

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Also present were Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Acting ESDA Coordinator Norman Flaig, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers, 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 BANICKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Banicki referred to Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers. Mr. Myers reported that April, 32 new permits were issued for total revenue to the Village of \$3,050.00. The Department of Code Enforcement has completed 141 business license renewal inspections, written 20 A/O tickets, responded to 62 complaints and currently has 18 homes in Housing Court.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen referred to the Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Public Works has been cleaning up around the Village Hall placing mulch around the landscaped areas. The Water Department has repaired 9 water main breaks since the April 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The Department was out during the April 18<sup>th</sup> storm placing barricades and ensuring the sewers were open. The unusually large amount of rain caused the some temporary flooding on the roads and retention areas.

Trustee Lopez thanked Supt Cox for taking care of the parks; getting ready for baseball season.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

Trustee Kozy referred to Acting ESDA Director Norman Flaig. Mr. Flaig reported that ESDA had 17 functional calls during May; 3 accidents, 2 fires, 3 special details, 8 patrols and 1 for flood control. These 17 calls totaled 199.5 man hours. Mr. Flaig stated that Steger Dispatch is now capable of "toning out" Steger ESDA and setting off sirens. He thanked the Deputy ESDA Chief, Police Chief's Administrative Assistant Mary Jo Seehausen and Police Detective Pete Fajman for their assistance.

### **TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT**

Trustee Lopez referred to Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. Rossi reported that summer activity plans are still be finalized. Activity brochures are available for pick up.

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

Trustee Peterson asked for a moment of silence to reflect on and pray for the people of Boston as they go through the event impacting the Boston Marathon.

Trustee Peterson referred to Police Chief Stultz. Chief Stultz reported that in April the Police responded to 1,123 total calls, 52 long form tickets, 17 arrests, 33 local ordinance violations and 39 parking tickets.

Chief Stultz also stated that between midnight and 2:30am Monday May 6<sup>th</sup> nine vehicles were vandalized in the Village. At 2:45am two juveniles, 12 & 13 years old were apprehended and charged. The juveniles have been petitioned to juvenile court.

Trustee Peterson invited the audience to attend Mayor Lou Sherman's Retirement Celebration May 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-8pm at the Community Center.

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

Trustee Perchinski referred to Fire Chief Jeff Roesner. Chief Roesner reported that in April the Steger Fire Department answered 97 calls; 39 fire and 68 medical. The Fire Department provided Mutual Aid 22 times and received it 8 times.

### **BILLS**

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

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy and Commissioner Deborah Sims congratulated Mayor Sherman on his retirement. The Commissioners presented Mayor Sherman with a resolution from the Cook County Board of Commissioners honoring him in his retirement.

Janice Hicks congratulated Mayor Sherman on his retirement.

Trustee Tom Seehausen thanked the people of the Village for allowing him to serve as Trustee. Mr. Seehausen stated it was an honor and a privilege to serve the Village.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Deputy Village Clerk read the gross payroll for April, 2013 which was \$248,311.39.

The Deputy Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of April 2013, which was \$32,801.71

The Deputy Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for April, 2013

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$40,053.65	February 2013
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$22,392.05	February 2013
STATE INCOME TAX	\$76,911.38	December 2012
STATE INCOME TAX	\$90,790.28	January 2013
STATE INCOME TAX	\$0.00	FEB 2013-DELAY
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$6,509.64	March 2013
LOCAL USE TAX	\$12,920.04	March 2013
VIDEO GAMING	\$2,441.67	March 2013
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$19,333.91	March 2013
UTILITY REVENUE	\$16,924.67	March 2013
UTILITY REVENUE	\$16,848.43	March 2013
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$1,035.40	March 2013
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$689.22	January 2013
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$511.13	February 2013
COOK COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES	\$13,316.50	March 2013
WILL COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES	\$0.00	March 2013

Trustee Seehasuen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and put it on file. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson reported that donations have been received to cover the cost of Mayor Sherman's retirement celebration. Trustee Peterson asked that a budget of \$500 be approved for ancillaries for the celebration. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the \$500 budget. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Perchinski. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

***INAUGURATION OF NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES, CLERK AND PRESIDENT***

### ***OATHS OF OFFICE***

The Honorable Luciano Panici administered the oath of office to Andrew L. Banicki, Ernesto Lopez, Jr. and Leonard Skrezyna whom were duly elected as Village Trustees on the April 9, 2013 election. Trustees Banicki, Lopez and Skrezyna therefore assumed their chairs of office.

The Honorable Luciano Panici administered the oath of office to Carmen S. "Tory" Recupito, Jr. who was duly elected as Village Clerk on the April 9, 2013 election. Village Clerk Recupito therefore assumed his chair of office.

The Honorable Luciano Panici administered the oath of office to Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr. who was duly elected as Village President on the April 9, 2013 election. Village President Peterson therefore assumed his chair of office.

The audience congratulated the new officers. President Peterson thanked Judge Panici for administering the oaths of office.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Mayor Peterson for a "Special Liquor License" to serve alcohol at the "Retirement/Celebration of Lou Sherman" to be held at the Community Center on May 11, 2013 from 2 to 8pm. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept Resolution No. 1033 RENAMING THE COMMUNITY CENTER THE LOUIS SHERMAN COMMUNITY CENTER. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to accept Resolution No. 1031 HONORING MAYOR LOUIS SHERMAN FOR FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion adopt RESOLUTION NO.1032 DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE TRUSTEE. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table Appointments by the Mayor. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to make increases for the non-union employees' insurance premiums for 2013-14 of 2.5% on the HMO and for the PPO; 2.5% plus the difference between the HMO and the PPO. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to accept James Redmond and Chad Howard to work the summer lawn maintenance crew. Both are Steger residents. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

President Peterson explained that Mayor Sherman has been using the 2008 Ford Explorer since its purchase and suggested the Village transfer it to him as a gesture of appreciation in his retirement. Trustee Perchinski made the motion. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion (“based on recommendation of Attorney Burkey”) Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request from Columbia Central Middle School to hold a “School District 194 Community Sale” at the school parking lot from 7am to 3:30pm May 18th & 19th. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Eastview School requests use of 15 Village picnic tables on May 24, 28th, 30, 31 and June 3 & 4 for end of the school year events. Eastview also requests use of Veterans Park on June 3 & 4. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Parkview School to use 10 or more picnic tables May 31st. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of The Bloom Trail Parent Co-Op to use 10 picnic tables at Columbia on May 11th. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

The Steger SPIRIT Committee plans to sell ice cream at the Drivin’ the Dixie event. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a budget of \$200 for the project. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Fire Department Event Coordinator Monica Ciarlo for permission to hold “Hands Only CPR Disco Event” at the Kmart Parking lot June 8th from 8am to 5pm. This event will be held cooperatively with the South Chicago Heights Fire Department. Fire Chief Roesner has contacted the Steger ESDA regarding the event. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Quartermaster Todd Regan of Steger VFW Post 8283 for use of chairs and traffic control assistance for the annual Memorial Day service. The event will be held Monday, May 27th at 10am. After the service, refreshments will be served at the Post Home, 3332 Chicago Road. Either Mayor Sherman or Mayor Peterson is invited to speak at the event. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Jonathan Rocha of Steger Softball to hold tag days at 34th Street and Chicago Road on May 24th, 25th & 26th. Trustee Perchinski also requests that no one under 18 years of age collect donations in the street, safety vests are absolutely required and participants do not wear ear buds while listening to music. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Jolynda Reyes to attend the IMTA Conference June 23-25th. The cost for room and registration is \$365.00 plus tax. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Special Board Meeting will be held Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Mayor Peterson invited the audience to remain after the meeting and enjoy cake and coffee with Mayor Sherman.

### **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: 34pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk