

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 20th day of May, 2013 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with President Peterson 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, Skrezyna, Kozy and Lopez. Trustee Perchinski was absent. 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.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Jerry who lives on Frederick Road approached the Board and asked about having a stop sign installed on Frederick Road at 225th Street. Attorney Burkey explained that an Ordinance will be necessary. Mayor Peterson asked that the Ordinance be included in the next Board meeting's agenda.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez moved that the reading of the minutes of the May 6th Board Meeting be dispensed with and accepted as written, as all members have copies. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Banicki moved that the reading of the minutes of the May 13th Special Board Meeting 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Peterson explained that he will have appointments to committees for the June 4th Board meeting. Until that time, Mayor Peterson addressed each Department Head for a report.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported the Karate enrollment is down and that the class will take "the summer off" as many of its participants play baseball. Mrs. Rossi invited the audience and Board to the Community Center May 23rd at 1pm when they'll be hosting "Cooking with St. James" when they make homemade chips and homemade salsa.

Recreation Board President Harry Hammock was absent.

Sgt. Patrick Rossi of the Police Pension Board reported the Pension Board's next meeting is in July. Sgt. Rossi also asked about the appointment of a member to the Pension Board. Mayor Peterson suggested the two of them discuss possible appointments.

Police Chief Richard Stultz had no report.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner had no report.

Acting ESDA Coordinator Norm Flaig suggested that anyone with any damage from the April flooding contact FEMA for assistance. Mr. Flaig reported that all contact information is on the Village's website.

Dispatch Center representative Mary Jo Seehasuen had no report.

Crime Free Housing had no report.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Bill Cox reported Public Works has been restoring areas damaged by main breaks. There were two water main breaks during the previous two weeks. All water samples sent to the Illinois EPA came back satisfactory. Mr. Cox is meeting with Nick Stanley of Water Solution to discuss new treatment of the Village water supply.

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers stated that the Building Department has completed 21 permits, 15 re occupancy inspections and responded to 29 complaints. Currently, 70 vacant homes are being maintained by the Village's grass crew. There are 15 individuals in the Housing Court system.

Southeast Commuter Rail Service representative Layne Marino reported that the Southeast Service will have its next meeting at the end of June and are working on a website.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki explained that Ordinance No. 955 Chapter 18 Sec 1857 required conduit. Because of the cost of conduit and the age of many Steger homes, Trustee Banicki suggests that if no problem exists the current electrical wiring may be grandfathered in. If a problem arises then the system must be upgraded.

After discussion, Attorney Burkey explained that an Amendment to the Ordinance No. 955 will be prepared for the June 4th Board meeting.

TRUSTEE SKREZYNA'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

None

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk reported that semiannual street sweeping will be this Thursday and Friday May 23rd & 24th. Mr. Recupito asked that everyone parking off the street for the work to be completed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson recommended the Board move the date of the next Board meeting from June 3rd to Tuesday June 4th so that he can attend Columbia Central's graduation on the 3rd. Mayor Peterson wishes to make his appointments at the June 4th Board Meeting so that progress under his administration can move forward. Trustee Lopez made the motion, seconded by Trustee Kozy. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

BILLS

Trustee Lopez explained to the Board that the payment to Martin Implement will be reimbursed by the Steger School District by 50%. Trustee Lopez 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, Skrezyna, Kozy and Lopez. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Kozy made a motion to table Appointment by the Mayor of a Trustee to fill vacancy. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of The Steger American Legion Post #521 to sell poppies at 34th Street and Chicago Road Tuesday, May 28th from 9am to 3pm. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to loan to The Steger American Legion Post #521, 14 picnic tables to be used at the annual Family & Friends picnic at the American Legion 34 W. 34th Street on July 20th. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to provide safety supervision by ESDA for graduation on June 3, 2013. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to allow the Steger Wildcats to paint the restrooms at Veterans Park. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Banicki made a motion to table discussion on overnight parking in the K Mart parking lot. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve Acting ESDA Coordinator Norm Flaig's request for approval of probationary ESDA member Thomas Ball pending background checks. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Banicki made a motion to approve the request of The Steger-South Chicago Heights Library to host a Movie in the Park Night on Friday, August 2, 2013 at Veterans Park. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Samantha Rubien requested permission to place a collection box at the Village Hall for two weeks. She is collecting "flip flops for Rwanda". Trustee Banicki made the motion to approve. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve Mr. Arnold Bradford's and Ms. Carolyn Curtis' request to use the Village gazebo on June 22nd from 3-4pm for wedding photos. Wedding guests may be parked on Halsted Blvd from 1-6pm for the ceremony and reception at Living Well Church. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Banicki made a motion to approve the Temporary Business license application of The Book Nook at 27 E. 34th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Banicki made a motion to approve the Temporary Business license application of The Treasure Chest at 47 E. 34th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Banicki made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and property acquisition. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

7:30pm

Trustee Banicki made a motion to return to regular Session. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

8:58pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:59pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk