

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 April, 2014 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: Skrezyna, Kozy, Sarek, Lopez and Perchinski. Also present were HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Police Chief Greg Rambo, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Village Administrator Mike Tilton and Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton.

A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR TRUSTEE ANDY BANICKI

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None

MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steve Thurmond approached the Board and offered his condolences in the loss of Trustee Banicki.

Mr. Thurmond also asked that businesses and apartments be asked to keep trash gondolas cleaned and not overflowing with garbage.

Mark Garrity of 314 Royal Oak asked the Board to look at certain roads in Miller Woods that are in need of repair. Mayor Peterson explained that Public Works is reviewing road conditions and will prioritize a list for needed repairs.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton South Chicago Heights has agreed to allow Steger to use its speed trailer for the quiet zone study on 31st Street. Deputy Police Chief Rossi will take care of the 35th Street crossing.

Mr. Tilton has been attending "Revenue Sharing" meetings for the casinos. It appears that if agreed upon, the Village of Steger would receive an estimated \$81,395.00 per year. Steger is number 15 of 42 communities that would share in the revenues. All the communities must agree to the revenue sharing before the process continues.

Mr. Tilton also reported that House Bill 5485 passed the house and is now off to the Senate for approval. It is recommended that elected officials express opposition to State Senators. The Bill impacts full time fire departments.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper had no report

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner reported that in March, the Fire Department responded to 114 calls; 19 fire and 95 medical calls. The Department gave Mutual Aid 18 times and received it 9 times.

Police Chief Greg Rambo reported that the part time patrolman position is currently on the Village website.

Chief Rambo reported that the Dispatch Center was closed on April 1st. Except for a few minor glitches, the changeover went smoothly. Chief Rambo explained that Steger has always transported its overnight detainees to the Will County substation for transportation to bond hearings. Cook County detainees will be housed at Chicago Heights Police Department overnight. An Intergovernmental Agreement with Chicago Heights will be presented possibly at the April 21st Board Meeting.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that in March, EMA had 8 regular patrols, 5 emergency callouts and 2 mutual aid calls.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton reported on the period ending March 26th, his report is attached. Budget meetings were held with Department Heads on the 28th. Mr. Buxton thanked all department heads for their assistance in the budget process.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Skrezyna reported that Comcast installation at the Village Hall and Police Department was March 28th and that April 17 is the scheduled installation day for Public Works and Emergency Management and April 24th for the Fire Department and Community Center.

Trustee Kozy had no report.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek reported that the building near the girls' softball field is in need of attention. Trustee Sarek has made Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper aware of the situation.

Trustee Sarek asked that in the 2015 fiscal year \$1,000 be budgeted for each of the four sports to offset the cost baseball, basketball, volleyball and softball for hardship cases. Trustee Perchinski recommended that the hardships only apply to Steger residents.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Mayor reported that the closing of the Dispatch Center was a difficult choice, but a necessary one. The decision was to consolidate services and remain economically viable. The move will give residents the service they've come to expect while saving tax payer dollars.

The new phone system will make the Mayor and Trustees more accessible to residents.

Administrator Tilton and the Mayor are working with the newsletter people and will have newsletter drafts for consideration soon. Mayor Peterson explained that the newsletter is yet another way to be in contact with residents.

Mayor Peterson thanked the residents for their support in the loss of Trustee Andy Banicki. Mayor Peterson asked that residents continue to keep the Banicki family in their thoughts and prayers.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed with one exception. The invoice for \$407/17 to CDW should be removed as the item has been returned. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Perchinski and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

FIREMEN'S 1ST QUARTER PAYROLL

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the FIREMEN'S 1ST QUARTER PAYROLL. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Perchinski and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Perchinski summarized the Southeast Commuter Rail Transit District Press Release. Trustee Perchinski reported that money is tight, feasibility is an issue and that there is a lot of freight traffic on the rail- that may be the biggest hurdle. At this time, cannot be sure if the rail line will come to our area.

OLD BUSINESS:

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding 500 Food Mart at 500 West 34th Street from B-2 to B-3 zoning based on the drawing that includes additional parking. Trustee Perchinski asked that 500 Food Mart work with Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper regarding the landscaping. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Perchinski and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez motioned that ORDINANCE NO. 1066 AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION III OF THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL REGARDING PAID TIME OFF BENEFITS FOR EMPLOYEES HIRED ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2014 FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER be tabled. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Request by Chief Rambo to fill the Administrative Assistant position that was vacated with the promotion/job change of Ms. Seehausen to HR Director. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny Illinois Lincoln Highway Coalition Community Partner Certification. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to deny the Project Management Masters Certification Program April 15-18. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the resignation of Cornell Hudson from the Fire and Police Commission Board. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski explained that the Village Board does not hire and that it is Fire Chief Jeff Roesner's decision to accept Monica Harte as a probationary firefighter pending background check and physical examination. Mayor Peterson explained that the Board should "not act on" the hiring of Monica Harte. No action was taken.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to transfer \$4,000.00 from the Corporate Account to the D.A.R.E. for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper for permission to purchase a new fuel reporting system at a final cost of \$6,000.00. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Perchinski and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table the U.S. Cellular lease amendment. Mayor Peterson recommended the amendment be forwarded to the Village Attorneys to attempt to work out with U.S. Cellular. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Summer Band Director Edward Fitzgerald's request for a budget of \$3,300 for the 2014 Summer Band. Village Administrator Tilton will contact the Village of South Chicago Heights and request a \$1,100.00 contribution to the band budget. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to approve the request of Steger Little League for its annual parade on Saturday April 26th starting at 11am. Opening Day ceremonies are scheduled immediately following the parade. The parade route will start at the Community Center on Hopkins, north to 34th Street, west to Morgan and north to Hecht Park. All participants will ride in vehicles, no walkers. EMA Chief Tom Johnston approved the route. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to go to Executive Session to discuss Personnel. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act

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; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Perchinski and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. **7:28pm**

8:38pm Roll was called and the following Trustees were present; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Perchinski moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. **8:39pm**

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:40pm.

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk