

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 February, 2013 in the Municipal Building of the Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Perchinski and Peterson. Trustee Lopez was absent. Also present were Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Public Works Superintendent Bill Cox, ESDA Coordinator Norman Flaig, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

Village Clerk Recupito entertained a motion to appoint a temporary President in the absence of President Sherman. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to appoint Trustee Peterson as temporary mayor. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Peterson took over the chair acting as temporary President.

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 Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen referred to Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Supt. Cox reported that the Department was called out once to salt Village streets, due to weather conditions. The Department of Public Works is repairing picnic tables and garbage boxes for the coming spring/summer season. There were two water main breaks and repairs were made to well #3.

Trustee Perchinski asked that as the weather warms Mr. Cox's department repair the "Welcome to Steger" signs.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy referred to ESDA Acting Coordinator Norman Flaig. Mr. Flaig reported that ESDA is continuing its regular weekly patrols.

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

None

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson referred to Police Chief Richard Stultz. Chief Stultz reported that the Police Department will be holding a "Citizens Police Academy" that will begin March 9th and will run for six weeks.

Chief Stultz stated that, per Trustee Seehausen's request, the inoperable squad car in the Village Hall Parking lot will be declared surplus property and put out to bid.

Chief Stultz also reported that at a class for Federal Air Marshalls, Officer Brian Smith was given eight new tires to be used on Police Ford Crown Victoria squads.

Trustee Banicki asked Chief Stultz for clarification on the "Citizens Police Academy" and recommended a program for senior citizen safety would also be advantageous.

Trustee Peterson explained that the squad to be auctioned will remain on the Village's insurance until it is sold.

The Village Clerk explained that the Drivin' the Dixie Committee is looking for a commitment from the Village of Steger for participation in the June 15, 2013 event. Code Enforcement Officer, Butch Brown attended a recent organizational meeting on behalf of the Village. Mr. Brown explained that the Committee requests history of Steger and asked that the event be included in the Village website. Information and photos of Steger can be included in the Drivin' the Dixie brochure. The Committee has requested donations of gifts for the end of the day raffle. Mr. Brown suggested a Village wide garage sale may be of interest to attendees. Trustee Kozy made a motion to hold the Drivin' the Dixie at Veterans Park again this year and to provide hot dogs, chips and pops to the drivers, as in past years. The cost is expected to be approximately \$1,000. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried. Trustee Peterson stated that it will be suggested that the Mayor appoint Mr. Brown as the Village's representative to the Committee.

BILLS

Trustee Seehasuen made a motion to pay the bills as listed when funds are available. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1037 AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH RULES OF OPERATION AND CREATING AN APPEAL BOARD until after Executive Session. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the proposal of Joseph Schudt & Associates for 2013-14 CDBG Administrator. Trustee Seehasuen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to commit to holding ***Steger Days of Music*** at the end of August, 2013 at Veterans Park, perhaps in conjunction with the Steger Fire Association's Street Dance. Trustee Peterson explained that the cost will be approximately \$8,500 for music and the money will be recouped through concessions and advertising banners. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Mark from Navigate Power presented energy pricing, as requested previously by the Board. The Village used approximately one million kilowatt hours in the previous twelve month period. With Navigate Power, a fixed price for a twelve month period would be 4.95 cents/kilowatt hour; twenty four month period is 5.284 cents; and thirty six months is 5.500 cents/kilowatt hour. Navigate expects to save the Village about 12% over ComEd. Mark explained that if the market goes down a blend and extend clause will allow the Village a lower rate and extend the contract at the lower rate. Trustee Banicki explained that ComEd will be renegotiating its rates and suggested that ComEd will be competitive. Trustee Banicki made a motion to table Navigate's proposal until the Board has time to consider and further discuss the electricity pricing. Mark will submit his proposal and further information along with the agreements to the Village Clerk for distribution. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Salvation Army's request to hold its annual Donut Days Friday and Saturday June 7th & 8th, 2013 and the Red Kettle Campaign Friday November 15th through December 24th, 2013. Trustee Perchinski required that all participants be adults and must wear safety vests. Trustee Seehasuen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Illinois Lutheran High School to use the baseball field at Veterans Park this spring. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Cook County Clerk David Orr to use the Steger Municipal Building at 35 W. 34th Street and the Steger Fire Department at 3320 Lewis Avenue as Polling Places for the Consolidated Election on April 9th, 2013 from 5am to 9pm. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow the Steger Wildcats Football and Cheer Organization to hold “tag days” on April 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th & 21st, 2013 from 9am to 3pm. Safety vests will be worn and only adults will be in the streets to collect donations. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow the Steger Wildcats to place ten 18” x 24” signs around town. The signs will promote Wildcat registration dates. Signs will be posted on both public and private property. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion, but stipulates that the Wildcats get approval from the Supt of Public Works and the Building Department regarding the placement of signs on public property. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau acknowledging the Bureau as Steger’s Convention and Visitors Bureau of record for marketing and promotion of the tourism industry. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Police Chief Stultz regarding a Citizens Police Academy. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Trustee Perchinski asked the Chief Stultz promote the Academy on the website. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Banicki made a motion to move 2012 collection data from MCSI to MCA per the settlement agreement between the two collection agencies. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow The Steger Veterans Club (VFW) to change their liquor license name to **Post 8283 Steger Honor 11 Post**. This change will help the VFW to obtain an Illinois Gaming License for video gaming. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Fire Chief Jeff Roesner of Matthew Monick as a probationary firefighter. Monick’s background check was satisfactory. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please visit the Village website www.VillageofSteger.com and follow the CodeRED link to register for community notifications.

Village Engineer Joe Schudt announced that a CDBG bid opening will be March 8, 2013 for the 2013 construction season.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 7:42 pm

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and personnel. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

8:28pm Trustee Perchinski made a motion to go back into regular session. Trustee Seehasuen seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1037 AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY CENTER DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH RULES OF OPERATION AND CREATING AN APPEAL BOARD. Trustee Seehasuen seconded the motion. Voice Vote; 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 8:29pm

Louis Sherman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk