

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 4th day of November, 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 HR/Dispatch Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Emergency Management Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton, Police Pension Board President Pat Rossi, Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Village Attorney Amber Munday and Police Chief Greg Rambo.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None

MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jeff Watson and Colleen Watson of 3749 Union Avenue discussed the business license application of Area Service at 3801 Union Avenue. The Watsons explained that currently heavy equipment used on the property cause shaking and exhaust fumes onto their property. The Watsons asked that all inspections take into consideration the entire property including the pole barn and that the property be brought up to code. Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper will inspect the property before moving ahead with the business license.

Christie Ebert of 222 Barbara Lane explained that she is having an issue with a large raccoon. The raccoon gets into her garbage can and backyard. Mrs. Ebert was told by Will County Animal Control that only municipalities with contracts with Will County Animal Control are serviced by them. Mayor Peterson explained that the Village Administrator will look into the issue for Mrs. Ebert.

Layne Marino-Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy Ridge reported that the Metra Board met in October and will meet again in November. Metra Board members suggested that Southeast Commuter Rail use some of the Metra Electric rails and then split off just south of 115th Street.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that November 12th from 9:30am to noon State Representative Thaddeus Jones will be at the Village Hall and anyone with concerns should stop by to share them.

Repairs to the Mayor's office are underway and should be completed by Friday November 8th.

The Village will receive the first of two grants for lighting. The first is for \$15,000.00 and the second is expected to be \$31,000-\$32,000.00.

At the direction of Trustee Perchinski, Mr. Tilton is looking into copier lease agreements and expects to save approximately \$400.00 per month.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that in October the Building Department issued 71 Building Permits for about \$12,000.00 in revenue. No water mains needed repair in the month.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner reported that in October the Department responded to 114 calls; 24 fire and 90 medical calls. The Department gave mutual aid 22 times and received it 17 times. Chief Roesner thanked all that came to the Pancake Breakfast on November 3rd. Chief Roesner explained that over 700 breakfasts were served.

Police Chief Greg Rambo had no report

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported EMA had 12 patrols, 3 calls, 1 call for Mutual aid and 3 special details for a total of 264 man hours in October. Chief Johnston asked that residents go to the Will County website and complete the Hazard Mitigation survey.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Village Attorney Amber Munday reported that she's working on certain pieces of legislation and will send them to appropriate Department Heads in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Munday is also working with the Village Treasurer on the tax levy.

Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton gave his financial reported for the month of October, Year to Date and comparison with last fiscal year. Mr. Buxton also reported that the tax levy should be passed at the December 2nd Board meeting so that copies can be delivered to both counties by the last Tuesday in December.

REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

Trustee Sarek reported that the Recreation Board agreed to make two payments to Dyer Girls' Softball of \$730.00 (50%); one now and the other in the spring.

CLERK'S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson suggested that Ordinances No. 1053 and 1054 both be tabled.

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the bills as listed 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

Illinois Department of Transportation-Safe Routes to School. Mayor Peterson asked Village Administrator Mike Tilton and Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper look into Safe Routes to School and the possibility of grant funds for sidewalks in the area of Eastview and Columbia Central Schools.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE No. 1052 AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-45, AND CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-46, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING VIDEO GAMING FOR VILLAGE OF STEGER. 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 Lopez made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1053 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-10, AND CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-11, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING ANIMALS FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table indefinitely ORDINANCE NO. 1054 AMENDING CHAPTER 18, SECTION 18-86, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING SUPERVISING ELECTRICIANS FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski suggested that the Director of Public Infrastructure to look into an amendment regarding roofing and plumbing as well.

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NEW BUSINESS (cont.)

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the annual EMA Payroll. 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 Skrezyna made a motion to approve the request of Fire Chief Jeff Roesner of probationary firefighter/paramedic Ryan Schwiesow, pending background check. 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.

After discussion on the business license status of Art's Towing the Board decided to fine Art's Towing the maximum fine. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Toepper will go to Art's Towing and issue a citation and will suggest the maximum fine. GD Warehouse letter was returned in the mail. It will be resubmitted. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Toepper will

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Sherry Newquist, Managing Partner of Amici's Taverna for a 3 month extension of her temporary business license. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body, pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act 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.

7:27pm

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.

7:44pm

Chief Rambo explained that working with other municipalities on rapid deployment of mutual aid, squad cars may be sent to neighboring communities to familiarize themselves with locations within those communities. Chief Rambo explained that this will be a practical exercise and no cause for alarm.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk