

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 17TH day of September, 2012 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with President Sherman in the Chair and presiding and Village Board Secretary Cindy Pauley attending.

The Village Board Secretary called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez Perchinski and Peterson. Trustee Banicki was absent. Also present were Village Engineer Joe Schudt, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Community Center Director Diane Rossi 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 was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

Trustee Perchinski reported that the Fire Department's training towers will be delivered this week. Deputy Fire Chief Jim Baine reported that Thursday, September 20th, will be a training of the Steger Fire Department on use of the towers.

Trustee Perchinski also reported that the new fire truck is expected to be delivered about the third week of November.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

In Trustee Banicki's absence, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers gave a report. Mr. Myers reported that since August 1st the Building Department has completed 87 re occupancy inspections, have responded to 72 written and verbal complaints from residents and have issued 350 tickets for Village sticker violations. Mr. Myers also suggested that the Board visit Community Heating and Air Conditioning's new facility on Chicago Road.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy referred to ESDA Director Roger Mumford. Mr. Mumford reported that the Village electrical contractor has been working in town. They have repaired lights in Steger Commons, Royal Oak and on Union Avenue. They have replaced a photo cell so that the lights come on five minutes before dark.

The outdoor warning siren by the library will be repaired when the new part arrives. Mr. Mumford stated that the five lights on the football field should be repaired before the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Mumford has been identifying trees that need to be removed. He also reminded the Board that tree trimming and removal is under contract.

Trustee Lopez asked Mr. Mumford to reach out to the electrical contractor and speed up the repairs to the football field's lights.

Trustee Peterson suggested that when the Village accepts bids for tree trimming and removal, bids for removal of emerald ash borer infected trees be bid independently.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. Rossi reported that basketball registration has begun and runs through November 2nd. Volleyball registration will be held from October 1st through November 1st. Flyers for basketball are available at the Village Hall and Community Center.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox reported that Public Works cleaned and prepared the 3400 block of Halsted Boulevard for the Oktoberfest weekend.

The ILEPA is requiring the Public Works Department to remove the pile of leaves currently stored at the Maintenance Building.

Mr. Cox reminded the Board that the garbage company will not pick up branches that are more than 50lbs. or 4' in length. Branches must be bundled or discarded in the appropriate containers.

The Water Department repaired two main breaks during the past two weeks and has restored areas of past breaks.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to remove the Martin Whalen invoice for \$742.00 from the bills, hold a bill for \$80.00 for further investigation and move a Walton Office Supplies bill for \$163.00 to Police and from Police Dispatch. 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 remaining bills for payment as funding allows. 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.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Michael Porter of Royal Oak asked about the grass cutting schedule. Trustee Seehausen stated that there is no set schedule, that grass is cut when it is needed. Mr. Porter also asked about the length of time a resident has to respond to an ordinance violation. Trustee Peterson stated that the time varies based on the violation. Mr. Porter reported that the trees that were downed in a recent storm were removed promptly in his neighborhood.

Mark Garrity 314 Royal Oak shared concerns about the garbage service. He is concerned that some recycling materials have blown away from the dumpster. Mr. Garrity also asked about the street sweeping. Trustee Perchinski stated that the street sweeping is for “curbed streets”. Trustee Lopez will follow up on the garbage issues.

Michelle Helsel, of the Steger School Board discussed a contest that the School District is entering. Mrs. Helsel explained that the “Calling all Communities Grant” contest sponsored by U.S. Cellular. U.S. Cellular awards \$1,000,000 in the contest. First place is \$150,000, second is \$100,000 and 17 communities will be awarded \$50,000. Mrs. Helsel stated that St. Liborius won the award twice. School District 194 is entering the contest and has asked for help from the community. She is asking that everyone stop by a local U.S. Cellular store and pick up a card to vote. The contest deadline is October 21st.

Layne Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy Ridge Drive asked for status update on the graffiti and property removal in her subdivision. Ms. Platopoulos has photos of the property that has been removed. Trustee Peterson asked that residents be careful and not put themselves in jeopardy by photographing offenders.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the Steger Pride Award. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table Project Manager Roger Mumford’s two quotes for Miller Woods Culverts project. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion to table. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table discussion on Job Descriptions. 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 Perchinski made a motion to approve the request from Misericordia for April 26 & 27, 2013 for Misericordia/Jelly Belly Candy Days Fundraiser. Misericordia plans to solicit donations at intersections in the Village. Trustee Perchinski states that the solicitors must be adults and must wear safety vests. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table RESOLUTION NO.1018 ADOPTING A NEW HIRE POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. 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 swore in John Napoleon as the new Steger Police Department patrolman. Officer Napoleon was congratulated by the Board and the audience.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1033 AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY BY THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. 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 read RESOLUTION NO.1019 HONORING THE LATE POLICE CHIEF CHARLES TIERI'S YEARS OF SERVICE AND THE RETIREMENT OF HIS BADGE. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1019. 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. Chief Stultz presented the Tieri family with a plaque retiring his badge. Mark and Brian Tieri accepted the plaque and were congratulated by the Board and the audience. Mark Tieri thanked the Board and asked that if in the future the Village would consider recognizing employees who have served the Village, as his father did for so many years, having dedicated their lives to the Village.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of First Apostolic Church to use the Halsted Boulevard gazebo on Monday October 8th from 6:30-8:00pm for a community prayer for the upcoming election. 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 table Mayor Owen's request that the Village share in the cost of repairing the flashing yellow light at 30th Street and Chicago Road at the school crossing with the Village of South Chicago Heights. Trustee Peterson asked that the Village staff to review the proposal. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Kmart to use the Kmart parking lot on Saturday and Sunday, October 13 & 14 for a National Safety Weekend. Steger Police, Fire and ESDA will be on hand as well as healthcare providers. Severn picnic tables will be provided for the event. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Business License Application of P.K.'S Pantry (new owner) at 430 West 34th Street, pending inspections. 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 Perchinski made a motion to approve the Business License Application of Salon Serenity Tanning & Nails at 118 East 34th Street, pending inspections. 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 made a motion to approve the request of Fire Chief Jeff Roesner of Sammy Lee Smith as a probationary firefighter pending background check. 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 of Stephen Barrett as a duty shift personnel pending background check. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Village Engineer Joe Schudt reported that the 2012 I & I bid opening will be September 24th at 10am. Mr. Schudt asked that the results of the bid opening be added to the October 1st agenda.

Mayor Sherman announced his appointment of Barbara Recupito as chairperson and Andrea Sherman and Alice Peterson as co-chairpersons of the Spirit Committee. The Spirit Committee will volunteer to further the interests of the Village with beautification work, Village wide events, fundraising and other efforts. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments. 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.

Michelle Helsel announced that the School District will be taking people around to U.S. Cellular stores to get cards to complete for the School District contest on Saturday. Lunch will be served and volunteers 18 and over are needed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Peterson moved that the meeting adjourn. 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.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:42 pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk