

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 5:30 P.M. on this 25th day of June, 2013 in Steger Fire Headquarters Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Perchinski. Trustee Banicki and Mayor Peterson were absent at the start of the meeting. Also present were Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Code Enforcer Ed Myers, and Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Acting ESDA Coordinator Norman Flaig, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner and Police Chief Richard Stultz.

The Clerk entertained a motion to appoint a temporary Mayor in the absence of Mayor Peterson. Trustee Sarek made a motion to appoint Trustee Lopez temporary Mayor. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Temporary Mayor Lopez took over the chair.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Rob Alexander of 3325 Hopkins expressed concerns about parking issue in the 3300 block of Hopkins. Mr. Alexander represents 6 neighbors with similar concerns. Mr. Alexander stated that two neighbors have several cars and frequent visitors parking on the street. These cars severely limit parking for residents and restrict neighbors from accessing their own driveways. Temporary Mayor Lopez asked about the most troublesome hours and days of the parking. Temporary Mayor Lopez asked Police Chief Richard Stultz to look into the problem.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski moved that the reading of the minutes of the June 17th Board Meeting be dispensed with and accepted as written, as all members have copies. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

None

HUMAN RESOURCES

None

PUBLIC RECREATION & EVENTS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS A& PUBLIC RELATIONS

None

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

-Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox reported that the Water Dept. is preparing to add chloramine to the water to improve water quality. Chloramine can be a problem for dialysis patients and for tropical fish tanks. Chloramine stays in the water longer than chlorine. Mr. Cox would like to mail a letter to all residents on the Village's water supply to advise them of the chloramine usage before it is introduced into the water supply. Mr. Cox suggested sending the letter out within the next month. Temporary Mayor Lopez asked that a copy of the proposed letter be distributed to Board Members. Trustee Perchinski asked if there was another method of distributing the letter.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

None

CLERK'S REPORT

- Clerk Tory Recupito reported that the No Cash Bid Proposal for the 4 PINs just north of the Fire Station has been submitted to Cook County for review.

5:41pm Trustee Banicki arrived at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Appointments by the Mayor until the July 1, 2013 Board Meeting. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Ordinance No. 1040 until New Business section of the meeting. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

After considerable discussion, Trustee Sarek made a motion to ask Attorney Burkey to review the current tree contract and advise the Board as to how to proceed with the bidding of Emerald Ash Borer trees. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the annexation request by Tod Dunlap for 22541 Cottage Grove. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski explained that the Steger South Chicago Heights Library has suggested partnering for the purchase of a laptop for the Community Center. The cost to the Village would be \$200-\$400. Trustee Perchinski made the motion. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of The Steger Fire and Police Board to use the Village Hall Meeting Room for rescheduled Regular Meetings on July 17th and August 14th. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Director Diane Rossi's request to hire a new part time employee at the Community Center, pending background checks. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

5:56pm Mayor Peterson arrived

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move Trustee Lopez back to his Trustee's position and out of the Temporary Mayor's position. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson assumed his chair.

Mayor Peterson explained that with the Village's current budget, it is anticipated that the Village will spend nearly One Million dollars over the expected revenue. Revenues are sharply down and expenses are up. Budget cuts must be made. By June 30th the Village has to finalize the Appropriation. Mayor Peterson asked if there were any areas where Department Heads could make further cuts. Director Diane Rossi suggested holding off until next year the refinishing of the gym floor at the Community Center. Mayor Peterson considered making cuts in personnel. Mayor Peterson explained that the Consumer Price Index has increased by 2% and payroll has increased by 2.5%. Payroll increased at a higher rate than the Village can increase its taxes. Mayor Peterson plans to negotiate for significant concessions with the Police Union. Trustee Sarek suggested cutting down work hours, not workers.

After considerable discussion on Budget Considerations, Mayor Peterson asked that all Board Members and Department Heads continue to work to make up the One million Dollar shortfall. Mayor Peterson recommended that the Appropriation Ordinance should be approved using the higher dollar amount. Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1040. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel

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

6:48pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular Session. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

8:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk