

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 6TH day of August, 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 Perchinski and Peterson. Trustees Banicki was absent. Also present were Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Village Engineer Joe Schudt, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and accepted as written, as all members have copies, with one change. Trustee Perchinski asked that the minutes of July 16th reflect Clint Mann's request to operate his business' office from his home. 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 PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

Trustee Perchinski reported that in the month of July the Fire Department responded to 106 calls; 26 fire and 80 medical. The Fire Department had 54 hours of fire training and 18 hours of EMS training.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson turned it over to Police Chief Stultz for his report. Chief Stultz reported that in July the Police Department responded to 1,420 calls for service, made 27 arrests, 73 long form tickets, 86 local ordinance tickets and 19 parking tickets.

Chief Stultz also reported that two juveniles were arrested for burglary to a motor vehicle, curfew violation and possession of alcohol. The parents were also ticketed for parental responsibility. Three juveniles were arrested for burglary of a garage, possession of a stolen bicycle and a home burglary where a watch and gun were stolen. The same 3 juveniles, plus one more broke into Fleet Marine and did \$70-\$100,000 in damage to the building and stored vehicles.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. Rossi reported that summer activities are going smoothly at the Community Center. This week the children had a tie dye activity that was enjoyed by the children.

Trustee Lopez then asked Recreation Board President to report. Hammock reported that summer sports are winding down. Hammock reported that Gerald Stewart's basketball team qualified for AAU Nationals where they finished 14th in the country. The 16 year old Boys Baseball went to the Zone and narrowly missed going to the World Series again this year. The 17, 18 & 19 year olds made it to regionals before losing. Girls Softball is still playing in tournaments and has had a good season, as well. Fall and winter programs will begin registrations soon.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox reported that Public Works has sent its chipper out to help clean up after the weekend's storms. Work on the Hecht Park water tower is moving along smoothly. During the month of July, the Water Department repaired eight broken water mains. Mr. Cox also reported that all water samples came back from the Illinois EPA as satisfactory.

Trustee Lopez reminded the audience that yard waste pick up is with the Village's garbage service. Branches downed by the storms may be bundled for pick up. Bundles should not exceed 4 feet in length or 40 lbs. per bundle.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

In Trustee Banicki's absence, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers reported that in July the Building Department issued 41 new permits for total revenue of \$5,304.00. Mr. Myers reported that Code Enforcement completed 48 re occupancy inspections, wrote 14 A/O tickets, 58 Compliance tickets and mowed 128 vacant properties. Mr. Myers asked that his department stop mowing the Clark gas station at Cottage Grove and Sauk Trail as it has been mowed four times and is covered with poison ivy. His crew has had several incidents of poison ivy this summer.

Mr. Myers asked the Board's direction regarding the last business to pass its business license inspection. Trustee Peterson made a motion to have the Clerk's office write a letter to this business. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Myers also reported that he contacted five neighboring communities and that only one offers any type of senior citizen discount on building permits and that was only on garages.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to move \$38.14 of the Police Department's Verizon bill to the Fire Department. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the bills for payment as funding allows. 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

Star Kaminski of the 3500 block of Carpenter reported that on June 9th a garage was "tagged" and has not been removed. Ms. Kaminski claims to have called the Village three times since June 9th. It was reported that the homeowner is selling his property and is unconcerned about the graffiti. Mayor Sherman assured Ms. Kaminski that someone will be out to investigate tomorrow.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for July, 2012 which was \$ \$252,576.08.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of July 2012, which was \$ 33,295.55

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for July 2012.

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$41,788.24	May 2012
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$23,030.76	May 2012
STATE INCOME TAX	\$82,817.95	March 2012
STATE INCOME TAX	\$0.00	APR 2012-DELAY
STATE INCOME TAX	\$0.00	MAY 2012-DELAY
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$5,308.84	May-June 2012
LOCAL USE TAX	\$11,485.17	June 2012
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$17,433.22	June 2012
UTILITY REVENUE	\$18,428.23	June 2012
UTILITY REVENUE	\$4,681.33	June 2012
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$947.00	June 2012
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$883.31	April 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, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Perchinski asked that the Metra survey be added to the Village marquee and the Village website. The survey addresses resident's desire to bring the Metra train to the Village of Steger.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table discussion on Job Descriptions. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox to purchase and install a 2500 gallon split tank for storage of gasoline and diesel fuel at an estimated total cost of \$10,000.00. Much of the work will be completed by the Public Works Department and is required by the State Fire Marshall. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. All Village Departments will use the same tank. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1031 AMENDING THE STEGER CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR CRIME-FREE RENTAL LEASING AND ENFORCEMENT. 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 Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1032 AMENDING THE STEGER CODE OF ORDINANCES TO DEFINE AND ABATE NUISANCE RENTAL HOUSING UNITS. 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 St. Liborius Church to use 20 picnic tables at the Church's Crete Campus of Mother Teresa Catholic Academy on September 9th for the annual Parish Picnic. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to look into possibly instituting senior citizen discounted building permit fees. Having investigated the fees charged by neighboring towns and speaking with certain contractors, Trustee Perchinski made a motion that the charges for building permit fees remain as is. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Police Chief Stultz to turn over a 1999 Ford Contour to Jim Herr and Sons for disposal. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Police Chief Stultz to purchase four (4) new squads; 2 Taurus and 2 Explorers off the State Bid process. The vehicles were included in the Police Department's budget. 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 deny the request of The PACE Board of Directors to allow advertising of alcohol on Steger bus shelters. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table discussion of Miller Woods Culverts proposals. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of The Girls Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana to hold its Fall Product sale October 5-22, 2012 and Cookie Program January 5-25, 2013. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Troop 100 to use Hecht Park on Sunday August 19th for the Scouts' family picnic. Tables will be provided as are available at that time. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the request of William Payton, Sr. of 3011 Wallace that the water bill be waived or set aside for payment against the previous tenants. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Bryan Knight for assistance from ESDA for traffic control on Saturday, August 11th from 11am to noon. The Teamster Horsemen Motorcycle Association is having a charity motorcycle run to benefit the Humane Society of American. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the temporary business license application of Adore Hair and Nail Studio at 3620 Chicago Road, pending inspections. The business will need to add one handicapped parking space prior to the final business license. 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Fire Chief Jeff Roesner to approve Ashley Martin, Justin Howard, Nicholas Husarik and Todd Ragusin as probationary firefighters pending background checks. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program Award Certificate in the amount of \$225,000 for street reconstruction, curbs, gutters and storm drains on parts of 30th Place, Morgan, and Green Streets.

Attorney Burkey asked the Board if they will consider holding a Board meeting on the Tuesday following Labor Day. Trustee Peterson made the motion. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss personnel, professional contract, hiring and promotion policy. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to Executive Session at **7:35pm**.

At **8:17pm**, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return from Executive Session. Trustee Peterson 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 8:18 pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recapito, Jr., Village Clerk