

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 18th day of November, 2013 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Trustee Banicki and President Peterson were absent. 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 and Police Chief Greg Rambo.

The Clerk entertained a motion to appoint a temporary Mayor in the absence of President Peterson. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to appoint Trustee Lopez as temporary Mayor. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Temporary Mayor Lopez assumed the chair.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes as written as all members have copies. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jeff Watson of 3749 Union Avenue discussed the business license application of Area Service at 3801 Union Avenue. Temporary Mayor Lopez explained that the business license has been tabled and will be brought to the Board again in 30 days. Trustee Perchinski explained that the license will be presented at the December 16th Board meeting.

Jim Patrevito asked whether the branches and twigs downed in the recent storm will be picked up by the Department of Public Works. Trustee Perchinski explained that small branches and twigs should be disposed of through the garbage service. Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper will dispose of the large log downed at Mr. Patrevito's property on 227th Street.

Temporary Mayor Lopez explained that the last day of yard waste pick up through Allied Waste will be November 27th. Temporary Mayor Lopez also explained that street sweeping will be this Thursday and Friday November 21st & 22nd.

India Hill of JJ's Chicken and Fish introduced herself. Ms. Hill has a business application on the agenda. Trustee Perchinski asked her to stay for possible questions later in the meeting.

Jim Patrevito inquired about Jeff Fink's Area Towing business license application. Trustee Perchinski explained that the property has to be clean and safe in order to operate a business at the location.

REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

Trustee Kozy recognized HSEM Chief Tom Johnston for preparing his members for the storm that came through the Village on Sunday. Chief Johnston's members were ready and available to assist when the storm hit.

Trustee Sarek reported basketball registration will continue through the end of November. Gerald Stewart of the basketball program plans to have four teams at each age level plus a travelling team.

Temporary Mayor Lopez explained that Ordinance No. 1053 was tabled and will be further discussed at the December 2nd Board meeting.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that he's been in contact with Will County regarding Animal Control. Mr. Tilton reminded the Department Heads that the weekly staff meeting will be Tuesday November 19th at 10am. State Representative Thaddeus Jones' staff will be at the Village Hall December 3rd and anyone with concerns should stop by to share them.

At the direction of Trustee Lopez, Mr. Tilton will invite the Village Attorney to attend Village Board, as needed.

Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton gave his financial reported for the month of November. Mr. Buxton also reminded the Board that the tax levy should be passed at the December 2nd.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that in due to the storm on Sunday November 17th Public Works removed tree limbs and cleared storm sewer drains. Mr. Toepper reminded the audience to use the Allied Waste garbage service for small limbs and twigs. Larger twigs can be removed by Public Works.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner had no report

Police Chief Greg Rambo reported that in October the Police Department responded to 785 calls for service, 220 premise checks, 193 traffic stops. The Department made 15 arrests and issued 54 traffic tickets and 88 parking/compliance tickets.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston thanked the Mayor for allowing himself and two other members to go to Diamond and Coal City Illinois to aid in the rescue efforts after the area was hit by a tornado.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported that December 10th will be the annual Senior Holiday luncheon. Flyers are available.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen reported that the Dispatch Center responded to 1,996 calls for Police incidents and 230 for Fire incidents.

CLERK'S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Temporary Mayor Lopez reported that Mayor Peterson is planning a "State of the Village" report for the December 2nd meeting. Mayor Peterson will review the progress made in the first 7 months of his term and the direction the Village is headed.

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; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Nicor Gas requests partnering with the Village to promote programs that provide assistance with managing heating bills and natural gas use. Temporary Mayor Lopez asked that the Nicor information be shared with residents on the Village marquee, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that Jeff Fink has made some attempts to clean up his property and prepare it to pass his business license inspection. Trustee Sarek made a motion to table the application until the December 16th Board Meeting. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE No. 1055 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SALE OR DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1056 AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION III (P) OF THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1057 AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION II (G) OF THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1045 PROCLAIMING DECEMBER 2013 NATIONAL DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1046 AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO SERVE AS, OR TO APPOINT, THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER TO THE CHICAGO SOUTHLAND HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COLLABORATIVE. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

After the presentation by Cevaal Insurance Agency, Inc., Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Cevaal as the new insurance carrier for the Village's workman's compensation, liability and property insurance. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to notify IMLRMA that the Village will not be renewing their MIN/MAX insurance this year. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Administrator Mike Tilton and HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen will take care of contacting IMLRMA.

Police Chief Greg Rambo reported that the Citizens Firearms Training will be held on December 6th, 20th and 27th in conjunction with the Fire Department and Emergency Management, at the Fire Station on Lewis Avenue. No weapons will be brought to the class and participants must be 21 years and over.

Police Chief Greg Rambo has begun a background check on a Steger resident as a possible part time officer

Police Chief Greg Rambo placed an order with the South Suburban Purchasing Cooperative for two squads and two SUV's. The new vehicles are expected to arrive after the first of the year. Chief Rambo expects to be able to outfit all for squads for approximately \$6,000 collectively.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve Jason Stevenson as a Probationary EMA Member, pending background check. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Jesus Saves at 3027 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Perchinski reminded Ms. Bertha Miller that when her congregation grows she'll need to keep the limited parking in mind.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Chicago's Super JJ Fish and Chicken at 438 W. 34th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Code Enforcement Officer Dave Toepper suggested Ms. Hill contact the Will County Health Department regarding her license, as that may take longer than the Village's process.

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 7:34pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk