

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 18th 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, Peterson and Perchinski. Trustee Lopez was absent. Also present were Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Village Engineer Joe Schudt, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner 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 PERCHINSKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Perchinski referred to Fire Chief Jeff Roesner. Chief Roesner reported that in the extreme heat it is important to stay hydrated and cool. Chief Roesner also reported that the Fire Department assisted the Steger South Chicago Heights Library at its safety cook out that was held on Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson referred to Police Chief Richard Stultz. Chief Stultz reported that the Police Department had 1,128 calls for service in May. The Police Department wrote 28 C tickets and 57 A/O tickets during the month.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT**

Trustee Lopez was absent; Community Center Director Diane Rossi gave her report. Mrs. Rossi thanked the Department of Public Works for their work in placing mulch at the Community Center. Mrs. Rossi stated that the new treadmill has been ordered and the other treadmill was repaired. Summer Club began June 18<sup>th</sup> and the children enjoyed the day's activities.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox reported on the preparations his Department made for the June 16<sup>th</sup> Drivin' the Dixie event. Mr. Cox expects a start date for the water tower restoration within the week.

Mr. Cox also asked that residents refrain from parking on the streets on June 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> as Allied Waste will provide street sweeping of curbed streets throughout the Village.

### **TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Banicki reported during the first six months of the year, the Building Department issued 159 new permits for total revenue of \$20,028.00. Code enforcement completed 244 re occupancy inspections, wrote 248 A O tickets and completed 131 Business License Inspections. Twelve tickets have been issued for no business licenses and currently 81 vacant properties are being mowed. Code Enforcement is awaiting a report from engineering on 31<sup>st</sup> Place for easement draining.

### **BILLS**

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

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Charles from the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce, lives on Hopkins asked the Board to reconsider allowing the Chamber to bring the circus to town at the Municipal parking lot near Kmart. Charles expressed his desire to provide positive activities for the neighborhood children. Charles assured the Board that the Circus has guaranteed him that the parking lot will be cleaned up after the event. Trustee Peterson made a motion to reconsider holding the circus August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Peterson and Perchinski. Trustees Seehausen and Kozy voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to allow the Chamber of Commerce to hold the circus August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> in the Municipal Parking lot near Kmart. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Charles stated that the circus will be moved to the east side of the parking lot and away from Kmart. Trustee Peterson stated that the Kmart parking lot is more favorable to the circus and that the Park was damaged by the circus. After discussion, roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Peterson and Perchinski. Trustees Seehausen and Kozy voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Greg Paul who lives on Richton Road asked about getting street lights on Richton Road between Chicago Road and Emerald Avenue. Mr. Paul was informed that the street is maintained by Crete. Mr. Paul asked about the speed limit on Richton Road. Chief Stultz will look into enforcing the speed limit on Richton Road.

Mr. Patrevito who lives on 227<sup>th</sup> Place stated that from State Street 50' east on 227<sup>th</sup> Place has several pot holes and is need of repair. Mayor Sherman asked Supt of Public Works Bill Cox to look into it.

Lisa Koraczyk from the Steger South Chicago Heights Library addressed the Board. Ms. Koraczyk expressed her gratitude to the Fire Department for the event on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The Fire Department donated t shirts to the Summer Reading Club.

Layne Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy Ridge Drive discussed with the Board recent thefts on her street. Ms. Platopoulos expressed her concern that when she called the Police regarding recent thefts, she was told that only one officer was on patrol. Ms. Platopoulos suggested that more officers are necessary to protect our residents.

Ms. Platopoulos discussed the sink hole that is located behind Sandy Ridge Drive and that the sewer is caving in. Ms. Platopoulos stated that the Board should be aware of this situation. Trustee Peterson reported that he was unaware of the pipe's condition until recently.

Trustee Peterson explained that the Village will be hiring one more full time Patrolman and more part time officers.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Village Engineer Joe Schudt addressed the Board regarding CDBG Project #11-037 streets improvements bid opening. There is a situation between Local Roads, IDOT and an outsourced engineering firm that is expected to cause a postponement of the bid opening by at least by one month. Mr. Schudt will be waiting for direction from IDOT before proceeding.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 804-12 AMENDING CHAPTER SIX, SECTION 6-76 ENTITLED LIMITATIONS ON LICENSES. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. Trustee Seehausen voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1029 AUTHORIZING SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO MA'S WHOLESALE, INC. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1016 AUTHORIZING CLASS 8 TAX INCENTIVES FOR CERTAIN PARCELS . Trustee

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table RESOLUTION NO. 1017 AMENDING THE WORK POLICY TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO APPOINTED VILLAGE TREASURER. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Fire Chief Roesner to go out to bid for Mobile Live-Fire Dual Multi-Trainer. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to ratify the Board action regarding purchase of a new treadmill for the Community Center fitness room at a cost of \$5,541.43 including a three year maintenance agreement. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Bio-Tron agreement for maintenance on certain pieces of medical equipment. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request from Bloom Township Supervisor T.J. Somer for a donation from the Village for the annual Senior picnic on August 2nd. Trustee Seehausen recommends the donation to be the same as last year; \$200.00. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to support Mayor Michelle Markiewicz Qualkinbush of Calumet City in her pursuit of a gaming license in Calumet City. She also proposes revenue sharing with municipalities in the six south suburban townships. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the request of Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox to purchase and install a 2500 gallon double wall skid tank for storage of gasoline and diesel fuel at a cost of \$21,279.15. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve Monica Harte, Steve Stryczek and Rich Tobeck as new ESDA members pending background checks. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request from Steger-South Chicago Heights Library District to host a Movie in the Park Night on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> in Veterans Park. Set up will begin about 6:30pm and the movie will start at dusk. A rain date of August 18<sup>th</sup> has been set. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Peterson asked that the Movie in the Park be advertised on the Village Hall marquee.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church to use eight picnic tables at the church picnic Sunday, September 16th. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request from Vickie Leimic to use picnic tables at her home on July 4th, dropped off on the 3rd and picked up on the 5th. Tables are normally reserved for weekend use. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to allow the American Legion to use eight picnic tables at their location on August 19th. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:32pm**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, contracts and change in the work policy. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to the regular Board Meeting **at 8:30pm**. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the “Employee Review sheet”. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to have the “Employee Review sheets” completed by each Department Head and returned to the Village Board by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:31 pm**

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Louis Sherman

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk