

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 4th day of June, 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 Lopez and Perchinski. Also present were Village Engineer Warren Opperman, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Acting ESDA Coordinator Norman Flaig, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION No. 1034 HONORING DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF GREG RAMBO FOR 33 YEARS OF SERVICE. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. The Board and the audience congratulated and thanked Deputy Chief Rambo for his service.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION No. 1035 HONORING PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT BILL COX FOR 35 YEARS OF SERVICE. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. The Board and the audience congratulated and thanked Superintendent Cox for his service.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Frank Elton of the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce asked the Board to approve a temporary special liquor license for the Steger Fest and the October Fest. Trustee Perchinski made the motion, seconded by Trustee Lopez. . Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Sue Mumford reported to the Board that Officer D'Anna found the driver that had hit and run her daughter's car and the car of her friend. Mrs. Mumford expressed her gratitude.

Jake Kozinski and his neighbors Mark and Ruth of 225th Street discussed with the Board the condition of 225th Street and the drainage condition in the area. Mayor Peterson explained that when Miller Woods was annexed, the border between the two villages was 225th Street. When annexed, 225th Street remained with South Chicago Heights but all residents on the road are in Steger. Mayor Peterson is working with South Chicago Heights to bring the road into Steger so that the Village of Steger will be responsible for its maintenance.

Joe Zagone of 3209 Emerald asked the Board to consider drainage issues on Emerald Avenue. Village Engineer Warren Opperman has been discussing drainage with the Mayor. Mayor explained that CDBG funds cannot be used on certain areas. Mayor Peterson explained that perhaps MFT funds can be used instead.

Michelle Helsel of School District 194 thanked the Board, the Police Department and ESDA for assistance during the Columbia Central graduation. Mrs. Helsel reported that at the Bloom Trail graduation the top 21 students of the class were from District 194, including Mayor Peterson's son; the valedictorian.

Debbie Page thanked the Board for the recent street sweeping and asked that the street sweeping be delayed next year until after the cottonwood season.

Kim Flores of 41 31st Place expressed concern of the cars driven at excessive speeds especially on Halsted. Ms. Flores asked if the Board would consider installing sidewalks, especially on the major roadways. Mayor Peterson assured her that sidewalks are a priority for his administration and that he is working with the Village Engineer to come up with a plan.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez moved that the reading of the minutes of the May 20th 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICE PENSION BOARD

-Patrick Rossi of the Police Pension Board reported that he's been in contact with a possible Pension Board appointee. Sgt. Rossi suggested the Mayor contact him to discuss it further.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Police Chief Richard Stultz reported that in May the Police Department responded to 1,353 calls for service, 58 long form tickets, 18 arrests, 26 parking and compliance tickets and 40 local ordinances.

-Fire Chief Jeff Roesner reported that in May the Fire Department responded to 94 calls; 14 fire related and 80 medical. The Fire Department provided mutual aid 12 times and received it 4 times.

-ESDA Coordinator Norman Flaig reported that ESDA had 12 functions in May; 1 accident, 3 fires, 6 patrols and 2 special details.

CRIME FREE HOUSING

- Mike Tilton, Crime Free Housing Administrator reported that Crime Free Housing information is now available on the Village Website. Contact cards have been sent out to landlords.

POLICE & FIRE BOARD

-Michael Riley of the Police & Fire Board had no report.

COMMUNITY CENTER

-Diane Rossi, Community Center Director had no report.

ZONING BOARD

-Zoning Board Chairperson Jeff Roesner reported that the Board will meet on June 26th.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

-Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox reported that he is mowing public areas and picnic table delivery. The Department has been chipping branches that were downed in the recent storms. The Water Department continues to install radio read meters and all water samples came back from the Illinois EPA as satisfactory. Mr. Cox reported on a collapsed culvert pipe on 225th Street that in part caused a sink hole. Mayor Peterson explained that there will be some cost to the Village to repair the sink hole. The cost will be considered after further investigation.

REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

-Trustee Banicki reported that in the month of May, the Building Department had 43 new permits issued at total revenue of \$8,217.00.

TRUSTEE SKREZYNA'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

None

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

-Trustee Perchinski reported that the Steger Kiwanis is taking a bus trip to a White Sox game Friday June 7th at a cost of \$32.00 per person. Trustee Perchinski mentioned that Kiwanis is always looking for new members. Mayor Peterson added that Kiwanis will meet Wednesday June 5th.

CLERK'S REPORT

- Clerk Tory Recupito reported that Saturday June 8th the Fire Department is having a "Disco CPR" a hands only CPR event in the Kmart Parking lot.

The Steger Summer Band will hold its annual concert on Friday July 19th at the gazebo.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

-Mayor Peterson's report was previously addressed regarding the 225th Street sink hole.

BILLS

Trustee Banicki 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, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District indicating no changes in user charges for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

OLD BUSINESS:

With the concurrence of the Board, Mayor Peterson appointed Michael Sarek to fill the vacant trustee position. Trustee Lopez made the motion; seconded by Trustee Kozy. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried. Mayor Peterson explained that Mr. Sarek will be sworn in at the June 17th meeting and assume his chair at that time.

Mayor Peterson made the following committee appointments, with the concurrence of the Board;

Finance Committee; Clerk Recupito-chairperson, Lenny Skrezyna-vice chair, and the remaining Trustees as members.

Public Safety Committee; Trustee Perchinski-chairperson, Trustee Lopez-vice chair and the remaining Trustees and the Clerk as members.

Human Resources Committee; Trustee Kozy-chairperson, Clerk Recupito-vice chair and the remaining Trustees as members.

Information Systems and Public Relations Committee; Trustee Skrezyna-chairperson, Trustee Banicki-vice chair and the remaining Trustees and the Clerk as members.

Public Infrastructure Committee; Trustee Banicki-chairperson, Trustee Sarek-vice chair and the remaining Trustees and the Clerk as members.

Public Recreation and Events Committee; Trustee Sarek-chairperson, Trustee Kozy-vice chair and the remaining Trustees and the Clerk as members.

Economic Development Committee; Trustee Lopez-chairperson, Trustee Perchinski-vice chair and the remaining Trustees and the Clerk as members.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept Mayor Peterson's appointments of Committees. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

After discussion on restricting overnight parking in the Kmart parking lot, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. The Board will contact Kmart and discuss possible employee parking area. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1038 AUTHORIZING PLACEMENT OF A STOP SIGN AT 225TH & FREDERICK ROAD. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1039 AMENDING ARTICLE 3 SECTION 18-57. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Warren Opperman of Joseph A. Schudt & Associates for approval of Iroquois Paving Invoice #1300503-01 for payment of \$111,400.20 when funds have been received from Cook County for CDBG #12-032 paving work. 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 table Discussion on funding of recreation programs. Trustee Vanciki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Barb Sweetin to use 30 picnic tables at Veterans Park on July 14th for the Joyce Family Reunion. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Reverend T. Jason Cox of First Apostolic Church to use 10-15 picnic tables at 22709 State Street on Sunday July 28th for the 3rd Annual Community Care Day. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of The Superintendent of Public Works that a 500 gallon fuel tank, pump and containment be declared surplus property. 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 the offer of \$500 for 500 gallon fuel tank, pump and containment, as recommended by the Superintendent of Public Works. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Cub Scout Troop 173 to use Veterans Park on June 8th starting at 4pm and concluding at noon on June 9th for a campout. The Scouts would like to have a fire, in a fire pit if necessary, but would prefer a bonfire with pallets. Trustee Perchinski asked that Fire Chief Roesner discuss the bonfire with the Scouts. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all aye. 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.

7:39pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular Session. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

9:55pm

Mayor Peterson appointed Lou Panici as Village Prosecutor. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the appointment. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:56pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk