

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 2nd day of June, 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, Lopez, Sarek 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.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None.

MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Harry Hammock approached the Board and reported that grass at 3225 Florence was overgrown and recently mowed by Mr. Hammock. Other code enforcement issues exist at the vacant property. Public Works will look into the condition of the home. Mayor Peterson explained that new lawn maintenance staff will be hired and working overtime to catch up on the overgrown grass at vacant homes.

Mark Garrity of 314 Royal Oak inquired about repairs to Steger streets, especially in the Miller Woods subdivision. Mayor Peterson explained that Public Works is prioritizing a list of streets in need of repair. Those that don't qualify for CDBG funds may be repaired using MFT funds.

Dennis Mayan, who lives at 34th Street and Wentworth explained that Wentworth Avenue needs a lot of work. Mr. Mayan also explained that branches downed by recent storms are still not removed. Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper explained that yard waste is removed by Allied Waste at no additional charge as part of the trash pick up service. Mr. Toepper also explained that the Village does not chip fallen branches as the Illinois EPA will not allow Steger to hold wood chips on its property.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that the tree grant has been submitted and the enterprise zone map has been submitted to South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association. A capital fund request in the amount of \$14,000,000 has been submitted to Governor Quinn's office. The retrofit lighting project is about 95%

complete. Mr. Tilton also reported that the grant for the comprehensive plan was sent in last week.

Mr. Tilton met with the South Suburban Land Bank Authority last week and has invited them to make a presentation at the June 16th Board meeting. It's a very impressive program that works to get foreclosures back on the tax rolls.

Two eviction letters were sent out last week. Mr. Tilton also explained that no progress has been made on the bike path due to the IL 394 study underway in the area.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that Public Works plans to get chloramine introduced soon. Next, Public Works plans to start hydrant flushing. Mr. Toepper also reported that tree removal services will begin soon. The tree audit was recently completed and a total of 300 trees will be removed, work to begin this summer. Bids will be taken for removal service. Administrator Tilton shared that the most the tree grant will provide the Village is \$10,000. Mayor Peterson explained that removal of Emerald Ash Borer infected trees requires specialized processing and cannot be handled in house.

Fire Chief Jeff Roesner had no report.

Police Chief Greg Rambo reported that the squad car computers have been arriving and hardware is on its way. Special training for officers will be required.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that in May, EMA had 6 emergency call outs, 14 patrols and 3 special details. EMA provided mutual aid once during the month. Total of 279 man hours for the month.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported that Summer Club begins June 23rd and has seven openings for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. The Community Center is open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday until 7pm through the summer months.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Village Treasurer Ryan Buxton reported on the period ending May 30th, his report is attached.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Mayor asked that the Trustees review the appropriation that has been distributed and bring any concerns the Treasurer's attention. An Appropriation Hearing will be held prior to the next Board Meeting and will be advertised in the local newspaper.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Kozy had no report.

Trustee Lopez had no report

Trustee Sarek asked that money set aside for dirt at baseball fields be used instead for tournaments fees. They dirt was purchased with money received from Ho Chunk. Trustee Sarek and Harry Hammock commented that Public Works did a very nice job at Veterans Park, cleaning up the fields and the park house.

Trustee Sarek also suggested the skateboard park be removed. Director Toepper will look into the cost anticipated in removing the park and report back at the next board meeting.

Harry Hammock added that a new baseball Recreation league for 19-25 year olds begins June 3rd.

Trustee Perchinski had no report

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed, as all members have copies. Trustee Skrezyna asked that the PC NET bill be divided; \$80 to Corporate and \$160 to Police. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table indefinitely ORDINANCE 1070 AMENDING CHAPTER 82, SECTION 82-79, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS ESTABLISHING VEHICLE STICKER LATE FINES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table indefinitely An Ordinance Adding Division 17 To Article V Of Chapter 22 The Municipal Code Of Steger, Illinois Regarding Adult Uses For The Village Of Steger. Mayor Peterson recommends the issue be brought before the Planning and Zoning Board before it comes back to the Village Board official action. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table indefinitely both discussion on the Freedom of Information Act Policy and Retention of Email. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to include EMA and Fire Department personnel in the \$25,000 Life insurance plan. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson appointed Ryan Buxton to fill the vacant Trustee seat on the Board. Trustee Kozy made the motion, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the low bid by Gallagher Asphalt of \$249,684.72 for the CDBG 2014 Project, as recommended by Joseph A. Schudt and Associates. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson shared a budget for the Steger Days of Music and parade.

Mayor Peterson asked the clerk to send a “rebuild letter” to the owners of 84 East 34th Street. Administrator Tilton will reach out to Attorney Lou Panici regarding a “rebuild letter”

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Eva Escobedo of Columbia Central Middle School to hold a Community Sale at the School on June 14 & 15 from 8am to 3:30pm. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Chamber of Commerce for use of certain Village sites on the following dates:

Carnival at Veterans Park June 26th - 29th

Temporary Special Use Liquor license June 26th - 29th

Circus at Kmart Parking lot on June 30th & July 1st

Oktoberfest at Halsted Boulevard September 6th & 7th

Temporary Special Use Liquor License September 6th & 7th

Village Wide garage sale September 6th-fees to be waived by the Village

And a donation to the Chamber of Commerce of \$1,000 for fireworks. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; Trustees Buxton, Skrezyna and Perchinski voted aye. Trustees Kozy, Lopez and Sarek voted no. Mayor Peterson voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the request of Patrick Rubien of Cub Scout Pack 173 to hold the Cub Mobile races on the 3200 block of Butler on Saturday August 2nd from 10 am to noon. The Scouts request that the 3200 block of Butler be closed with barricades during the event. Trustee Perchinski asked that Mr. Rubien discuss the Mobile races with neighborhood residents prior to the Board's vote. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Rambo requests the Village Board direct the Fire and Police Commission to fill the vacant Sergeant and Patrol Officer positions. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table until after Executive Session. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Public Infrastructure Director Toepper to hire one additional part time mowing specialist. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn 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 Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. **7:42pm**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. **9:18pm**

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 9:19pm.

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk