

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 21ST day of May, 2012 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending.

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

The Clerk entertained a motion to appoint a Temporary Mayor as President Sherman is absent. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to appoint Trustee Peterson as Temporary Mayor. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Temporary Mayor Peterson took over the chair.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and accepted as written, as all members have copies Trustee Perchinski recommended a correction on page 5. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion with the correction on page 5. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki was absent. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers reported that he'd been instructed by the Board to research the temporary business license of Jeff Fink, Area Service at 3801 Union Avenue. Mr. Myers reported that Area Service is a company Mr. Fink intends to operate at that location and will haul dirt. At 4:45pm May 21st, Mr. Fink reported to Mr. Myers that he will keep his dump truck behind his fence and out of site.

Mr. Myers reported that he met with both residents of Florence Avenue and is continuing to monitor the sound levels at both houses. Myers will continue to monitor and will report back to the Board by the end of this week.

The Health Department has been out to Lisa Lane regarding drainage. The Health Department has turned the matter over to the State's Attorney

The drainage issue on East 31st Place remains a problem. When the owner leveled out the material causing the original drainage issue, he created a new one. Myers has been in contact with Village Engineer Joe Schudt and has ordered a topo of the area. A citation has been issued. Trustee Lopez recommends that a written explanation be prepared. A specific timeline will be included in which work must be completed. Trustee Perchinski inquired as to the cost of the engineer's work associated to the drainage problem.

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. The water department is installing the new radio read meters. The "Hydrant flushing" signs have arrived and will be used at intersections in the areas being flushed. Supt. Cox also reported that a bid opening is scheduled for Friday May 25th for the restoration, cleaning a painting of the water tower at Hecht Park. Trustee Lopez thanked Supt. Cox for his work in the parks and asked that trash cans at the parks be chained in place. It seems that vandals have been collecting the cans, dumping the trash and stacking them as pyramids. Trustee Lopez also asked that the volleyball poles at Veterans Park be removed. He also stated that mulch at the parks needs to be replaced. Mr. Cox will address both issues. Trustee Perchinski added that there is a program where, at no cost to the Village, parks can be cleaned up. This information came to him through the Crime Free Housing Administrator. Trustee Lopez will follow up with the Crime Free Housing Administrator.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy referred to Project Manager/ESDA Coordinator Roger Mumford. Mr. Mumford reported that his staff worked the 5k run sponsored by Bloom Trail Band and that the event went smoothly. He stated that his ESDA staff will be very busy in the coming weeks due to graduations, Memorial Day and other events.

Mr. Mumford expects 2-3 new members to be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Mumford stated that he is working with the Supt of Public Works, the Village Engineer and the Village Attorney regarding certain drainage issues around town. Pipes on Sherman Road between 227th Street and Sauk Trail are being researched.

The Electrical contractor for the 2011-12 season will conclude his contract year June 1st, so Mr. Mumford has been talking with the new contractor to get certain light poles ordered so they can be installed when they take over the 2012-13 contract year.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported that the new ceiling fans have been installed in the workout room. The new fans should make it more comfortable to work out. Beginning June 1st, the Community Center will go to its summer schedule. Summer hours will only change Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays' closing at 7pm instead of 8pm. Mrs. Rossi reported that a CPR/AED class will be at the Community Center May 30th and that openings are still available.

The Community Center will be closed Saturday and Monday in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

Trustee Lopez added that tree limbs (4ft or less in length) should be bundled and left at the curb for pick up by trash collectors

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

Trustee Perchinski referred to Fire Chief Roesner. Chief Roesner reported that at 8am on June 2nd the Fire Department will conduct a training burn on the house at Lahon and Sauk Trail.

TEMPORARY MAYOR PETERSON'S REPORT

Temporary Mayor Peterson referred to Police Chief Stultz. Chief Stultz reported that Officer Brian Smith attended the National Chiefs of Police Memorial Service in Florida, at his own expense. Officer Smith was asked to lead the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance, Chief Stultz stated that this was quite an honor.

Chief Stultz also reported that with the loss of Officer Pogose, the Police Department is down one full time officer. Temporary Mayor Peterson explained that the Fire and Police Board would choose a candidate from the top three candidates for the position. Temporary Mayor Peterson asked that the request be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

BILLS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Carol Lindeman of 215 Barbara Lane thanked the Village for having come to her neighborhood and cleaning out the creek earlier today.

Jeff Watson of 3749 Union Avenue notified the Board that today, at 10am the Will County health Department completed a dye test on his property and verified that his home is not the cause a leak in the septic system. Mr. Watson and the Health Department representative located a "pond" filled with feces located on the property at 3801 Union Avenue. The Health Department stated that the leak is on the 3801 Union property. Temporary Mayor Peterson asked Code Enforcement officer Ed Myers to obtain a copy of the Health Department's findings. Temporary Mayor Peterson stated that it will have to be dealt with and directed Mr. Myers to check out the "pond".

Trustee Perchinski commented on the Kurtz Ambulance contract. He asked Trustee Seehausen why the contract was awarded and not put out to bid. Trustee Seehausen stated that after talking with the Mayor and others he felt it best to stay with Kurtz. Trustee Seehausen expressed concern over other services that don't station their ambulance and paramedics locally. He was concerned about response times. Trustee Perchinski felt that the contract should have gone out to bid, as it is a

large contract. Trustee Seehausen feels the need for prompt service outweighed the need to save 1/2 %. Trustee Perchinski stated that a neighboring town had Kurtz, went out to bid and kept Kurtz because Kurtz lowered their price. Trustee Perchinski was advised that the new contract has been executed. Trustee Perchinski feels this to be fiscally irresponsible.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve 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. The motion died for lack of a second.

After discussion on the Temporary Business License Application MedVoc Rehabilitation, LTD of 17 Scrementi Lane and its limited parking, Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Because Motor Fuel Tax money cannot be used for the project, the request from the Village of South Chicago Heights the Village of Steger share the cost of the rehabilitation of Miller Road south of Sauk Trail to 225th Street was denied. Trustee Perchinski made the motion, seconded by Trustee Lopez. South Chicago Heights requested Steger's share was estimated to be \$28,000.00. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the Temporary Business License Application Jeff Fink of Area Service Company at 3801 S. Union Avenue. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kozy made a motion to temporarily turn the Board meeting over to Students of Columbia Central to debate the use of Student Resource Officers in schools during the annual Youth in Government Night. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to reconvene the Board meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Temporary Mayor Peterson thanked the students for participating in Youth in Government.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1014 BRINGING AWARENESS TO THE GROWING HEROIN PROBLEM IN THE GREATER CHICAGOLAND AREA. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the 29 businesses that failed the annual building, health and/or fire inspections and do not have a current valid business license. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to issue citations to those in violation. If those businesses comply prior to their hearing date, the fines will be abated. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Steger Day of Prayer to place door hangers on homes in the Village to promote the June 2nd Day of Prayer. Chief Stultz added that door hangers are a way to advertise that residents are out of town, at work or that a property is vacant. He recommended the doorhangers be hand delivered to residents and not left on homes if resident does not respond. Trustee Perchinski amended the motion. Picnic tables and trash cans at the gazebo area the day of the event are also requested. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License application of CHIC Installations and Restoration, Corp at 3214 Lewis Avenue, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table discussion on the May 21st bid opening for a Generator for the Community Center as part of the DCEO grant. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the proposal of Frank Burkey as CDBG attorney/Administrator for the year. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1015 AUTHORIZING VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Jolynda Reyes to attend the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association June 24-26. The cost of room and registration is \$401.00, plus tax. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of the Clerk to send Jolynda Reyes to a Local Debt Training Conference June 21-22, 2012. The cost of the hotel for one night will be \$70.00 plus tax. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to amend the Village's gambling Ordinance for the next Board meeting. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table indefinitely the Recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding School District 194/AT&T Cell Tower. Trustee Lopez states that the School District is still negotiating the agreement and is not ready to proceed. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding 620 Sauk Trail Wiggins Cycles. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the Temporary Business license application of Wiggins Cycles, pending inspections. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding 20 E. 30th Place for an oversized shed. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to extend the Temporary Business License of Signature Sports Bar & Grill by another 30 days. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the American Legion's requests to conduct its annual "Poppy Sale" on Tuesday May 22nd at the corner of 34th Street and Chicago Road. The Legion also requests permission to borrow safety vests for the occasion. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:06pm

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

At 8:46 pm the Board returned from Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:47pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk