

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 1st day of October, 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. 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, 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. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Perchinski referred to Fire Chief Roesner. Chief Roesner reported that so far this year, the Fire Department has responded to 944 calls. In the month of September the Fire Department responded to 106 calls; 20 fire and 86 medical. The Fire Department had 195 which included 8 members getting certified in the burning trailers and 88 hours of classroom in NPFA 1403 Live Burn and Live burn training. Other training included multi-company drill training in search and rescue, water supply and nozzles, ladders and car fire practicals.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Firemen's third quarter payroll. 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 PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson turned it over to Police Chief Stultz for his report. Chief Stultz reported that in August the Police Department responded to 1,247 calls for service, made 9 arrests, 31 long form tickets, 62 parking and compliance tickets and 64 A/O tickets.

Chief Stultz also reported that the check for \$13,750.00 for the Thompson sub machine gun has been received.

**TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT**

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. Rossi reported that a bus from the School District will be at the Community Center on

Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11am to take volunteers to U.S. Cellular stores to pick up voting cards for the Calling all Communities contest. Mrs. Rossi stated that the School District will provide lunch and all volunteers are welcomed.

Mrs. Rossi reported that volleyball registration has begun and will continue through November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The annual Halloween Party will be held on October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm for children Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

Trustee Kozy referred to ESDA Director Roger Mumford. Mr. Mumford reported that all lights at Veterans Park are now operational. All street lights have also been repaired, except one in Royal Oaks Subdivision which will be taken care of when the contractor is back in town.

JJ Newell has begun work on the CDBG streets.

Eighty trees have been marked for removal. No more tree trimming/removal will be scheduled this year as funds have been depleted. A small reserve will be available for emergency work, if needed.

### **TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox reported that Public Works has completed clean up around the Public Works garage. Restoration around the main break site on Durham drive has been completed.

Mr. Cox spoke with Allied Disposal regarding scheduling of the fall street sweeping. It is expected to take place the end of October or the first of November.

All water samples taken during the month for testing have come back as satisfactory.

Trustee Lopez asked that when the street sweeping dates are firm, the information is placed on the Village marquee.

### **TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT**

None

### **BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the remaining 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**

Ron Gholston of 23002 Miller Road addressed his concerns with the Village’s vehicle sticker policy. Mr. Gholston has been informed that all vehicles owned by residents and/or housed in the Village need vehicle stickers. Mr. Gholston read from Municode sections 8276 and 8277 the phrasing regarding vehicle stickers. Chief Stultz stated that the original purpose of vehicle stickers was to maintain the roads. Mr. Gholston stated that the vehicles in question are not in use. Chief Stultz stated that the fact a person owns a car presumes that the purpose will be to use the roads. Mr. Gholston states that the ordinance does not clearly state that all vehicles needs stickers, only those that use the streets. Code Enforcement Officer Butch Brown stated that all vehicles housed in the village need stickers.

Trustee Peterson asked that Mr. Gholston speak with him after the meeting. Trustee Seehausen reminded the Board of the conversation regarding antique vehicles. Trustee Peterson stated that a license plate on a vehicle is presumptive evidence that the owner will use the roads.

Michelle Helsel of the School District approached the Board and updated the audience regarding the Calling all Communities contest. School District 194 is currently in 9<sup>th</sup> place nationally. Contests are being held in the schools for the children who bring in the largest number of voting cards.

**COLLECTOR’S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for September, 2012 which was \$ 215,606.40.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of September 2012, which was \$ 32,831.76

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers to suspend Housing Hearings through the winter months, resuming April 20, 2013. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Steve Thurmond of the Steger Pride Award presented the Doing Your Best for Steger Pride Award to Jake Polewaczyk. Jake's award was donated by Trustee Mark Kozy. Jake was congratulated for his volunteer spirit by the Board and the audience. Jake thanked his parents for supporting him in his service.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table indefinitely the two quotes for the Miller Woods Culverts project. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table Job Descriptions until Attorney Burkey has drafted a Job Descriptions resolution. 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 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 until Joe Hesel's proposal can be reviewed. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox asked the Board to keep in mind that the proposal does not include labor. 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 RESOLUTION NO.1018 ADOPTING A NEW HIRE POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Peterson will discuss with the Village Attorney a change to Exhibit A of the Resolution. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to share the cost of repairing the flashing yellow light at the school crossing at 30th Street and Chicago Road with the Village of South Chicago Heights. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. The Village's share will be \$3,440. 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 the Steger Wildcats Football and Cheerleading Organization request to hold a Homecoming pep rally and bonfire Friday, October 5th at Veterans Park. The Fire Department will be in attendance for the bonfire. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid by Insituform for I & I Sewer rehab, lining and grouting. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Bids were opened September 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 the request of Barbara Schaul of Girl Scout Troop 007 to use the Village meeting room on the 4th Saturday of each month beginning in October 2012 and ending in June of 2013. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the temporary business license application of Advance Welding Service, LLC at 3106 Louis Sherman Drive, pending inspections. 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 Jolynda Reyes to attend the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Institute November 13-15 in Bloomington, IL. The registration will cost \$235.00 and the hotel will be \$99.00 per night plus tax. 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 Mathew Weber as a probationary firefighter pending background checks. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Larry Levitt as a duty shift personnel pending background checks. 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**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Perchinski motioned to go into executive session at 7:31pm. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:59pm Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to the regular Board meeting. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to hire Dennis Gianopolus for Crime Free Housing Administration. 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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01 pm**

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Louis Sherman

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk