

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 15<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 2012 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with President Sherman in the Chair and presiding and Village Clerk attending.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Banicki Seehausen, Lopez, Perchinski and Peterson. Trustee Kozy 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, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers 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 Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Banicki referred to Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myer. Mr. Myers reported that since September 1<sup>st</sup> the Building Department has completed 50 re occupancy inspections, have responded to 82 written and verbal complaints from residents and have issued 700 tickets for Village sticker violations.

Mr. Myers also reported that over the summer months, the Village grass crew mowed the lawn at 114 vacant properties. 95% of those vacant properties have been liened for the cost of lawn maintenance. Trustee Lopez asked about the time frame of the Village sticker violations. Mr. Myers stated that upon receipt of the violations notice, a resident has ten (10) days to pay their fine before it doubles in price. They then will be issued a court date.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox reported that Public Works has completed work on the new gas tank at the Maintenance Building. It has a fence, electricity and collision proofing at the site. Mr. Cox spoke to Allied Waste and has been told that street sweeping will take place during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November.

The Water Department had no water main breaks during the previous two weeks. All water samples have been returned from the ILEPA as satisfactory.

Trustee Seehausen asked that Mr. Cox discuss his desire to hire Todd Evers as a full time laborer. Mr. Cox expressed great regard for Mr. Evers' work ethic and skills. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the hiring of Todd Evers pending background check and physical examination beginning October 22, 2012. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted

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

Trustee Lopez asked Mr. Cox to avoid the street sweeping service on Wednesday, as that is garbage day and the streets are already congested. Trustee Lopez also asked Mr. Cox to check on the progress of the work and to verify that the work is satisfactory.

### **TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT**

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. Rossi reported that the children's Halloween party will be held Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson referred to Police Chief Stultz. Chief Stultz reported that the new squad cars have arrived and are out for installation of equipment. Chief Stultz stated that problems on the streets have quieted down, but picked up at Bloom Trail High School, now that the students are back in school. Chief Stultz explained to Trustee Seehausen that All Right Signs will provide the decal markings of the squads after the equipment installation is completed.

### **TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Perchinski reported that the Fire Department Auxiliary is holding its Pancake Breakfast Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 7am to noon. Fire Chief Jeff Roesner added that the Pancake Breakfast will include a craft show and crafters are still needed.

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

In Trustee Kozy's absence, Project Manager Roger Mumford reported that Excel Electrical was in the Village today and repaired lights in Royal Oaks and reassembled the light at 32<sup>nd</sup> and Chicago Road. Mr. Mumford reported that a light in the Kmart Parking lot was knocked down by a semi. An insurance claim has been filed. The Village is in possession of a pole to replace the damaged one, however the lights may be difficult to replace as they are 30 years old.

Work on CDBG Streets has begun. Cold milling, curbs and walks were worked on today.

Mr. Mumford also reported that the (60 year old) siren on 31<sup>st</sup> Street near the well house and the library has a bad motor. A new motor would cost \$3,800 for the siren. New sirens cost \$8,000-\$50,000. No grants are available at this time for sirens. Mr. Mumford will continue to research the siren over the winter before tornado season returns.

## **BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the bills for payment as funding allows and asked that the description of an Excel Electrical invoice read “Tornado Siren” and not Royal Oaks Lights and Tornado Siren”. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

## **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Kent Heisner from Peotone introduced himself and stated that he is running for Will County Board in District 1. Portions of Steger is in District 1. Mr. Heisner stated, if elected he plans to be more involved in Steger. The Board wished him well in his campaign.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Project Manager Roger Mumford discussed with the Board the street lights on 34<sup>th</sup> Street from State Street to Ronald Road. A number of street lights on the south side of 34<sup>th</sup> Street (Crete) are out and one has been knocked down in an accident. Crete called Meade Electric to repair the lights, but not the knock down. Meade plans to send the invoice to the Village of Steger. Mr. Mumford explained that when the lights were installed, Crete verbally agreed to maintain the lights on the south side of the street and to pay 50% of the electric (ComEd) bills. Crete has been paying the 50% of ComEd bills.

Mr. Mumford went to Crete to discuss the lights with the Village Administrator there. The Administrator told Mr. Mumford that Crete was to receive the written agreement from the Village of Steger’s then Administrator. The agreement was never delivered to Crete.

Trustee Seehausen stated that he will watch the Village bills for the Meade bill.

Trustee Perchinski clarified that the lights are in Crete; Meade was called out by Crete. Attorney Burkey recommended that the original agreement be sent to Crete with a letter. Trustee Peterson suggested the Village recommend sharing 50% of any cost of lights on the street, that both Villages share all costs. Attorney Burkey recalled a written agreement. Trustee Perchinski asked Board Secretary Cindy Pauley to look for the agreement.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson asked Attorney Burkey to draft an ordinance regarding job descriptions. Trustee Peterson will forward the job descriptions to Attorney Burkey. Trustee Peterson made a motion to table “Job Descriptions”. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion that the Village begin the application process for the DCEO grant for indoor lighting improvements (materials only) at the Community Center, Fire Stations, ESDA and the Department of Public Works. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to enter into the annual service agreement with Corpro for Water Storage Tank Maintenance. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Candace Foust of 235 Durham Drive to hold a family reunion at her home on November 2, 2012 from 4-9:30pm. Ms. Foust plans to serve food and beverages inside the home and in a temporary enclosed tent. Approximately 65 people are expected. Festivities include horseshoes, bean bag games, piñatas and a live D.J. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request from Cornell Hudson of the Fire and Police Board to send Member Michael Riley to the Illinois Fire and Police Commissioners Association Fall Seminar November 2-4 at Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, at a cost of \$1,165.00. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson explained that Jonathon Rocha of the Recreation Board has been working with each of the Recreation Sports and is researching grant opportunities for significant projects at Veterans Park. Trustee Peterson stated that each Sport has committed to certain funds for the proposal. Trustee Banicki made a motion to approve the efforts of Jonathon Rocha and Recreation Board to pursue grants for Veterans Park. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Charles Fillion of the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce for a donation of \$400.00 from the Village to help cover the cost of Christmas decorations. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of The Steger Day of Prayer to use of the Village gazebo for its annual Day of Prayer on Saturday, June 1, 2013 from 7am to 2:00pm with set up for the event on Friday May 31st at 4pm. They are also requesting use of electricity, trash cans and six (6) picnic tables at the event. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Mike Riley of Cub Scout Pack 173 to use the Village meeting room on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 to 9pm. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Business License Application of Coast to Coast Security at 3527 Union Avenue, pending inspections. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trick or Treat Hours are from 3-7pm on Wednesday, October 31st. Halloween Bonfire at Veterans Park at 6pm.

A CDBG Performance Hearing will be held November 5th at 7:20pm.

The Village of Steger's re-vamped website is up and running. Two items are still in the works-Fillable forms and Resident Notification through email and phone calls-coming soon. Visit us at [www.VillageofSteger.com](http://www.VillageofSteger.com).

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:34pm**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel, contract negotiations and litigation. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**8:44pm** Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 pm**

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Louis Sherman

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk