

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 2nd day of July, 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.

President Sherman called for a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Former Steger Police Chief/Former Village Trustee Charles A. Tieri.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Trustees Banicki and Peterson were absent. Also present were Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Village Engineer Joe Schudt, 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 June the Fire Department had a total of 94 calls for service. Eighteen were fire calls and 76 were medical calls. There were 54 hours of fire training including blue card training, auto aid training with still companies and 15 hours of EMS training.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pass a resolution to make Kody Staginski an honorary firefighter. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. Rossi reported that the new treadmill has arrived and is now in use. Trustee Lopez thanked the Trustees for their support in the decision to purchase the new treadmill.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen gave the June water report. All samples came back from the Illinois EPA as satisfactory. Four water mains were repaired during the month.

Trustee Seehausen reported that the carpet on the stairs of the gazebo was replaced and Mosquito spraying has begun.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

In Trustee Peterson's absence, Chief Stultz presented Firearm Achievement Awards to Police Officers Michael Sauter, John Presley and Ryan Burnett. These three officers earned the *Distinguished Expert* award.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

In Trustee Banicki's absence, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers reported that in June the Building Department issued 43 new permits for total revenue of \$6,581.75. Mr. Myers reported that at recent court dates, three businesses were fined \$150.00 each for not having passed the business license inspection. Two were granted continuances. Those that have still not passed inspection will be issued further citations and court dates.

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 and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Steve Thurmond of Butler Avenue asked that the Doing Your Best for Steger Pride application be added to the Village website. Clerk Recupito explained that the Village website is being updated and the application can be included in the new website, which will be complete soon.

Jonathon Rocha of Steger Girls Softball discussed a grant application for Recreational facilities at Veterans Park. Trustee Lopez, Mayor Sherman and Clerk Recupito will meet with Mr. Rocha to further discuss the possible grant application.

Layne Marino of 3210 Sandy Ridge Drive asked the Board to clarify the meaning of "ban" in the watering ban. Trustee Seehausen explained that when the water tower repair begins, the tower will be drained. The Village water supply will be cut in half. Trustee Seehausen expressed concern that water be available to the Fire Department in emergencies. He explained that the Village is attempting to limit excessive lawn sprinkling and unnecessary use of the limited water supply.

Ms. Marino asked about the status of the sewer lines behind her home. In 2010 a sewer collapsed a few houses from her home and was repaired. She stated that her concern is that no report of that actual work exists. Engineer Joe Schudt suspects that some heavy equipment may have driven over the sewer, damaging the lines. Mr. Schudt explained that the work done on the sewer was done on an emergency

basis, but it is unknown what caused the sewer collapse. Ms. Marino is looking for a report as to the work that was completed.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for June, 2012 which was \$ \$222,449.04.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of June 2012, which was \$ \$29,425.04

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$50,467.35	April 2012
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$31,751.13	April 2012
STATE INCOME TAX	\$53,338.82	February 2012
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	MAR 2010 - DELAY
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	April 2010-DELAY
LOCAL USE TAX	\$12,453.62	May 2012
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$20,695.75	May 2012
UTILITY REVENUE	\$13,609.31	May 2012
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 5,913.94	May 2012
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 1,810.80	May 2012
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 350.00	February 2012
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 785.17	March 2012

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

FIREMEN'S 2ND QUARTER PAYROLL

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Firemen's 2nd Quarter Payroll. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the resignation of Mark Gineris as Village Treasurer. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

A thank you note from Elaine Egdorf from the Village of Homewood thanking the Village of Steger for Drivin' the Dixie participation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table indefinitely discussion on job descriptions of salaried employees. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to deny Resolubion No. 1017 Amending the Work Policy to Provide health Insurance Coverage to Appointed Village Treaurer. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Planned maintenance Agreement with DME for the Fire Department Vertical Platform Lift for a two year period. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the bid of American Fire Training Systems(\$178,000) for the mobile live training unit and authorize Chief Roesner to negotiate with American Fire Training to utilize the full grant amount (\$198,000 with 5% matching funds). Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Fire Firefighters Association for a temporary liquor license for its annual Street Dance August 25th. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Fire Firefighters Association to close the 3330 block of Lewis Avenue from 4pm to midnight on August 25th for its annual Street Dance. The Associaiton also requests barricades, picnic tables, trash receptacles and ESDA for the event. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the offer of Joe Nicolazzi of TTS Granite to excavate the dirt from the shoulders of the road 8 inches deep and fill with stone so that Lewis Avenue stays cleaner. Mr. Nicolazzi will do all of the work at no cost to the Village. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of the American Legion to borrow ten picnic tables August 4th at their location. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of the American Legion to borrow eight picnic tables August 19th at their location. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Neighborhood Watch to use Veterans Park and all available picnic tables on September 2nd to host Family Fest. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Shannon Rocha of Steger Girls Softball to use Veterans Park Friday July 6th for the end of year picnic and trophies presentation. Mrs Rocha also requested use of ten picnic tables for the event. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Suzanne Hodges' request to hold a wedding ceremony at the Village gazebo on July 15th from 1:30 to 3pm. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. . Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to provide fifteen picnic tables at Veterans Park for the Joyce Family Reunion Sunday July 8th. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve tag days for Steger Wildcats Football on July 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th provided only adults make the collections and that all adults wear safety vests. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve Cynthia Rodriguez' request to have a DJ entertain at a graduation party on July 14th from 6 to 10pm at her home at 3200 Sandy Ridge Drive. Trustee Perchinski seconded themotion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License of Foundations 4 Advancement at 32 E. 34th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Lopez and Perchinski. Trustees Seehausen and Kozy voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a watering ban in effect July 9th through September 1st, due to restoration at the Hecht Park Water Tower.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss change in the work policy, the Police Union Contract and contracts. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at **7:31pm.**

At **8:00pm**, Mayor Sherman called the meeting back to order. The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to change the work policy as per the document completed in Executive Session. The document is for a two year period. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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 8:01 pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk