

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 7th day of January, 2014 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with President Peterson in the Chair and presiding and Village Clerk Carmen S. Recapito, Jr. attending.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Skrezyna, Kozy, Banicki, Sarek and Perchinski. Trustee Lopez was absent. Also present were HR/Dispatch Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton, Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, EMA Chief Tom Johnston and Police Chief Greg Rambo.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Police Chief Greg Rambo announced that he and Trustee Perchinski attended Sgt. Gerry Ruff's graduation from a 200 hour Police management course. The course was presented by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board. It was a five week class. The Board congratulated Sgt. Ruff for his accomplishment.

MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported the Village has received a letter verifying approval for the grant in the amount of \$31,000 for lights.

Mr. Tilton spoke with representatives from IDOT regarding "Safe Routes to School" . It appears that some lights and sidewalks near Eastview School and on Halsted Boulevard may qualify.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that since the Christmas, his Department has logged 600 hours of overtime; 400 hours in the last week, 1,100 tons of salt has been used and there were nine (9) main breaks repaired. The trustees thanked Public Works for doing a great job during the snow storms and frigid temperatures.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner reported that in December, the Fire Department had 106 calls; 17 fire related and 89 medical. The Department provided mutual aid on 21 occasions and received it on 7 occasions. In 2013 the Department had 1,311 calls, the most on record.

Police Chief Greg Rambo reported that the Police Department is awaiting the arrival of two new squad cars. The cars are expected early in the New Year. Chief Rambo explained that two squads have recently been involved in accident and are out until repairs are completed.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported in December, EMA had 5 regular patrols, 12 emergency callouts, 1 storm patrol for a total of 172 man hours. Chief Johnston also requested that certain Disaster Preparedness information from Will and Cook Counties be shared on the Village of Steger's facebook page.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

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

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Perchinski reported that the Police, Fire, EMA, Dispatchers and DPW all worked through the recent snow storm and frigid temperatures.

Trustee Perchinski asked Police Chief Rambo to let Deputy Chief Rossi of the Police Pension Board know that the Village has agreed to pay half of the cost of the Actuarial, as requested by the Pension Board.

Trustee Sarek reported that Volleyball starts next Friday and Basketball starts this Saturday.

Trustee Kozy read a letter from Will County Emergency Management thanking Steger's EMA for their assistance during the November 17th storm.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Banicki had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had no report, but announcements to be made at the conclusion of the Board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson also thanked the Police, Fire, EMA, Dispatchers and DPW for their efforts during the severe weather.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed with one exception. Trustee Skrezyna asked that the Best Quality Cleaning invoice not be paid. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

FIREMEN'S 4TH QUARTER PAYROLL

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the Firemen's 4th Quarter Payroll. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Appointments by the Mayor to the Planning and Zoning Boards. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application of Lidor Enterprises, Inc. at 29 E. 32nd Street, until the inspections have been completed. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application of Area Service at 3801 Union Avenue, until the inspections have been completed. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Modification of Ordinance 966 and the Personnel Manual Section 3 Employee Benefits, Part M. Retiree Health Insurance (Sec.2-365). Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Mayor Peterson directed HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen to work with the Village Attorney to prepare an Ordinance for the next Board meeting. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the Bowman Consulting Contract. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson explained that Alice Peterson has been heading up the Village's Housing Department and needs to have a title when she attends meetings. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to concur with the Mayors appointment of Alice Peterson as Housing Director. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Banicki, Skrezyna, Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Christie Ebert of the Steger Neighborhood Watch explained the Safe Home Program and how a home can be designated as safe. Mrs. Ebert asked that the necessary forms be included on the Village's website, facebook page and water bills. Mayor Peterson explained that he is working on reinstating the Village newsletter and that perhaps it would be another way of promoting the Safe Home Program.

Annual Christmas Tree Burn will be held on January 10th at 6pm Veterans Park.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Misericordia to solicit donations on April 25 & 26, 2014 for the annual Jelly Belly Candy Days. Trustee Perchinski also specified that the intersection of 34th Street and Chicago Road be used by Misericordia, that no children are allowed in the street and that safety vests must be worn. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Chicago's Super JJ Ribs, Fish and Chicken for a 30 day extension to their temporary Business License at 438 West 34th Street. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License application of Holland, L.P. at 3645 Union Avenue pending inspections. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License application of Liberty Tax Service at 3324 Chicago Road pending approval by the Fire Chief and Public Infrastructure Director. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21st

The Village Hall will be closed Monday, January 20th for MLK Day

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel. 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, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

7:29pm

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, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

9:05pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:06pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk