

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 19th 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. Recupito, Jr. attending.

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

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Carol Lindeman of Barbara Lane thanked the Board for keeping the park and creek nice and clean and mowing it all year.

James Patrevito of 227th Place reported that about 800ft of his street is in poor condition. Mr. Patrevito spoke to Director Toepper and he will look into the condition of the street. Mr. Patrevito explained a landscaping company on 227th Place is storing material on the property instead of disposing of it. The pile is 5ft high with 4ft of weed growth. The material is causing problems with drainage and is unsightly. Mayor Peterson asked that Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers and Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper to research the situation. He will be told that material is not to be brought into the location from job sites.

Christine Szulski of 3446 Chicago Road discussed a noise problem in her block. Ms. Szulski expressed concern for children playing in Chicago Road and loud voices in the overnight hours. Chief Rambo explained that it is important for neighbors to continue to call the Police Department every time this occurs. Chief Rambo will have the midnight shift pay particular attention to the area and encourage the shift to issue citations.

Sue Rubien of Sandy Ridge Drive thanked the Board for trimming the trees on Sandy Ridge Drive as requested at the last Board meeting. Ms. Rubien asked the Board for permission to use the Community Center on September 6th at 7pm for a Cub Scout popcorn fundraiser kickoff event. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow the Cub Scouts to use the Community Center, if it is available and approved by Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Christie Ebert of 222 Barbara Lane explained that a young child was injured and has been hospitalized. The child's first birthday is coming soon. Ms. Ebert asked that a bin be kept at the Village Hall where interested persons can deposit birthday gifts for the child. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow Christie Ebert to leave the bin

at the Village Hall. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Charles Fillion of the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce requested use of 7 or 8 picnic tables for the Oktoberfest on September 14 & 15. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow the Chamber to use 7 or 8 picnic tables for the Oktoberfest September 14 & 15 on the Boulevard. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Fillion also requested September 13 & 14 for the Village wide garage sale. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Village wide garage sale. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to waive the fee to residents for the Village wide garage sale. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez moved that the reading of the minutes of the August 5th 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

Police Chief Greg Rambo reported that in the month in July the Police Department responded to 260 premise checks and nearly 80 traffic stops and a total of 850 calls for Police service. 33 citations were issued, 72 compliance tickets were written and 70 arrests were made. Chief Rambo explained that the Police Department has increased enforcement of drunk driving laws. Therefore, traffic tickets are down slightly, but more serious driving offenses are being enforced.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner – no report

HSEM Chief Tom Johnston thanked Coy's towing for providing a paint job to an HSEM vehicle at no cost to the Village. HSEM recently acquired the vehicle from the Police Department. The Board too thanked Ken Huff of Coy's Towing for the paint job. Emergency Services will provide services this week to the circus, the Tow Trucks for Tots (sponsored by Coy's) and the Steger Days of Music. Chief Johnston also reported that new members HSEM are welcome. Interested parties should contact him.

Dispatch Center Director Mary Jo Seehausen reported that in July the Dispatch Center answered 465 9-1-1 calls and a total of 2,187 calls.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen – No report

COMMUNITY CENTER

Community Center Director Diane Rossi - absent

RECREATION BOARD

Recreation Board President Harry Hammock reported that beginning with the August 27th Board meeting, the Recreation Board will be meeting at the Village Hall. Mr. Hammock also reported that the 16 year old baseball team made it to the final where they lost. The softball season has concluded and football is in full swing.

INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Trustee Skrezyna reported that Village Administrator Mike Tilton is working with Verizon regarding the Village's wireless service.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper – no report

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers asked the Village Clerk to read his letter retiring from his position after 13 years of service, effective September 30th. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the resignation. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Peterson thanked Mr. Myers for his contributions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Charles Fillion of the Chamber of Commerce reported that circus tickets are available at the Village Hall, the Library, 7-11, Bambino's and at the gate. Tickets are \$12 per adult and \$6 per child. The circus will be held August 21st & 22nd at the Kmart parking lot.

Recreation Board President Harry Hammock added that the nets have been installed at Veterans Park.

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

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson reported that the Village will be moving to a year-end fiscal year calendar. The year will start with a "stub period" from May 2014-December 31, 2014 and start with a full year January 1, 2015.

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the bills as listed when funds are available with one exception. The A-Beep invoice for the Fire Department should be removed from. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy invites all south and southwest Suburban Cook County Veterans, Reservists and Military Personnel to attend a free patriot celebration. The 3rd Annual "Salute to our Armed Forces" will be held in the grand ballroom of the Double Tree Hotel in Alsip on October 15th at 1pm. All Honorees must be pre-registered. Village Administrator will share this information with the American Legion and the VFW.

Nicor Gas requests the Village help to make homeowners and professional excavators aware of the importance of calling JULIE before digging. Nicor requests social media, sign and website to be used to promote safe digging. The Clerk advised that this information is on the Village's digital sign and website.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table Will County Center for Community Concerns' request for of a donation to help continue their efforts. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Attorney Burkey will collect information regarding contributions by other villages.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Banicki made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1045 AMENDING CHAPTER 18 BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE AS AMENDED (2006). Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the Employment Agreement by and between the Village of Steger and Richard Wehrle, Jr. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the appointment by the Mayor of GW & Associates, P.C. as the Village Auditor. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of HSEM Chief Tom Johnston to use his squad car for the Illinois Emergency Management conference September 4-5 and reimbursement of the hotel fees and fuel costs. Trustees Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Police Chief Greg Rambo and Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen to attend Van Meter and Associates' Social Networking Course on September 13th in Hobart, Indiana. The cost of the course is \$260.00. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Police Chief Greg Rambo, Deputy Chief Pat Rossi and Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen to attend "Performance Improvement Program" on October 10th In Romeoville. Registration for both the Chief and the Deputy Chief is a combined \$260.00. Will County is paying the registration fee for Ms. Seehausen. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen's request to attend the "Payroll Law 2014" in Merrillville on October 3rd. There is no fee associated with the training as Ms. Seehausen is a member of the Fred Pryor Seminars. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Coy's Auto Rebuilders to block 33rd Place between the alley and Chicago Road on August 24th for the Tow Trucks for Tots fundraiser. Steger Police, Fire and HSEM will provide assistance. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Chickie Martin to use 8 picnic tables for Saturday September 14th Rib Fest. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Jason Stevenson for 3 picnic tables to be left at the Concession Stand for the Wildcats Football season (now through October 31st.) Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Brenda Werner to use 5 picnic tables at her home at 3756 Crescent Drive on September 7th, based on availability. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Jolynda Reyes to attend the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Institute November 19-21 at a cost of \$235.00 plus \$106.00 per night for hotel. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Day of Prayer Committee to use the Village gazebo, 6 picnic tables and 4 trash cans for the Annual Steger Day of Prayer on June 7, 2014. Set up will be Friday June 6th after 4pm. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steger Days of Music will be held Saturday August 24th & Sunday August 25th at Veterans Park

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move "Mayoral Appointments" up on the agenda. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson appointed Ryan Buxton as the new Treasurer of the Village. Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the appointment. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

The Clerk swore in Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1040 HONORING ATTORNEY FRANKLIN D. BURKEY FOR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

7:44pm

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

9:02pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt a change in the insurance. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt a change in the work policy. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:03pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk