

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 1ST day of July, 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 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 Deputy Police Chief Greg Rambo.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Charles Fillion, president of the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce thanked the Village of Steger, the Board, the Mayor, Public Works, ESDA and the Fire Department for their contributions to the Steger Fest this past weekend. Mr. Fillion stated that the Fest was a success and the Village's assistance was a great help.

Sue Rubien of 3215 Sandy Ridge Drive stated that many drivers disregard the speed limit and stop signs on Sandy Ridge Drive. Mayor Peterson asked the Deputy Police Chief to look into the situation.

Christie Ebert of 222 Barbara Lane suggested that the Village provide financial support to the Will County Center for Community Concerns.

Dara Erickson of 3416 Wallace explained that the Critter Crew has been working to clean up Evergreen Cemetery. Mayor Peterson explained that the property is private property in Crete Township and not the Village of Steger. Trustee Perchinski suggested Public Works could bring the chipper to help remove downed branches at the cemetery. Ms. Erickson asked for help with garbage removal and the chipper on July 13th. Trustee Banicki will take care of the details with Ms. Erickson.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez moved that the reading of the minutes of the June 25th 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

None

PUBLIC SAFETY

-Fire Chief Jeff Roesner reported that in June the Fire Department responded to 132 total calls; 35 fire, 96 medical and one was toned in error. Twenty calls for Mutual Aid were given and 14 were received.

-Acting ESDA Coordinator Norm Flaig reported that in June ESDA had 17 functional calls/patrols. ESDA provided 264 hours of service for the four day Steger Fest event. There was a total of 488 service hours in June.

-Layne Marino of the Southeast Commuter Rail reported that he Commuter Rail Board together with South Suburban Mayors and Managers have worked with IDOT and will be receiving \$420,000 to work towards a Capacity Study that is needed for Federal funding to make the railroad and actual possibility. The freight lines are concerned with sharing the lines with the Metra line. These capacity concerns will be addressed in the study.

HUMAN RESOURCES

COMMUNITY CENTER

None

RECREATION BOARD

-Harry Hammock reported that Steger Senior Boys Baseball has been chosen to host the regional tournament for both the Palomino and Colt Divisions. The tournaments will run the 10th – 14th and 17th – 21st of July.

Mr. Hammock reported that there have been some issues with picnic rentals at the park and misuse of the rest rooms. Trustee Lopez asked that Hammock report to the Village Hall when issues arise. Trustee Banicki will talk to Public Works regarding rest room maintenance.

Trustee Sarek explained that only heads of sports programs can contact the Village regarding payments from Booster funds. Individual coaches and others must go through the heads of each sport.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

-Trustee Banicki referred to Jeff Roesner of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Roesner reported that the Zoning Board met at 6pm on July 1st and the recommendation of the Board is on the agenda.

-Ed Myers of Code Enforcement reported that during the first 6 months of 2013 196 permits were issued for total revenue of \$2,968.00 and 310 re occupancy inspections have been completed. Three businesses remain unlicensed. Mr. Myers asked the Board for permission to write the three businesses citation. The Board suggested he do so.

The grass crew currently is maintaining 87 vacant properties and is unable to maintain 4-5 in Miller Woods due to the wet conditions and length of the grass there.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

None

REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

TRUSTEE SKREZYNA'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE LOPEZ' REPORT

None

TRUSTEE PERCHINSKI'S REPORT

None

CLERK'S REPORT

- Clerk Tory Recupito reported that penalties will be applied to those residents not having purchased Village stickers by July 1, 2013. Stickers can be purchased on line and no penalties are applied until July 2, 2013.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski 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, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

SECOND QUARTER FIREMEN'S PAYROLL

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the 2nd Quarter Firemen's Payroll. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Bloom Township Supervisor T.J. Somer for a \$200 contribution from the Village to offset expenses for the annual Senior Picnic. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the request of Will County Center for Community Concerns regarding a donation to help continue the efforts. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the invoice for \$91.61 for Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson asked Trustee Perchinski to look into the Cook County Department of Public Health Complaints regarding smoking violations.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Peterson appointed Greg Rambo as Police Chief. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to concur with the Mayor's appointment. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried. The Village Clerk swore in Chief Rambo. The audience and the Board congratulated Chief Rambo.

Mayor Peterson appointed Diane Rossi as Community Center Director. Trustee Sarek made a motion concur with the Mayor's appointment. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried. The Village Clerk swore in Diane Rossi. The audience and the Board congratulated Mrs. Rossi.

Mayor Peterson appointed Roger Wommack as Police Pension Board member. Trustee Perchinski made a motion concur with the Mayor's appointment. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson appointed Tom Johnston as ESDA Coordinator. Trustee Perchinski made a motion concur with the Mayor's appointment. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried. The Village Clerk swore in Tom Johnston. The audience and the Board congratulated Mr. Johnston

Mayor Peterson appointed Mary Jo Seehausen as HR Director and Head of the Dispatch Center. Trustee Perchinski made a motion concur with the Mayor's appointment. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried. The Village Clerk swore in Mary Jo Seehausen. The audience and the Board congratulated Mrs. Seehausen.

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 Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Esposito of Boy Scouts of America gave a presentation on “Explorers in Law Enforcement”. The Board suggested Mr. Esposito meet with Chief Rambo, Chief Roesner and ESDA Coordinator to examine the Explorers program further.

Trustee Perchinski made motion to approve the signing of the Cook County, Illinois Hazard Mitigation Plan and to appoint Chief Roesner as the contact person. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding 81-83 West 34th Street. Trustee Sarek Seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox to hire Dale Duncan and Tim Willett as full time employees of the Department of Public Works. Both have completed the 90 day probationary period. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the resignation of James Johns. July 9th will be Mr. Johns’ last day with the Village of Steger. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Superintendent Cox’s request to begin the search to replace Mr. Johns. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the proposal from Rick Nornes of AP Wireless for Assignment of Wireless Telecommunications Cell Site Leases. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the Proposed Compliance Commitment Agreement from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

7:37pm

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

9:25pm

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 9:26pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk