

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 21st day of October, 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.

Presentation of Colors by Cub Scout Pack 173 Den 6

Pledge of Allegiance, led by Cub Scout Pack 173 Den 6

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, HR/Dispatch Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton, Village Attorney Amber Munday, Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Emergency Management Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Police Chief Greg Rambo.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Sue Rubien approached the Board and requested permission for the Cub Scouts to place a drop box at the Village Hall to collect donations for the Toys for Tots campaign. Ms. Rubien also requested the event be promoted on the Village digital sign. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow the drop box to be placed at the Village Hall. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

LIAISON REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY- Trustee Perchinski

Police Chief Greg Rambo reported that in September the Police Department received 921 calls for Police service, 173 traffic stops and 254 premise checks. Sixteen arrests were made, 74 traffic tickets and 99 parking/compliance citations issued.

Chief Rambo explained that the word has gotten out that he is in search of two new squad cars. A number of dealers are trying to compete, but the state pricing will be hard to beat.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner had no report.

Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen reported that in September, Steger Dispatch Center answered 2,975 calls. Between the Steger and South Chicago Heights Police Departments; Dispatch answered 2,154 calls. Between Steger, Steger Estates and South Chicago Heights Fire Departments; Dispatch answered 217 calls.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that EMA has now begun weekday patrols.

HUMAN RESOURCES-Trustee Lopez

None

RECREATION- Trustee Sarek

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported that the new chairs have arrived at the Community Center and that the Halloween Party for children will be Friday October 25th. The cost of the party will be \$2.00 per child.

Trustee Sarek reported that he's discussed the Dyer Girls Softball invoice and that there is a discrepancy. Trustee Sarek will continue to work on the discrepancy and submit for payment when cleared up.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE – Trustee Banicki

None

FINANCE- Trustee Skrezyna

Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton gave the report for the previous 30 day period. Mr. Buxton explained that the Treasurers Report must be published by the end of October in local newspaper. Also, the tax levy will be coming up and must be filed by the last Tuesday in December. At the November 18th Board meeting, the levy can be reviewed.

REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

None

CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Recupito reported that Meredith Horn has noticed a major improvement to the ditch behind Pat's Landscaping. Ms. Horn expressed her thanks to the person or Village Department responsible for the improved condition.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that State Representative Thaddeus Jones will host constituent meetings at the Village Hall on November 12th and December 3rd from 9:30am to noon. Mayor Peterson asked that the information be shared on the Village digital sign.

Mr. Tilton explained that work on the Crete/Steger property will take more time and is more involved than originally thought.

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the bills as listed and as funds are available. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is sponsoring The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on October 26, 2013, from 10a.m. to 2p.m. Locations in Park Forest, Matteson and Sauk Village. Chief Rambo explained that the Steger Police Department is now a location for the Drug Take-Back program on October 26th.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago hosts “National Prescription Drug Take Back Day” Saturday October 26, 2013. Locations in Cicero, Skokie and 130th Street in Chicago.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table indefinitely the letter from Rita Traxler of Service Central requesting renewal of the 6B tax incentive, until her attorney prepares the resolution needed. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1050 ADOPTING AN ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO.1044 SUPPORTING THE RETROFIT OF EXISTING DOT-111 RAIL TANK CARS THAT TRANSPORT PACKING GROUPS I AND II HAZMAT BEFORE THE PIPELINES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SAFETY ADMINISTRATION IN DOCKET NO. PHMSA-2012-0082 (HM-251) FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Tyler Evancho addressed the Board and discussed building a new skateboard park at Veterans Park at a cost of approximately \$25,000- \$30,000 for the equipment and

another \$5,000-\$10,000 for installation. Tyler is working on his Eagle Scout project and would be willing to fundraise for the project, but expects to need financial assistance from the Village. Administrator Tilton will look for grants for this type of project. Tyler plans to complete his Eagle Scout project by the end of his high school career. Mayor Peterson explained that without a grant, the Village would have difficulty raising the estimated \$35,000.00 for the skate park. Mayor Peterson suggested Tyler go to the next level and see how much money he can raise for construction of the skate park.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to ratify the October 7th Board action that use of the Village Hall Meeting room will be at the discretion of the Village Clerk. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to ratify the October 7th Board action that park rentals and use of the Village gazebo will be at the discretion of the Village Clerk, unless requests include alcohol, extended hours or other special circumstance. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to assess annual fees for Video Gaming Machines of \$25.00 per machine. 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 asked that Attorney Amber Munday look into the need for an ordinance. Ms. Munday will research and provide results at the November 4th Board meeting.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table discussion on the number of cats allowed in a residence. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Robert Perry and Edward Castillo pending background checks, as requested by EMA Chief Tom Johnston. 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.

Roger Wood of Municipal Collections of America discussed with the Board a Boot/Tow program for those people with 3 or more delinquent fines. A Pre-boot or Pre-tow notice would be sent to the vehicle owner with a 21 day notice. If fines are still not paid, or a payment plan made with the collection agency, the Village would then proceed with the boot or tow. The boot/tow program is part of the service provided by Municipal Collections of America. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to change the current ordinance from 5 delinquent fines to 3 delinquent fines. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Attorney Amber Munday will provide an amended ordinance for the November 4th Board meeting.

As requested by Police Chief Greg Rambo, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to restrict parking at the T intersection of 37th Street and Carpenter. The curb will be painted and no parking will be posted at the intersection. Trustee Perchinski asked that Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper look at intersections not clearly marked as two way stops. 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 for a continuing police management training at Heartland Community College in Normal, IL on December 18 and 19 at a cost of \$300 per person and one night motel expense. Total estimated cost will be \$725-\$750. for two attendees. 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.

At the request of Chief Rambo, Trustee Lopez made a motion to allow the Police, Fire and EMA Departments to continue with citizen training by hosting a 2 hour Firearms Home Safety Course in December. There would be no cost to residents for this 3 evening program. Chief Rambo suggests keeping class size to 20-25 per class. 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 approve the Temporary Business Application of Artistic Skinpressions at 3218 Chicago Road, Unit B, pending inspections. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried

Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Halloween Trick or Treat Hours will be from 3-7pm Thursday October 31st.

The annual Halloween bonfire will be from 6-8pm at Veterans Park on Thursday October 31st.

Steger Fire Department Pancake Breakfast Sunday November 3rd from 7am to 1pm.

Steger Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Craft Show Sunday November 3rd

Trustee Lopez asked the Village Clerk to contact Allied Waste to schedule the autumn street sweeping.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)) and Personnel Issues (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)). 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.

7:59pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular Session. 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.

8:58pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:59pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk