

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 July, 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, Lopez and Perchinski. Trustees Kozy and Sarek were absent. Also present were HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Police Chief Carl Mormann, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Village Administrator Mike Tilton.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Minutes of the 2014 Appropriation Hearing and the June 16th Village Board Meeting, as written, as all members have copies. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Roger Wommack thanked the Village Board, Public Works, Police, Fire and Emergency Management Departments for their efforts during the recent Drivin the Dixie event. Mr. Wommack reported that the Village's festivities were well received by participants.

Layne Marino Platopoulos of 3210 Sandy Ridge Drive approached the Board and commented on dumping of concrete material at a lot presumed to be for sale. Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper will investigate.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that the Village of South Chicago Heights was meeting on July 7th to discuss the quiet zone study. Mr. Tilton explained that without South Chicago Heights' participation, the project cannot move forward.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that since the recent storm, Public Works has been out picking up and chipping branches.

Trustee Perchinski thanked neighboring communities for their assistance at the Village Hall fire. Capt. Noella Garcia reported that the Fire Department collected over \$2,100 at the MDA "Fill the Boot" campaign.

Police Chief Carl Mormann reported that in June the police Department responded to 1,052 calls. Chief Mormann explained that the Police Department will not be issuing any Village Sticker tickets until the credit card machines at the Village Hall are again operational. Chief Mormann explained that the adjudication ordinance court date schedule for July 29th will be held at the South Chicago Heights Municipal

Building at 3317 Chicago Road and the August 1st traffic court will be held at the South Chicago Heights Senior Center at 3140 Enterprise.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that in June EMA had four patrols, four emergency callouts, eight events that were worked and three weather patrols, for total of 338 man hours including 36 hours at the Village Hall fire. Chief Johnston asked if the SMART meeting would be allowed to use the Fire Dept. Headquarters meeting room for its meeting scheduled for July 9th. Mayor Peterson assured Chief Johnston that the room may be used for SMART.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen reported that according to the Village insurance adjuster, by July 10th the Village will have an initial list of damages. Telephones should all be installed by July 10th and running off regular Village phone numbers by that time. All phone should be able to be answered and forwarded from the Fire Dept. Headquarters and the Police Department. Furniture will be delivered by July 8th so that all staff can be working and comfortable with new surroundings.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton gave the treasurer's report. The report is attached and included in the minutes.

Trustee Lopez thanked the fire departments of neighboring communities that assisted the Steger Fire Department during the June 30th fire at the Steger Municipal Building. Trustee Lopez also thanked EMA, the Fire and Police Departments and Police Chief Mormann for their assistance.

Trustee Perchinski thanked the Village Departments and neighboring Fire Departments for their assistance. Trustee Perchinski thanked the Village residents for their patience in the transition.

Trustee Skrezyna thanked Public Works and all Village employees for their hard work and dedication through this difficult period.

THE CLERK had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson thanked all Village Departments for their cooperation during the recent fire. Mayor Peterson also expressed gratitude to all Department Heads for their efforts during the fire. He thanked the Department Heads for working as a team and getting the Police Department up and running within 24 hours of the fire. Mayor Peterson thanked Frank Elton, Dozeli's Pizza and the School District for providing meals to the Village staff. Crete, South Chicago Heights and Bloom Township stepped up and offered services and facilities to Steger. Mayor Peterson explained that this will be a long process and asked residents to be patient while work progresses. It may take 1 ½ to 2 years before normal operations can resume.

BILLS

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Firemen's Quarterly Payroll. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to concur with the appointments by the Mayor of:

Mary Jo Seehausen	HR Director
Mike Tilton	Village Administrator
Dave Toepper	Director of Public Infrastructure
Tom Johnston	Emergency Management Chief
Diane Rossi	Community Center Director

Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

The Clerk swore in Police Chief Carl A. Mormann. Chief Fillion and Mr. Banicki will be sworn in at the July 21st Board Meeting.

Chief Mormann addressed the audience. Chief Mormann thanked several former colleagues, coworkers and trustees. He also introduced his wife and daughter and thanked them all for attending his swearing in.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the appointment of Nowell Fillion to the position of Fire Chief. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Chief Fillion will be sworn in on July 21st.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the appointment of Shawn Banicki to the Police Pension Board. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to authorize the Mayor and his delegates to take such actions as are necessary, including entering into contracts and agreements and expending funds and relocating personnel and property, to protect Village property, to repair, rehabilitate, construct, acquire and install Village Hall and other Village facilities and related equipment, supplies, property and other assets and to keep all Village operations and services continuing, until Village Hall is repaired and rehabbed

from the damage caused by the storm and fire, and ratification of all such actions previously taken. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Architect Mario Planera introduced himself to the Board and to the audience. Mayor Peterson asked Mr. Planera to put together some numbers regarding the repair, rehab and possible expansion or replacement of the Village Hall. Mr. Planera will work on his own and is expected to report back next week. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to authorize Mr. Planera to begin putting figures together for the Board to consider going forward. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to change the location of all public meetings of the Village Board to the Fire Department Headquarters and direct the Village Clerk to provide proper notice of such change. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to keep all public records and other Village assets in temporary locations while Village Hall remains unavailable. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson asked that the SSLBA Intergovernmental Agreement be tabled. Trustee Lopez made the motion, tabled by Trustee Perchinski. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Chief Mormann's request to hire one full time Police officer from the eligibility list. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Code Enforcement Training for the Village Code Enforcement Officer as requested by Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Chief Mormann recommended the MSI agreement. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the MSI agreement. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny the Public Consulting Agreement. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to approve the appropriations. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of the Crete Phoenix Softball to fundraise on July 11th between 9am and 3pm and July 12th between 10am and 4pm at 34th Street and Chicago Road. Trustee Lopez added that safety vests must be worn. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. 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

Trustee Lopez 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. **7:26pm**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. **8:04pm**

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05pm.

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk