

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 16th 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.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Trustee Banicki was absent. Also present were Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Fire Chief Jeff Roesner.

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 had no report.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson referred to Mary Jo Seehausen of the Police Department. Ms. Seehausen reported that the paperwork for the dispatch center is being finalized by South Chicago Heights. On August 15th the paperwork will be presented to the administrative judge at the I.C.C. The AT & T cut over date that South Chicago Heights radio dispatch will come to Steger is August 29th.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. Rossi had no report, but stated that all summer activities are going well at the Community Center.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy referred to ESDA Director Roger Mumford. Mr. Mumford reported that in June ESDA provided service at 34 functions including emergencies, training and maintenance.

Mr. Mumford also reported that all but five lights have been repaired at Veterans Park. The five lights that still need repair seem to have been struck by lightning and will take some time to locate the source of the damage.

Over 100 trees in the Village are infected with the Emerald Ash Borer. Homer Tree Service is meeting with Mr. Mumford July 17th to determine if inoculation of the trees is feasible, or if removal of the infected trees is the only answer. He will report back

at the next Board meeting of his findings. Mr. Mumford has sought out grants to remove and replace the infected trees and has found none available.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox reported that his Department has continued installing radio reads and work on the Water Tower at Hecht Park has begun. Several water mains have been repaired due to the extremely dry conditions.

Mr. Cox also stated that Larry Heldt has resigned his position as a temporary-seasonal employee. Mr. Cox thanked him for his years of service.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki was absent. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers asked for direction from the Board as to how to proceed when residents continue to water lawns as restricted by the watering ban. The Board suggested Mr. Myers continue to work with residents and not issue citations at this time.

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. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Christie Ebert of 222 Barbara Lane, Steger Neighborhood Watch thanked the Board for approving her previous request to hold Family Fest at Veterans Park on September 2nd. Ms. Ebert asked that Trustees consider volunteering 30-60 minutes in the dunk tank at the event. The dunk tank will be the only fund raising event at the Fest.

Layne Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy Ridge Drive, member of the Southeast Service Rail for Metra asked that the Board send letters to Metra and express interest in bringing the rail service to the Village. Mrs. Platopoulos discussed with the Board a Metra questionnaire and will work with Trustee Perchinski on the questionnaire and letters.

Clint from 110 Dorsetshire Drive asked the Board to help him to get his Lake County Indiana plumber's license by providing him with proof that he is a plumbing contractor and his home office is zoned properly in Steger. After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow the Village Clerk to sign off on Clint's paperwork approving use of his home for his business office. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson

and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried. The Clerk will meet with Clint after the meeting.

Audrey Shoenbeck of 35th Street and Emerald Avenue plans to have part of her driveway repaired. The contractor suggested she meet with the Village Board because the contractor feels the permit fee is too high. Mrs. Shoenbeck asks that the Village consider helping her with the fee as she is a senior citizen. Mayor Sherman assured her that the fee will be researched. Supt. Cox will inspect the state of her sidewalk, as Mrs. Shoenbeck believes a water main continues to leak and damage the sidewalk at her home. Mayor Sherman asked that she hold off on the repair while the Village looks into the matter.

Juanita Maloni of 35th Street and Emerald plans to have her driveway repaired and has been told that the Village's fees are high. Mrs. Maloni asked that the Board consider a special permit fee to help out the senior citizens. Trustee Peterson thanked Mrs. Maloni for bringing her concerns to the Board and promised to look into it for her.

Eric Hartwig 3600 Halsted Boulevard asked about the repair to the sewer at 36th Street and Halsted Boulevard. He also asked who is responsible for clearing debris from storm sewers. Trustee Seehausen stated that Public Works clears the storm sewers after major storms, many neighbors keep the storm sewers clean. Supt. Cox will investigate the repair and the storm sewer at 36th Street and Halsted Boulevard.

Mark Garrity of 314 Royal Oak explained that in Miller Woods, homeowners don't have curbs. Many homeowners have placed large rocks near the street to prevent cars from driving up onto their property. Mayor Sherman asked Project Manager Roger Mumford and Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers investigate and report to the Board.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1030 MAKING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CORPORATE PURPOSE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2012 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2013. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Mayor Sherman's request for reimbursement of expenses for the Illinois Municipal League Summer Board Meeting including; airfare not to exceed \$200 and hotel accommodations at \$322.05. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Trustee Seehausen abstained. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Charles Fillion of the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce to hold a Village wide garage sale September 14th & 15th and that the Village waive all fees. The Chamber also requests picnic tables and a liquor license for October Fest September 15th & 16th on Halsted Boulevard. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Kenneth Huff of Tow Trucks for Tots for permission to solicit donations at 34th Street and Chicago Road on July 21st from 9am to 3pm. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Joe Zagone of the Steger Kiwanis Club to sell peanuts at major intersections of the Village on September 28, 2012. Kiwanis would like to borrow orange safety cones. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:32pm


Trustee Perchinski made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contracts. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to the regular Board Meeting **at 7:52pm**. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.


ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 pm



Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk



Louis Sherman