

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 4th day of June, 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 and Perchinski. Trustees Lopez and Peterson were absent. Also present were Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Village Engineer Joe Schudt, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Community Center Director Diane Rossi 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 in May the Building Department issued 43 new permits for total revenue of \$5,722.00. Code enforcement completed 52 re occupancy inspections, wrote 22 A O tickets, replied to 60 complaints and had 56 vacant lots mowed.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen deferred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox gave the water report and stated that in May, 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. Three stop signs were replaced due to graffiti.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

Trustee Lopez was absent; Community Center Director Diane Rossi gave her report. Mrs. Rossi stated that June 1st she attended a seminar at Chicago Ridge Village Hall to discuss problems facing our senior population. The main concerns discussed were safety issues for seniors, affordable and safe housing and transportation. Mrs. Rossi suggested looking into a service to provide senior transportation.

Mrs. Rossi also reported that the Community Center's treadmill needs to be replaced. She is currently researching commercial treadmills and will report to the Board at a later date.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

Trustee Perchinski reported that in May the Fire Department responded to 88 EMS and 20 fire calls. 132 hours of training involving truck operations, officer training, ventilation, search and rescue and attack lines.

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 and Perchinski. 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. Code Enforcement has cut the front of the property, but the side of the property is 5 feet high. Trustee Banicki assured Hammond that the Village will look into the problem and that the Village is mowing in the same manner as previous years. Hammond also suggested that the gas station needs to be demolished. Trustee Banicki reported that the owner lives out of state and has been contacted. Village Attorney Burkey stated that liens of this sort are very weak and frequently are thrown out. Hammond recommended truant students be used to mow. Trustee Perchinski stated that community service workers are not allowed to use power tools. Hammond offered to rent a tractor to mow the property. Mayor Sherman thanked him for the offer, but reminded him that the Village would not be responsible for that expense.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for May, 2012 which was \$222,125.66.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of April 2012, which was \$31,970.54

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$44,066.09	March 2012
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$22,421.46	March 2012
STATE INCOME TAX	\$69,343.30	December 2011
STATE INCOME TAX	\$79,949.08	January 2012
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Feb. 2012-DELAY
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	March 2012-DELAY
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 4,107.99	April 2012

LOCAL USE TAX	\$10,073.25	April 2012
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$18,579.11	April 2012
UTILITY REVENUE	\$14,567.31	April 2012
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 9,373.14	April 2012
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 720.00	April 2012
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 0.00	Feb.2012 – DELAY

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Trustee Banicki. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District regarding the fee paid to the Village of Steger for the work of handling each account.

The 2012 List of CDBG project Recommendations from Cook County includes \$225,000 for street reconstruction in Village of Steger. Work to be completed on Morgan, Halsted and Green Streets and 30th Place.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the temporary Business License Application MedVoc Rehabilitation, LTD of 17 Scrementi Lane. Attorney Burkey stated that the parking agreement between Scrementi's Restaurant and MedVoc has been recorded in Will County and meets with his and Engineer Joe Schudt's requirements. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid of Emergency Power Solutions of \$39,959.95 for a 45KW Generator for the Community Center as part of the DCEO grant. Funding for the generator (and all grant projects) will be borrowed from PUBLIC BENEFIT initially and will be reimbursed through the DCEO grant. Work on the approved DCEO projects will not begin until authorization has been finalized. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kozy made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1028 AMENDING ARTICLE 1, SECTION 6-45 RELATING TO GAMBLING ON ANY PREMISES LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR ARTICLE 1, SECTION 6-45. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the request of Another Hole in the Wall for a Zoning variance to allow for a full liquor license at their location. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Kozy and Perchinski. Trustee Seehausen voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Gerald Stewart of the Steger Basketball Program to hold a Tag Day fundraiser on June 9th and 16th from 10am to 4pm at 34th Street and Chicago Road as well as at the Kmart parking lot. All participants must wear safety vests and children must be accompanied by adults. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to redeem Water CD #40145 and deposit into the Water and Sewer Improvement and Extension fund. The funds will be used for the Hecht Park Water Tower restoration. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid by Maxcor of \$277,300.00 for the Hecht Park Water Tower restoration, as recommended by Village Engineer Joe Schudt. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Attorney Burkey stated that the Police Department has ratified the union contract giving part time officers and telecommunicators a 2% raise and 2 ½% to full time officers. Chief Stultz confirmed that the membership has voted to ratify the contract. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to ratify the Police contract. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve various documents for the 2012 CDBG road construction projects (11-037). Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Steger VFW Ladies Auxiliary to use the Meeting room on Sunday November 4, 2012 from noon to 5pm for their District meeting. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request First Apostolic Church to use 10-15 picnic tables on Sunday July 29th at their Annual Community Care Day. The event includes free school supplies to the first 100 children, a yard sale, food and games. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Steger American Legion to use 10 picnic tables on July 14th at their location, 34 West 34th Street. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion by the Board and the Village Attorney on the paramedic service contract, Trustee Perchinski made a motion that he be allowed to speak with Kurtz and ask that they allow the Village to put the contract out to bid at no cost to the Village. Motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table Discussion on job descriptions of salaried employees. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Police Chief Stultz explained that the Village Ordinance calls for fifteen full time patrolmen. At this time the Village employs just fourteen full time patrolmen. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow Chief Stultz to fill the position. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to allow an extension of Aura Hair Studio's temporary business license. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License of EZ Way Cab Company at 28 E. 33rd Place, pending inspections. Richard McKeighan of EZ Way Cab Company discussed his business proposal with the Board. The cabs will be kept outside on the east side of the building. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Village Stickers and Water/Sewer bills can now be paid on line at www.VillageofSteger.org.

The Village website is being updated. New improved site will be coming soon.

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

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk