

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 20th 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: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Also present were Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Village Engineer Joe Schudt, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Police Chief Richard Stultz 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 Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

Trustee Perchinski referred to Fire Chief Roesner. Chief Roesner had no fire report, but reminded the Board and the audience that the Steger Fire Association's Annual Street Dance will be held Saturday, August 25th at the Fire Department Headquarters at 3320 Lewis Avenue.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson referred to Police Chief Richard Stultz. Chief Stultz reported that an incident on 37th Place was called in by a neighbor. The neighbor gave police a description of the vehicle driven and of the individuals that were seen breaking into the home. The Steger Police shared the information on ISPERN. A Cook County officer identified the vehicle in Chicago Heights and arrested the individuals who still had two big screen televisions in the vehicle that were stolen from the 37th Street home.

Chief Stultz also reported on an incident on Hopkins Avenue. Fifteen male individuals 14-19 years of age were fighting using bricks, bats and knives. Police broke up the fight and arrested seven for disorderly conduct and the mother at the home for not exercising proper parental control.

Chief Stultz revised his request for purchase of four new squads. Chief Stultz has found that the Ford Expeditions were approximately the same cost of the Ford Explorers. The Expeditions are roomier and more accommodating of all the necessary equipment. Chief Stultz also plans to purchase two Ford Taurus Interceptors. The Taurus will cost \$23,825 each and the Expeditions \$28,000 each. Trustee Peterson made a motion to amend the previous approval. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki,

Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. stated that the Community Center will be closed September 1, 2 and 3 in observance of Labor Day holiday.

Kiwanis will provide a free lunch for seniors on September 11th. Mrs. Rossi stated there is limited seating, so interested seniors will need to pre-register for the event.

The Community Center will begin its Fall Hours on September 4th. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday the Community Center will be open from 7am to 8pm. The rest of the schedule will remain unchanged.

Mrs. Rossi also reported that Andrew Davis has accepted a full time position elsewhere and his replacement has been hired. A.J. Flores is expected to be a good fit for the Community Center and to work well with the children.

The annual Halloween Party will be held October 26th. Volunteers can call the Community Center to offer their assistance.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox reported that his Department has continued to deliver picnic tables to residents and maintain its regular schedule of tasks. Seven water mains have been since the last Board meeting.

The Hecht Park Water Tower is completely painted now and will be back on line soon. Water samples are being tested to assure water quality and safety. Mr. Cox explained that there should be no sediment in residents' water lines when the tower is back on line. Trustee Peterson asked that the tower come back on line on a Tuesday as residents anticipate rusty water on hydrant flushing day.

The work on the fuel tank at Public Works building has begun.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers asked for direction regarding a building permit application from School District 194 for construction of an AT & T cell tower on their property. Trustee Lopez will contact the School District and determine whether they

are now ready to proceed. The Zoning Board of Appeals made a recommendation to approve the cell tower on May 21, 2012. The School District was not ready to proceed at that time.

Mr. Myers reported that Community Heating and Cooling is building a 1,600-1,800 sq. addition to their existing building.

Mr. Myers also stated that a call was received today from a resident who was upset with the Village for mowing on Cottage Grove with a riding mower spreading clippings over the road and mowing down his flowers and shrubs. Mr. Myers assured the Board that the Village does not mow with a riding mower and believes the mowing was completed by Cook County. Mr. Myers has contacted Cook County and asked them to look into it.

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, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jim Patrevito asked whether Art Garrett will be issued a new permit to re build a barn at his location, due to fire damage. Mr. Patrevito also asked about the rental units on the property and whether the septic field was adequate for multiple dwellings. He also stated that Garrett's junk yard rests on top of the septic field. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers stated that a few years ago, the EPA and the Illinois State Plumbing Department and Fire were at the property. Mr. Myers stated that the Illinois EPA issued a license to sell batteries at the location. Mr. Patrevito reported that Garrett tows cars from Chicago and parks them in front of his fence to sell. He also has spray painted his fence to advertise rental properties. He is operating a tow truck company and junk yard without a business license. Mayor Sherman directed Mr. Myers to research the current condition of property

Layne Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy Ridge Drive asked Trustee Seehausen if the televising of her sewer was still on schedule for September. Trustee Seehausen referred to Village Engineer Joe Schudt who said that the televising will be part of the I & I project and may be September or October. Trustee Lopez asked that Mr. Schudt advise Ms. Platopoulos when a schedule has been set.

Joe Helsel discussed with the Board the grant application from DCEO to identify and implement energy efficiency projects for indoor lighting improvements at the Community Center, Fire Stations, and ESDA and Department of Public Works buildings. Mr. Helsel would apply for the grant on behalf of the Village at no cost

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table discussion on the two quotes for Miller Woods Culverts project for Board consideration. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table discussion on Job Descriptions. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to concur with the appointments by Mayor Sherman of Jonathon Rocha, John Geraci and Tom Smith to the Recreation Board. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to permit Steve Polewaczyk to construct a fence on the front of his property at 330 E. Sauk Trail. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski, Trustee Seehausen and President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to permit Charlie Van Gemert to build an oversize garage on his property at 22540 Cottage Grove Avenue. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Trustees Seehausen and Kozy voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

At the request of Zoning Board Chairperson Jeff Roesner, Trustee Peterson made a motion to ask the Plan Commission to review the sizes of garages allowed in the Miller Woods area of the Village. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the Results of the Request for Proposals for Village Auditing Services. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen and Kozy. Trustees Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski voted no. President Sherman voted no. Motion denied.

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the proposal of Sikich, LLC for Village Auditing Services. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Mayor Sherman to attend the Illinois Municipal League's 99th Annual Conference October 18-20, 2012 at the Hilton Chicago. Trustee Seehausen motioned that the Village will pay only for the Mayor to attend the conference. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion that the Building inspector go to George Doukas' property and ask him to volunteer to take on the necessary repairs at the alleys on 32nd Street near the Railroad tracks. Trustee Peterson motioned that if Mr. Doukas does not make the repairs, that the Village go forward and file suit. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table discussion pending Joe Helsel's recommendation. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to request a proposal from Joe Helsel for the indoor lighting improvements grant. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the request of Robert Phillippe of Corsam Properties, LLC that the Board of Trustees move to approve demolishing the building at 3623 Union Avenue. Attorney Burkey stated that the cost of demolition would be approximately \$25,000-\$30,000 that the Village would not likely recover. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of The Muscular Dystrophy Association to collect donations at 34th Street and Chicago Road on September 9, 2012. Donations will be collected by the National Association of Letter Carriers to raise funds for patient services in Southern Cook, Will and Kankakee Counties. Trustee Seehausen motioned that only adults are in the street and that all are wearing safety vests. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Misericordia request for Jelly Belly Candy Days Fundraiser on April 26 & 27, 2013, for clarification. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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Trustee Perchinki made a a motion to approve Jeremiah Rodriguez-Muller as a probationary firefighter pending background check . Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Village Hall will be closed Monday, September 3rd in observance of Labor Day.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 4th

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk