

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 22ND day of January, 2013 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 Joseph Schudt, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Public Works Superintendent Bill Cox, Acting ESDA Coordinator Norman Flaig, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting 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 SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen asked Village Engineer Joe Schudt to report. Mr. Schudt stated that repairs to the worst sections of sanitary sewer system have been completed. Mr. Schudt will make suggestions of the Infiltration and Inflow projects for the year within the next month. He will be recommending the installation of meters in the sewers to measure the infiltration.

Mr. Schudt also stated that he will be attending the CDBG meeting in Chicago on Thursday. Cook County has moved up its timeline this year; Mr. Schudt expects to be into construction by May of this year.

Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox reported that Public Works has been called out to salt the roadways. There were 3 water main breaks since the January 7th Board Meeting.

Supt. Cox has been guaranteed that an apparatus can be added to the water system that will help to carry chlorine to the far ends of the system. The system requires a license from the EPA; a cost of \$900.00.

Supt. Cox has been working with the Dept. of Forestry and South Suburban Mayors' Caucus regarding a grant to replace the more than 115 trees that have been removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer Disease.

Supt. Cox reported that having spoken with management of The Colonies, it is agreed that restricting parking in the 3400 block of Kings Road. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to eliminate parking on the east side of Kings Road. 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.

Attorney Burkey explained that an ordinance will have to be drawn up to back up the fine for parking on the eastside of the 3400 block of Kings Road and will be prepared for the February 4th Board meeting.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy asked Acting ESDA Coordinator Norman Flaig to report. Mr. Flaig reported that ESDA had nine different functions during the month and six patrols, six accidents, one fire, one special detail and one mutual aid to South Chicago Heights.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. Rossi reported that the generator is almost completely installed. Work should be complete by the end of the week. Then the Community Center will be a warming and cooling shelter to residents during times of extreme weather.

Trustee Lopez reported that the "in house basketball" league has begun. He invited everyone to stop by and watch the teams at play.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that the Police Pension fund is falling behind and due to the economy, continues to fall behind. Trustee Peterson suggested a representative of the Pension Board come to the next Board Meeting and present to the Board.

Trustee Peterson stated that the SouthtownStar Newspaper has been putting the Police Blotter on line and this weekend will begin to publish the blotter in the hard copy of the newspaper as well.

Trustee Peterson asked Police Officer Dale Banicki to come forward and be commended for recent police service. Officer Banicki stopped three juveniles and one adult and discovered burglary tools in a bag they were carrying. Arrests were made for possession of burglary tools and cocaine. Two juveniles were suspects in an arson case in South Chicago Heights. Banicki is commended for his dedication and attention to duty. He was congratulated by the Board and the audience. Chief Stultz added that the arrest of these four individuals has had a major impact on the number of burglaries in the Village.

Chief Stultz that on October 25, 2011 there was an armed robbery at the Marathon Gas Station at 34th Street and Union Avenue. With help from the Crete Police Department, a search warrant was issued and a van searched. Inside the van, in a hidden compartment, the Steger Police found the masks, the guns and the stolen

money from the armed robbery. Chief Stultz has been notified that both offenders have been given sentences of six years in prison.

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

Trustee Perchinski referred to Fire Chief Roesner. Chief Roesner reported that the new Fire Engine is now in service.

BILLS

Trustee Seehasuen made a motion to pay the bills as listed when funds are available. 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

Chief Stultz stated that the Village is being flooded with counterfeit \$20 bills. He advised everyone to be very cautious of accepting a \$20.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table until after Executive Session the appointment by the Mayor of Norman Flaig as ESDA coordinator. (tabled 1/7/13) Norman Flaig was appointed Acting ESDA coordinator 1/8/13. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Motion tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve An Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the Steger Road street lights between the Village of Steger and the Village of Crete, as proposed by Crete's attorney James P. Stevenson. 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.

Gregory Kuznieski, Sr.'s letter regarding an FFL License from the ATF to buy and sell guns as a dealer in the Village of Steger was withdrawn.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to accept the proposal from American Backflow Prevention, Inc. to replace two 4" fireline RPZ's as recommended by Community Center Director Diane Rossi. 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 Seehasuen made a motion; seconded by Trustee Lopez to allow the Hubbard's Trail Girl Scouts Association to use the Community Center for an overnight stay on Saturday April 13th to Sunday April 14th. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to deny the request of Louis Aguzzi regarding his property at 3828 Sangamon, as recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals. 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 made a motion to approve the request of the Police Department to hire a new part time patrolman. 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 made a motion to approve the temporary Business License application of Heaven Sent Mommy and Me Spa at 35 E. 34th Street pending inspections. Veronica Smith explained that she plans to provide theme parties for children at the location. 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.

Bob Jones of 927 Elmscourt Lane, Crete explained that his business would be mostly air freight. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the temporary Business License application of Triple A Transportation, Inc. at 450 W. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel **7:24pm**

On a motion from Trustee Seehasuen, seconded by Trustee Lopez the meeting adjourned to Executive Session. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:47pm Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to appoint Norman Flaig the Acting Coordinator of ESDA until the next Village Board Meeting (February 4, 2013). Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:48pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk