

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 5th day of August, 2013 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with President Peterson in the Chair and presiding and Village Clerk Carmen S. Recapito, Jr. attending.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Trustees Banicki, Skrezyna and Lopez were absent. Also present were Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, HR/Dispatch Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Code Enforcer Ed Myers, and Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, ESDA Coordinator Tom Johnston, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner and Police Chief Greg Rambo.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Michelle Helsel thanked Fire Chief Jeff Roesner and the Steger Fire Department for their assistance at the Columbia Central graduation.

Layne Marino Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy Ridge Dr. asked that the trustees' emails and/or phone numbers are included on the Village website so that residents can contact trustees to address their concerns. Mayor Peterson will discuss email addresses with the trustees.

Sue Rubien of 3215 Sandy Ridge Drive addressed the Board. Ms. Rubien is the chairperson for fundraising for Cub Scout Packs 100 & 173. Ms. Rubien asked that the Board help by encouraging the scouts in this fundraising effort.

Ms. Rubien also reported that on Stewart Avenue as the road enters the Sandy Ridge Subdivision, there are two large evergreens where teens have been drinking, smoking and most recently shooting out windows of cars with pellet guns. Ms. Rubien asked that the trees be trimmed or removed. Director of Public Infrastructure will look into trimming the trees, as requested by Mayor Peterson.

Ms. Rubien also explained that a foreclosure at 3320 Stewart has been entered and people have "made themselves comfortable" in the house through the gate, the sliding glass doors and the garage. Crime Free Housing Administrator Mike Tilton will look into the bank ownership of the property.

Michael Balanow of 3328 Florence reported that 22 scouts from Troop 100 & 173 recently went to camp in Pioneer, Ohio. The scouts hope to return next summer for camp.

A resident from Sandy Ridge Drive concurred with Ms. Rubien regarding the teens shooting out windows with pellet guns in the neighborhood. He too had a vehicle damaged by the teens.

The same resident discussed athletics at Bloom Trail High School with the Board. He stated that because Bloom Trail and Bloom Township High Schools have combined sports programs, some athletes cannot participate. Mayor Peterson explained that the Village provides many sports for its youth and that he plans to form a committee of Village representatives and School District 206 representatives.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski moved that the reading of the minutes of the July 15th 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

Deputy Police Chief Pat Rossi, President of the Police Pension Board thanked the Board for appointing its 5th member to the Board. Deputy Chief Rossi explained that now that Chief Rambo has been promoted to Chief he can no longer serve on the Pension Board. Deputy Chief Rossi thanked Chief Rambo for his 7 years of service to the Pension Board. An election is in place for the active members to replace Chief Rambo.

Police Chief Greg Rambo reported that the Police had a very active end of the month in July and will provide the July report at the August 19th Board meeting. Chief Rambo reported that in the last days of July 16 vehicles were rummaged through. Chief Rambo reminded the audience to keep valuables out of sight and keep vehicles locked.

T shirts for those who participated in the Citizens Police Academy have arrived. Participants should stop by to pick them up. Chief Rambo also reported that a women's self-defense program is in the planning stages. It will be offered at no charge.

Trustee Perchinski thanked Chief Rambo for cleaning up the Dispatch Center window, making it more accessible to residents.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner reported that in July the Department responded to 98 calls for service; 85 medical calls and 13 fire calls. The Department has responded to 734 calls thus far for this year. 14 mutual aid calls were given and 7 were received.

Chief Roesner is working with Cook County regarding the new disaster relief program.

ESDA Chief Tom Johnston reported that in July ESDA responded to 3 calls for service, 3 events and worked a total of 223 man hours.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen asked that the trustees forward job descriptions and job responsibilities to her as soon as they've been completed.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported that her staff held a tie dying event at the Community Center. 30 children and 10 adults participated.

RECREATION BOARD

None

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper reported that there have been a few water main breaks since the last Board Meeting. Public Works is opening restrooms at the parks and keeping them open during the day. He's also made some simplifications to the well calculating procedures.

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers reported that in July 51 building permits were issued for total revenue of \$ 8,708.00. Mr. Myers also reported that the 3 business delinquent in the 2014 business license fees have been fined. Mr. Myers thanked Public Works for helping to cut certain properties in Miller Woods. Now that they've been cut, the grass crew will be able to maintain them.

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 Steger Village Hall will be open Thursdays from 8:30am to 7pm each week. The new hours will be shared with residents on the Village website, digital sign and flyers will be on display at the Village Hall.

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; Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Village Engineer Joe Schudt regarding the drainage issue on Sherman Road, as requested. Mr. Schudt explained that the cost to the Village would be in excess of \$100,000. Mr. Schudt recommends that the homeowners work together to clean out the ditch area. Trustee Perchinski asked that Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper discuss the situation with the homeowner.

Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association Minimum/Maximum Program – Claims Activity

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table indefinitely the discussion on replacing the Public Works employee who left the Village in July. Director Toepper feels that Public Works is adequately staffed at this time. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the request of Ray Hurley of Twin Supplies, Ltd 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 Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table indefinitely the Discussion on attending the IML Conference and that each Board member pays his own way to the conference if he chooses to attend. Trustee Sarek Seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1044 AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE STEGER EMERGENCY SERVICE AND DISASTER AGENCY TO THE STEGER DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1038 DECLARING THE GIFT BAN ACT NOT APPLICABLE TO GIFTS GIVEN TO POLICE CHIEF RAMBO. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO.1039 APPOINTING MARY JO SEEHAUSEN THE IMRF AUTHORIZED AGENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a Data Plan for Chief Rambo's cell phone. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Michael Porter of 330 Royal Oak Drive to use of 6 picnic tables (if they become available) and 4 barricades for a block party Saturday August 17th from 2-5pm. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana to solicit during the Fall Product Sale October 1-25, 2013 and the Cookie Program January 1-25, 2014 in a door to door sale and at certain businesses in the Village. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the Will County Governmental League Annual Membership at \$3,802.20. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion to deny. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to amend his previous motion to allow Girl Scouts to solicit in the Village. Trustee Perchinski amended his motion to require that all girls are accompanied by an adult while soliciting door to door and while soliciting at local businesses. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the use/purchase of "Public Salary" as recommended by HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen. The cost of the program is \$310.00 annually. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

After 40 years of service, Village Attorney Franklin Burkey requests permission to be relieved of his duties effective September 1, 2013. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept Mr. Burkey's resignation. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson appointed Mike Tilton as Village Administrator. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to concur with the Mayor's appointment. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried. The Clerk swore Mr. Tilton into office.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of First Apostolic Church to use 10 picnic tables on Saturday, September 7th & 8th for its Annual Classic Car Fest and Church Picnic. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church to use 8 picnic tables for the annual church picnic Sunday September 15th. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Nancy Helsel of Kmart to use the Kmart parking lot on October 5-6, 2013 for their annual Community Safety Event. Kmart also requests use of 6 picnic tables for the event. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve ESDA Coordinator Tom Johnston's request for approval of Joe Florez and Laurin Johnston as probationary ESDA members pending background checks. Trustee Sarek 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 Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

7:40pm

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

8:29pm

Minutes of August 5, 2013– page 7
NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

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 8:30pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk