

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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, Village Administrator Mike Tilton and Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton.

**AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Police Chief Greg Rambo congratulated Mia Dominik for her assistance in the apprehension a person who had committed a burglary at a Steger home. Ms. Dominik remained hidden while calmly providing information to the 9-1-1 call center. The Board thanked her for her bravery.

At the Mayor's request, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move Resolution No. 1054 from New Business to Awards, Honors & Special Recognitions. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1054 HONORING DESMOND BROWN, EAGLE SCOUT. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Mayor Peterson read the Resolution. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Mayor Peterson presented Eagle Scout Desmond Brown with a copy of the resolution. The Board congratulated Mr. Brown.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes as written, with one minor change of phrasing. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Meredith Horn of 22805 State Street asked Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper if he's been in contact with Lydia regarding trees grant. Mr. Toepper stated he has been in contact and Village Administrator Mike Tilton, too has been in contact. Mr. Tilton accepted grant paper work from Ms. Horn.

Ms. Horn also asked about mitigating the flow from the street in the Miller Woods area. Public Works has cleaned out a ditch in the area. Mr. Toepper explained that a "flood study" is on the "wish list." Mr. Toepper explained that more work must be done prior to a flood study.

Ernest Thurmond of the American Legion asked Mayor Peterson to speak at the annual Memorial Day event. Mayor Peterson will be honored to speak at the event.

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** explained that the Village has moved to step two of the quiet zone study. Mr. Tilton thanked South Chicago Heights for providing their speed trailer for 31<sup>st</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Streets.

Mr. Tilton reported that he is now in possession of blue prints for DOLLAR GENERAL and that an issue with the alley at the location has been resolved.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** reported that in March sixteen new building permits were issued; eleven repair permits, one electrical permit, three plumbing permits and one sign permit for approximately \$5,000 in revenue.

**Fire Chief Jeff Roesner** had no report.

**Police Chief Greg Rambo** reported that in March the Police Department had 586 calls for service; 163 premise checks and 221 traffic stops. 91 traffic citations were issued, 144 parking/compliance tickets and 26 criminal arrests were made.

Chief Rambo announced that Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm will be the expired and unused medication safe disposal day at the Steger Police Department.

Officers Bautista and Elza will be attending evidence and crime scene processing training in Orland Park, Officer Kozinski will be in Peoria for drug enforcement officers training conference.

Chief Rambo has extended the deadline for Part time police officer applicants to June 2<sup>nd</sup>. The information is now on the Village website and on the Blueline website.

Chief Rambo inserted letters of commendation into the personnel files of Officers Kozinski and Elza for their work in obtaining a search warrant and resolving a number of burglaries in town. Chief Rambo stated that much of the work was completed on their personal time.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported that with the dispatch switch to Eastcom, it was suggested that EMA be paged out on the Fire band. Chief Johnston was hesitant due to the cost of fire pagers. Chief Johnston had six pagers donated to EMA.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** was absent.

**HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen** reported that the Village's employee health insurance will see a small decrease in premiums and that Open Enrollment will be held for Short Term Disability and Life insurance.

**Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton** reported on the period ending April 16th, his report is attached. Mr. Buxton expects property tax payments and video gaming funds to come in later in the month.

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Skrezyna** had no report.

**Trustee Kozy** had no report.

**Trustee Lopez** reported that yard waste pick up has begun. Residents can bundle branches in sections less than 4 feet in length for garbage pickup. Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper is working to schedule spring street sweeping.

**Trustee Sarek** reported that Director Toepper will be applying for a Will County Health Department for the Concession Stand. Mr. Toepper has submitted the application. Anthony Marino of Steger softball has been working on the building at the softball fields. Trustee Perchinski added that the recent softball dance at the Community Center was well attended.

**Trustee Perchinski** had no report.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk had no report.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Mayor had no report

### **BILLS**

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed, as all members have copies. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Oak Forest Mayor Henry Kuspa thanking the Steger Emergency Management Agency for assistance during the May 8th Fleadh, an annual event in Oak Forest held in conjunction with St. Patrick's Day.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1066 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 with its revisions. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called; Trustee Skrezyna voted no. Trustees Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski voted aye. Mayor Peterson voted aye. 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny U.S. Cellular's lease amendment. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table the request of Summer Band Director Edward Fitzgerald for a budget of \$3,300 for the 2014 Summer Band. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1068 AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-2, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING THE FISCAL YEAR FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. 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.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO.1053 FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Perchinski voted no. Motion carried.

Presentation by Lou Panici regarding tax delinquent Property at Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove. Mr. Panici discussed with the Board No Cash Bids process and certain delinquent properties. Approximately \$1.7 million is currently owed on the properties in back taxes. To obtain deeds on these properties would cost the Village legal fees, only. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow Mr. Panici's associate to reach out to owner, see if they're interested. 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.

After discussion and a Presentation by SSMMA Thomas Vanderwoude regarding GIS, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to request SSMMA to draw up a resolution for the Village of Steger to join the GIS Consortium at an estimated annual cost of \$7,600. 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow Police Chief Greg Rambo to hire a crossing guard. 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.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to approve the CDBG Construction Projects (#13-0620) Morgan, Carpenter and Peoria Streets Engineering Agreement and Contract Documents 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 Perchinski made a motion to allow the American Legion Post 521 to sell poppies at 34th Street and Chicago Road on Saturday, May 17th from 8am to 1pm. The American Legion also requests permission to borrow six safety vests from the Village. Trustee Kozy 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. **8:21pm**

**9:03pm** 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 Kozy moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:04pm.**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk