

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 December, 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 and Police Chief Greg Rambo.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Chief of Police Greg Rambo presented full time patrol officer John Napoleon and part time patrol Officer Tom D'Anna with ***Officer of the Year 2013 awards***.

The Village Board, the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce, Steger Kiwanis and Old Plank Trail Community Bank congratulated Officers Napoleon and D'Anna on their awards. Chief Rambo also asked the audience to recognize Officers Banicki, Bautista, Lacheta and Smith for their contributions to the Police Department over the previous year.

Chief Rambo also introduced Nick Ficarello, retired member of the Will County Sheriff's Police and a candidate for Sheriff in the upcoming election.

MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

James Patrevito from Miller Woods explained to the Board his concern for drivers talking on cell phones while driving. Mr. Patrevito asked that signs be posted in the Village that notify drivers of cell phone restrictions. Mayor Peterson asked Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper look into purchasing signs. The hands free information will also be posted on the Village sign.

Meredith Horn, 22805 State Street asked if the Board would be interested in trying to get a ***Tree City U.S.A.*** designation. Mayor Peterson asked for further information. Ms. Horn will put a package together and provide the information for the December 16th Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES

Trustee Perchinski thanked the Fire Department, EMA, Public Works and the Police Department for the great job collecting food during the November 29th Santa Parade. Trustee Perchinski stated that a large quantity of food is being stored at Fire Station #1 for the Christmas baskets.

Trustee Perchinski also thanked the Chamber of Commerce for the success of the Tree Lighting event that was held November 29th on the Boulevard. Mayor Peterson suggested everyone take a ride down the Boulevard to enjoy all the decorated trees.

Trustee Sarek reported that Steger Little League is interested in building a block building at Hecht Park to store mowers, tractors, etc. Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper will look into possible locations for the building.

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that in a recent staff meeting Miller Woods drainage was discussed. Mr. Tilton has been in contact with T.J. Somer and Joe Stanfa of Bloom Township. He will forward the information to Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper.

Staff meetings will now be held on Wednesday mornings at 10am for all department heads and any trustees available to participate in the meetings.

State Representative Thaddeus Jones' staff will be at the Village Hall on December 3rd from 9:30am to noon.

Mayor Peterson explained that one staff meeting per month will be held in the evening to accommodate all department heads. Mayor Peterson will attend those meetings.

Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton gave his financial report for the month of November. His report is included in the minutes.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that in November the Building Department issued 51 Building Permits for about \$9,000.00 in revenue. No water mains needed repair in the month.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner had no report

Police Chief Greg Rambo had no report

EMA Chief Tom Johnston had no report

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reminded the Board that the senior luncheon will be held December 10th at the Community Center.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT

None

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson gave his State of the Village Report.

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table indefinitely 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 Perchinski 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1058 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2013 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2014. 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 RESOLUTION NO. 1047 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING EMPLOYEES' USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICES WHILE DRIVING FOR THE 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 Perchinski made a motion to table RESOLUTION NO. 1048 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE NEW HIRE POLICY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO.1049 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED CLASS 6b TAX INCENTIVES FOR A CERTAIN PARCEL LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER FOR THE 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.

Comcast Presentation to the Board

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Katrina Colonnelli of Hubbard's Trail Girl Scouts to use the Community Center for a Girl Scout overnight stay Saturday February 22nd. 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 Anmarie Kladis, Service Unit Cookie Manager for Girl Scout Service Unit 641 to use one of the Steger Firehouses on February 14, 2014 for cookie delivery. 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 for the Village to supply one cell phone to the Village of Steger Fire and Police Commission to conduct their official business. 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 allow Department Heads to be responsible for granting permission in scheduling of activities and functions in their respective facilities. 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 table Appointments by the Mayor to the Planning and Zoning Boards. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the creation and appointments by the Mayor to a Housing Committee. The committee will consist of Alice Peterson, Dave Toepper, Tim Glass, Kevin Evancho, Randy Sassano and Michelle Skrezyna. 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 Kozy made a motion to reinstate Jordan Lane as an EMA member, pending background check. Trustee Skrezyna 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 table the Temporary Business License Application of Lidor Enterprises, Inc. at 29 E. 32nd Street. A drainage problem at this location needs to be addressed before the business license can be approved. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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. 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.

8:15pm

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.

9:11pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1057. Trustee Skrezyna 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 Lopez moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:12pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk