

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Recreation Board President Harry Hammock, HR/Dispatch Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Code Enforcer Ed Myers, and Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, ESDA Coordinator Tom Johnston, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner and Police Chief Greg Rambo.

**AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

None

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Shawn Sproles of 191 Knollwood expressed disapproval of an assault weapons ban.

Vikki Stilts of 106 Interocean Avenue in South Chicago Heights discussed concerns with the property at 3112 Peoria. Ms. Stilts requested the following be read into the Official Village Minutes;

Trustee Banicki explained to Mrs. Stilts that he was out of town last week and has planned to meet with Mrs. Stilts upon his return. Trustee Banicki plans to discuss the situation with the Mayor and schedule a meeting with Mrs. Stilts in the next 1-2 weeks.

Tricia Ellison of 22620 Cottage Grove, an NRA certified women's instructor expressed her disapproval of an assault weapons ban.

Harry Hammock expressed his disapproval of an assault weapons ban.

Steve Nykaza of 117 E. 231<sup>st</sup> Street expressed his disapproval of an assault weapons ban.

Mayor Peterson explained that the State Legislature passed a law and provided municipalities with a ten day window to pass an ordinance regarding an assault weapons ban.

Steve Thurmond 3344 Butler suggested the assault weapons ban opponents attend Board meetings regularly to participate in other matters before the Board.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move the "Assault Weapons Ban" to the next item on the agenda. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to deny any discussion on an Assault Weapons Ban. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Gazzillo of 225<sup>th</sup> Street asked that repair of his street be considered. Supt of Public Works Bill Cox stated that the problem is not caused by water. Water travels through ditches on either side of the street. Mayor Peterson asked Engineer Joe Schudt to prepare a proposal for that section of road. Mr. Schudt stated that other than MFT funds, he did not know where the funds could come from. Mayor Peterson asked that Mr. Schudt complete his proposal assuming use of MFT funds. Mr. Schudt explained that there is a chance the work could be completed this fall/winter and if not it would be next spring.

### **MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez moved that the reading of the minutes of the July 1<sup>st</sup> 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

None

#### HUMAN RESOURCES

##### COMMUNITY CENTER

None

##### RECREATION BOARD

-Harry Hammock reported that Steger Senior Boys Baseball tournament over the weekend went very smoothly. The 16 year olds tournament begins Wednesday July 17<sup>th</sup>. Softball is winding down for the season. Football and indoor sports will be starting up next.

#### PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

-Ed Myers reported that in June 52 building permits were issued for total revenue of \$ 7,945.00

#### 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 the Summer Band Concert will be held at 11am Friday July 19<sup>th</sup> at the Village Gazebo.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

None

**BILLS**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the bills as listed when funds are available. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

A thank you note from Elaine Egdorf of the Village of Homewood Heritage Committee for Steger's participation in Drivin' the Dixie.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago presents the Cook County Watershed Management Ordinance for public review. The Ordinance is posted on the District website at [wmo.mwr.org](http://wmo.mwr.org).

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the request of Will County Center for Community Concerns regarding a donation to help continue the efforts. Mayor Peterson will reach out to the WCCC. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox's request to begin the search to replace the Public Works employee who resigned July 9th. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1041 ESTABLISHING THE "INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER" AND DESIGNATING THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO HOLD THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL. Trustee Lopez 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 adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1042 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 751 RELATING TO ESTABLISHING MINIMUM HIRING STANDARDS FOR PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS removing the word "may" from line 8. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO 1043 TO AMEND THE WORK POLICY with a change from "Public Works Supervisor" to "Public Infrastructure Director". Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1036 RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1037 REGARDING SOCIAL MEDIA. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Banicki made a motion to approve the Schedule of 2013 Monthly Committee Meetings. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Discussion on attending the IML Conference until August and considered sending HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen to certain HR programs at the Conference. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Lee Bravo of St. Liborius Church to use 20 picnic tables for the annual Parish picnic September 8th at the Mother Teresa Catholic Academy on Kings Road in Crete. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay an invoice from the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for 2013-14 dues in the amount of \$334.95. 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 accept the Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs and Maintenance Engineering Agreement for Emergency Repair Work on Sherman Road submitted by Warren Opperman of Joe Schudt & Associates. 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 Warren Opperman of Joe Schudt & Associates for approval of Pay Estimate #02 from Iroquois Paving for CDBG #12-032 road work in the amount of \$185,362.08. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the Temporary liquor license for Steger Days of Music August 24th and 25<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion, but stipulated enough security must be at the event. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Police Chief Greg Rambo's request to promote Sgt. Patrick Rossi to rank of Deputy Chief of Police pursuant to Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/10-2.1-4. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Police Chief Greg Rambo to remove two 2004 Dodge Intrepid vehicles from service and advertise for sale through the on line auction service, as well as units # 6-1 and 7-1 and 7-4. Transfer units #6-2 and 7-2 to other Village Departments as needed. Transfer the Kawasaki ATV to the ESDA Department. Motion was seconded by Trustee Skrezyna. 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 Victoria Neis as a probationary ESDA member pending background checks as requested by ESDA Coordinator Tom Johnston. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow the purchase of body armor for Code Enforcement Officers. Trustee Sarek 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 deny Communities of Distinction TV - “Hidden Gems to Live, Work and Play” in the “America’s Hometown” series. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Ray Hurley of Twin Supplies, Ltd.’s request for an opportunity to audit at no cost, Village facilities in order to see what incentives the Village can qualify for through DCEO and Illinois Clean Energy grant programs. Trustee Perchinski will review. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Coy’s Auto Rebuilders to use the Kmart parking lot for its first annual motorcycle poker run benefitting Tow Trucks for Tots on Saturday August 24th from noon to 8pm. Trustee Lopez will contact Coy’s Auto Rebuilders to discuss security for the event. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson appointed Dave Toepper as the Public Infrastructure Director. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to concur with the Mayor’s appointment. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**7:47pm**

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

**9:47pm**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:48pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk