

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 4TH day of September, 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 Perchinski and Peterson. Also present were Village Engineer Joe Schudt, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, 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, with one change. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki reported that in August, 51 new permits were issued for total revenue of \$8,560.00.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox reported that Public Works poured the pad for the new fuel tank. Area catch basins were cleaned out in anticipation of stormy weather. The Water Department repaired two main breaks and replaced a hydrant at 31st and Chicago Road damaged in a hit and run accident.

The repairs to the water tower at Hecht Park are now complete and the watering ban has been lifted. Water samples were tested and all were satisfactory.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy referred to ESDA Director Roger Mumford. Mr. Mumford reported that a Steger business located on Sauk Trail has been cited and fined by Cook County for having cut into the curb without a County permit.

Mr. Mumford reported that four trees on the east and south sides of the Village Hall must be removed due to Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Mumford estimates the cost to remove the trees to be approximately \$2,000. Arborists have advised Mr. Mumford that the trees are too far gone for inoculations. He also reported that about another 400 need to be removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer. 48 trees on Crescent and McKinley need to be removed and will cost \$1,000 each. \$40,000 remains in this

Year's budget for trees removal/trimming. Mr. Mumford asked the Board to direct him as to which trees should be removed. He will start by removing the worst trees first.

The electrician was called out to repair the four way flasher at 31st & Union. Street lights were also repaired with more yet to be repaired. Five lights at the Football field will need to be repaired. The electrician will need to rent a lift to reach the lights at the Football field.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. Rossi reported that fall program flyers are available at the front desk.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson thanked the Neighborhood Watch for their efforts in their event September 2nd. He also thanked the School District for allowing Neighborhood Watch to move the event from Veterans Park to Columbia School due to inclement weather.

Trustee Peterson turned it over to Police Chief Stultz for his report. Chief Stultz reported that in August the Police Department responded to 1,520 calls for service, made 8 arrests, 62 long form tickets, 69 local ordinance tickets and 36 parking tickets.

Chief Stultz reported that three 14 year old girls were accosted by a "flasher" at 31st Street and Chicago Road. The girls waved down Officer Bautista who put the girls in her car and went in search of the "flasher". He was apprehended and charged.

In December, 2011 Chief Stultz was authorized to sell excess weapons from the evidence room. Weapons were sold for \$3,544 to Kiesler Police Supply for a credit to be used for range and training ammunition.

A 1928 Thompson Sub Machine gun was purchased in 1964 for \$150.00 by then Police Chief Tieri. Chief Stultz has been offered \$13,750.00 for the sub machine gun.

Chief Stultz reported that the "cut over" of South Chicago Heights radio dispatch to the Steger dispatch center is now complete. He stated that Mary Jo Seehausen did all of the work to accomplish the cut over. Mrs. Seehausen stated the cut over took place on Wednesday morning.

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

Trustee Perchinski referred to Fire Chief Roesner. Chief Roesner reported that in the month of August the Fire Department responded to 122 calls; 23 fire and 99 medical. The Fire Department had 96 hours of fire training and 30 hours of EMS training.

Trustee Perchinski stated that the postal workers were to collect donations for MDA on September 9th from 9am to 1pm. The postal workers have changed their plans. The Fire Department requests permission to use the same time slot to hold their “Boot Drive for MDA”. Trustee Perchinski made the motion. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to remove the Kiesler Police Supply invoice from the bills, as the purchase is paid for out of the credit earlier discussed by Chief Stultz. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Michael Balanow of 3328 Florence Avenue discussed the noise level of his neighbor’s music and his plans for a party that includes live bands. Kevin Hasemeyer of 3322 Florence came forward. Mr. Hasemeyer stated that 2-3 months earlier the code enforcer was out to his home taking readings of the music’s volume. Mr. Hasemeyer for the last five years has hosted a neighborhood block party. Mrs. Balanow stated that when the music is played, the noise level in her home is so loud that she cannot hear her television. Mr. Hasemeyer states the music will end by 11pm. The neighbors will work together to make the event enjoyable for the neighborhood.

Pastor Craig Meisner of Immanuel Lutheran Church announced that the church intends to build a community garden that will be gardened by the congregation and that they hope to donate most of the produce to the St. Liborius food bank. Pastor Meisner asked the Board to consider assisting the church with the water bill that is anticipated to be higher than normal. Mayor Sherman asked the Pastor to bring in any large water bills and it will be discussed by the Board.

Christie Ebert of Neighborhood Watch of 222 Barbara Lane thanked the Board for allowing Neighborhood Watch to use Veterans Park September 2nd for the Family Fest. Mrs. Ebert also thanked the Board members that donated financially to the event and donated their time in the dunk tank. Mrs. Ebert also thanked the School District for allowing the event to be moved to Columbia Central when it appeared that the weather would turn threatening.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for August, 2012 which was \$ \$ 323,709.64.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of August 2012, which was \$ \$ \$31,229.89

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for August 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 Banicki. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding School District 194/AT&T Cell Tower. 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 Seehausen made a motion to table Project Manager Roger Mumford's two quotes for Miller Woods Culverts project. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion to table. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table discusison on Job Descriptions and will formally present one at the September 17th Board meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table consideration of grant application from DCEO to identify and implement energy efficiency projects for indoor lighting improvements at the Community Center, Fire Stations, ESDA and Department of Public Works buildings, pending a proposal from Joe Helsel for the project. Mr. Helsel's proposal has not yet been received. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion to table. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the request from Misericordia for April 26 & 27, 2013 for Misericordia/Jelly Belly Candy Days Fundraiser. Misericordia has been contacted and has yet to provide clarification of the fundraiser activities. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table RESOLUTION NO.1018 ADOPTING A NEW HIRE POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the PROCLAMATION NO TEXT ON BOARD – PLEDGE DAY. 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 to table the swearing in of new Police Officer. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the request from Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox to change the work policy to include sick time in the "hours worked" as it affects overtime. 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 accept the low bid of Gallagher Asphalt, as recommended by CDBG Administrator Joe Schudt for project #11-037. 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 allow Tim Glass at 3329 Chicago Road to build a courtyard by installing a privacy fence behind the Glass Tap, approximately 26ft x 12ft. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson reminded the Board that the Village Building inspectors and the Village Project Manager will inspect the fencing and see that it is constructed for safe use by customers and vehicles in the alleyway. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Trustee Seehausen voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Cook County Clerk David Orr to use the Municipal meeting room and the Fire Department Headquarters as polling places on November 6, 2012 from 5am to 9pm. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Kevin Hasemeyer of 3322 Florence to hold his 5th annual neighborhood yard party on September 8th from 3-11pm at his home. The event will include live music, food, refreshments, beer and bean bag tournament. Mr. Hasemeyer also requests use of ten (10) village picnic tables. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Chickie Martin to use seven (7) picnic tables on September 15th for Martin's Tap's 30th Anniversary celebration. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Carrissa Lloyd requested permission to use the Village gazebo on Saturday September 15th from 2 to 8pm for a baby shower/barbeque. The Chamber of Commerce's October Fest is that weekend on the Boulevard. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the request. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Ms. Lloyd's use of the gazebo on any other weekend that is available. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Fire Chief Jeff Roesner's request for approval of Paul E. Myers as a probationary firefighter pending background check. 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 that the Village finance through First United Bank the purchase of the four (4) new Police vehicles. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk