic Church to use the softball field at Veterans Park Sunday May 27th from 2pm to dusk for a men's softball game. Reverend Cox also requests use of the restrooms at the park. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Steger Neighborhood Watch to use the Pavilion at Veterans Park on June 30th from 9am to 2pm for the 3rd Annual Neighborhood Watch Cleanup. They are also requesting use of a Village dumpster, 4 or 5 picnic tables and a sign-up sheet to be kept at the Village Hall office. Neighborhood Watch would like to store donated items for the clean-up at the Village Hall. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy and Peterson. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Roshayrae Petties of 307 W. 35th Street to hold a wedding ceremony at the Village gazebo on Friday June 29th from 1 to 3pm. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Nicole Mitcham and James Apps to borrow ten picnic tables (if available) for use at a wedding celebration at their home at 3328 Butler on June 9th beginning at 2pm. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Steger Honor Eleven Post 8283 VFW to use 10-12 (if available) picnic tables for their annual picnic August 11, 2012. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Alice Peterson of 3134 Sandy Ridge Drive to use 6 picnic tables at her home on May 26th. Mrs. Peterson plans to have a live band perform in the backyard, the performance will conclude by 10pm. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Peterson abstained.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Mike Riley and Pack 173 to hold a camp out at Veterans Park on June 16th from 6pm to noon on the 17<sup>th</sup>, pending availability. Pack 173 with access to the restrooms. If they have a fire it will be in a self-contained fire pit. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve Michael Stryczek as an ESDA member, pending background check. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve Joel Rivera and Jeffrey Watson as probationary firefighters pending background checks. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application Jeff Fink of Area Service Company at 3801 S. Union Avenue. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**


It is Vehicle Sticker renewal time. Residents have until June 30th to renew vehicle stickers in person at the Village Hall or on line at [www.VillageofSteger.org](http://www.VillageofSteger.org).

Water/Sewer bills can also be paid on line at [www.VillageofSteger.org](http://www.VillageofSteger.org).

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58 pm**

  
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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk

  
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Louis Sherman