

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 16<sup>th</sup> 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: Buxton, 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, Deputy Police Chief Pat Rossi, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Village Administrator Mike Tilton.

**AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

None.

**MINUTES**

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jim Patrevito of 85 East 227<sup>th</sup> Place commented on the poor condition of 227<sup>th</sup> Place and that he's been advised stone will fill in some potholes temporarily. Mr. Patrevito also discussed a dirt pile at Pat Gineris' property that is causing water run off problem. Mr. Patrevito stated that the dirt pile is refuse from landscape work. Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper will investigate. Mayor Peterson will follow up with Mr. Toepper.

Ron Komstock approached the Board regarding a drainage issue between 19 Richton Road and Scrementi's Restaurant. Mr. Komstock has spoken with both the county and state and has been told the issue is Steger's domain, and the construction of the restaurant has disrupted the natural flow of water. Mr. Toepper will stop by Mr. Komstock's home to investigate and further discuss the situation.

John Cashman discussed the cost of building inspections and permit fees. Mr. Cashman stated that some time ago the Board asked him to meet with the Building inspectors and discuss changes to the inspections system. Mr. Cashman reported that they considered two types of inspections; one for rental properties and another for resale properties. For sale inspections would follow state law; carbon monoxide detectors, smoke detectors, ground fault outlets and light covers in the closets, only. Mayor Peterson expressed some concern regarding certain safety issues and permit fees. He is working with Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper to address these concerns. Mr. Cashman also asked that emergency repairs be charged only for inspection fees, not building permit fees. Mayor Peterson will get back to Mr. Cashman when the issues are resolved.

## **REPORTS**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move the Presentation by the South Suburban Land Bank to be included in **Village Administrator Mike Tilton's report**. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Russ Rydin of the South Suburban Land Bank discussed the intergovernmental agency that gets its authority from municipalities to acquire properties and rehab or redevelop. There are no financial liabilities to the municipalities. Funding comes from the Attorney General's office. Currently, ten member municipalities are included in the Land Bank. A resolution or Intergovernmental Agreement is required to become a part of the group.

Mr. Tilton reported that he's expecting the results of the quiet zone study on Wednesday June 18<sup>th</sup> and meeting with a representative from the Governor's office regarding the Village Capital projects on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** reported that chloramine was introduced last week. Hydrant flushing will begin over the next few weeks. Mr. Toepper also reported that the Building Department has issued 88 permits for nearly \$25,000 in revenue to the Village.

**Fire Chief Jeff Roesner** reported that in May the Fire Department responded to 123 calls; 16 fire calls and 107 medical calls. The Fire Department provided mutual aid 15 times and received it 13 times during the month.

**Deputy Police Chief Pat Rossi** had no report.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported that the new emergency siren is installed. The electrical system must be checked to be sure it can handle the power needed to activate the siren. Director Toepper will contact an electrician.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** reported that the Community Center has received donations from the Historical Society and the Quilting Guild for the purchase of flowers around the building.

**HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen** had no report.

## **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** gave the treasurer's report. The report is attached.

**Trustee Skrezyna** had no report.

**Trustee Kozy** had no report.

**Trustee Lopez** had no report

**Trustee Sarek** congratulated Illinois Lutheran High School on winning the State Championship. Illinois Lutheran's coach and some team members are Steger residents. Trustee Sarek asked Director Toepper to remove the skateboard park at Veterans Park. Trustee Sarek made the motion, seconded by Trustee Kozy. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

**Trustee Perchinski** had no report

## **CLERK'S REPORT**

**The Clerk had no report.**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The Mayor commented that the Land Bank program together with the Housing Committee will work to get foreclosed and abandoned homes back into people's hands or re developed into something that is more valuable to the community.

Mayor Peterson also asked that audience members seeking information regarding recent changes made by the Board should speak with him, but know that legally he can only share certain pieces of information. All changes made by the Board are for the betterment of the Village.

## **BILLS**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the bills as listed, as all members have copies. Trustee Buxton 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.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Roger Wommack to the Fire and Police Board. 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 accept the Mayor's appointment of Carl Mormonn as Police Chief. Mr. Mormonn will be sworn in on July 7<sup>th</sup>. 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the remaining appointments until after executive session. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1070 ESTABLISHING PREVAILING WAGES. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1071 AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-342, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING THE OFFICE OF THE INDEPENDENT INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1058 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT AND THE EXISTENCE AND FORMATION OF THE ILLINOIS LAW ENFORCEMENT ALARM SYSTEM BY INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called; Trustees Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski voted aye. Mayor Peterson voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table RESOLUTION NO. 1059 AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A CERTAIN AMENDMENT WITH MUNICIPAL SYSTEMS, INC. TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Kiwanis to conduct its annual Peanut Day fundraiser on Friday, September 26th at major intersections in the Village. Kiwanis also requests use of Public Works' orange safety cones. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to restrict parking on one side of Phillips Avenue from 34<sup>th</sup> Street to 36<sup>th</sup> Street and only one side of 35<sup>th</sup> Street for safety vehicles during the upcoming carnival weekend. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of St. Liborius to use Halsted Boulevard for the Feast of St. Liborius Sunday, July 20th from 10:30am through the afternoon. Halsted Boulevard will be closed from 34th Street to 35th Street. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the annual Bloom Township Senior Picnic to be held August 7th at Veterans Memorial Park in Glenwood from 10am to 3pm. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called; Trustees Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski voted aye. Mayor Peterson voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the bid of Desiderio for Tree Trimming and Removal. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called; Trustees Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski voted aye. Mayor Peterson voted yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Firefighters Association for a temporary liquor license for the Annual Firefighters Street Dance August 16th at Fire Station No. 1 at 3320 Lewis Avenue. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Neighborhood Watch to use the south end of the Village's parking Lot at Steger Plaza and requests that the area is sectioned off for vehicles for its Fundraiser on July 13th at Glass Tap. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

The Village Hall will be closed on July 4th for Independence Day.

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

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. **7:40pm**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular session. 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. **8:22pm**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to change the closing time of the Village Hall to 5pm on Thursdays. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

## **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.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:23pm.**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk