

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 19TH day of November, 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, Kozy, Lopez, Perchinski and Peterson. Also present were Village Engineer Joe Schudt, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, 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 of the November 5th Regular Board Meeting, November 5th CDBG Hearing and the November 12th, Job Descriptions Workshop be dispensed with and accepted as written, as all members have copies. 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 BANICKI'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Mr. Cox reported that Public Works has prepared the Boulevard for the Chamber's Christmas Trees on the Boulevard.

The Water Department had one water main break during the previous two weeks. All water samples have been returned from the ILEPA as satisfactory.

Mr. Cox reported that he observed the operations at Lafayette Indiana's water works. He's also spoken to the Crete Water Department and will continue to look into the use of ORACAL in the water supply to increase the effect of chlorine in the water.

Trustee Lopez inquired as to the progress of the street sweepers. Mr. Cox reported that due to the amount of debris in the streets and leaves that have been raked into the street, the task is taking longer than expected.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

Trustee Lopez reported that both Volleyball and Basketball registration will continue through the first week of December.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that Funk Linko has moved in to the new Steger location. Much of their equipment has been installed including their welders. It is expected that Funk Linko will bring 8-10 jobs to the Village. Funk Linko will continue to work toward adding an educational facility across the street from their location.

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

Trustee Perchinski referred to Fire Chief Jeff Roesner. Chief Roesner had no report, but asked that everyone use extreme caution in preparing their Thanksgiving meals. Chief Roesner stated that at this time of year, many calls are made to the Fire Department due to heavy smoke in homes due to ovens that may need cleaning.

BILLS

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

David Garcia of Medical Education and Cremation Services Inc. of 230 E. 11th Street in Chicago Heights discussed his business and his desire to re-locate in the Steger Industrial Park. Families who desire to donate a loved one's body to science donate the body to Garcia's company. His company prepares bodies for study by colleges and universities. After the study is complete, his company cremates the remains and returns the ashes to the family. Mr. Garcia is registered with the state as a funeral director and embalmer. Federal registrations are not required.

Mr. Garcia would like to add cremation to a Steger location, at a later time. He has looked at several locations in the Industrial Park.

Trustee Peterson explained that the current Board of Trustees cannot bind future Boards to any decision made today. Trustee Peterson explained that the facility would have to be prepared for approval before the Board could actually approve a business license for Mr. Garcia. The concern is that Mr. Garcia may have invested in the facility, and the Board may or may not be able to approve a business license. Attorney Burkey suggested Mr. Garcia's agreement should have an option to buy pending approval by the board.

Albert Lucente of 3329 Carpenter asked the Board to consider repairing Love Rock Avenue. He purchased a home there for his daughter and the street is in very poor condition. Mayor Sherman asked Superintendent Cox to review the condition of the street. CDBG Administrator Joe Schudt reported that Love Rock may not qualify for

CDBG funds; perhaps MFT funds will be needed. The street services two homes. Mr. Schudt will review, but stated the construction season has ended for the year. Any work that may be done will not begin until spring.

Pasquale Gazzillo of 23310 Wentworth discussed a pipe under his driveway. Mayor Sherman asked that Superintendent Cox take a look at the problem. Mayor Sherman Asked Mr. Cox to go Tuesday at 9am and knock at Mr. Gazzillo's door to look at the driveway. Mr. Gazzillo suggested that Wentworth should be considered for reconstruction.

Don Miller, General Manager of Another Hole in the Wall at 3236 Union Avenue discussed the recent shooting at his club. Mr. Miller defended the actions taken by his employees at the event. Trustee Banicki stated that he felt a need for more preventative measures and that the business should have been closed after the incident. Mr. Miller stated that he's been open for five years and has had only one other incident in that time. Trustee Lopez stated that we should use all precautions available. Trustee Peterson reported that the Police Department has been happy with the cooperation from Another Hole in the Wall staff. Attorney Burkey suggested that Hip Hop acts may attract problems. Trustee Peterson stated that better communication between the Business and the Village regarding the entertainment. Trustee Peterson suggested that the Village should be proactive and not reactive. Mr. Miller explained to Trustee Seehausen that individuals that cause trouble at Another Hole in the Wall are not allowed to return to the club.

Dave Nanista, the owner of 26 East 34th Place discussed a computer recycling center at his property. SouthStar Services are considering locating there to provide a location for physically and mentally handicapped persons to disassemble computers for recycling. A 53' trailer will need to be stored at the location, at the side or rear of the property. Trustee Peterson suggested that the Building Department and the Fire Department both review the parking of the trailer.

Jeff Watson, 3749 Union Avenue informed the Board that he spoke with the Crete detective investigating the Lenny Bottando accident. Mr. Watson is working with Will County Crime Stoppers to get flyers out and get the investigation resolved. The Board thanked Mr. Watson for his concern.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the resignation of Patricia Donahue from the Steger Police Pension Board. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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 Peterson made a motion to table indefinitely Resolution No. 1023. 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 Peterson made a motion to table Resolution No. 1024. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1026 Supplemental Resolution-MFT Closeout. 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 adopt Resolution No. 1027 Supplemental Resolution-MFT Closeout. 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 Perchinski made a motion to contract with Verde Solutions for a no cost audit. 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 Steger Fire and Police Board's appointment of its secretary, Matthew Wenzel to a position of Notary Public and to cover all costs, training, and sponsorship to obtain such position. 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 approve Fire Chief Jeff Roesner's request for approval of Michael McCormick as a probationary firefighter. McCormick has passed all background checks. Trustee Peterson 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 Robert Nunez as a probationary firefighter. Nunez has passed all background checks. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday November 22nd & 23rd in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 8:24pm

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual or threatened or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, staff, the public and public property. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

9:05pm Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:06 pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk