

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 September, 2014 in the Fire Department Headquarters 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, Skrezyrna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Also present were HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Deputy Chief Jordan Lane, Police Chief Carl Mormann, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Housing Director Alice Peterson.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 18th and 25th Village Board Meetings as all members have copies. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Vickie Wortel of Carpenter Street had questions about the referendum for \$14,650,000.00 for construction and/or rehab of the Village Hall and Police Department. Mayor Peterson explained that without all the information needed, the referendum is on hold. There will be public meetings later with better information and hopefully a referendum in February 2015.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that South Chicago Heights expressed interest in including 26th Street in the Quiet Zone. Robinson Engineering reported that if 26th Street is included 23rd Street should be included as well. South Chicago Heights was planning to discuss the Quiet Zone and its costs at their September 2nd Board meeting. Mayor Peterson asked that the Quiet Zone be added to the Agenda for the September 15th Board meeting.

Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper reported that 48 building permits were issued in July. Approximately 30% of tree removal has been completed to date.

Street sweeping will be completed September 15th with another date later in the fall to be determined.

The engineers are working on a proposal for roadwork on Tiverton-Durham area. Work is likely to be complete in the spring of 2015.

Administrator Tilton added that through the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association, the Village is expected to receive funds to complete work on Union

Avenue and Kings Road from Richton Road to 34th Street. The work will be a 2016 project. The Village will contribute 20% of the cost of the projects.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported year-to-date the Fire Department has had 994 calls. In August there were 95 ambulance calls, 17 fire calls, 2 calls for mutual aid and 13 calls for mutual aid were given.

Five applicants are being processed. An electrical hazard class was held last week.

A Box Alarm Drill will be conducted on October 24 with MABAS 27.

The Fire Department is looking to declare certain pieces of equipment as surplus and put them out to bid.

Police Chief Carl Mormann reported that the newly assigned investigator is attending a Death Investigation Seminar at the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office in Chicago.

EMA Deputy Chief Jordan Lane reported that on August 28th, EMA Chief Johnston and Todd Ragusin of the Fire Department attended a Train the Trainer with Cook County DOT.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi was absent. Trustee Sarek stated that the Community Center Gym floor will be refinished the last week of September and notice will be sent out of the dates the gym will be closed.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen stated she will meet with insurance company representative on Thursday September 4th to discuss renewal. Mrs. Seehausen will be sharing information with Department Heads regarding inventory. After review with Department Heads, Mrs. Seehausen will go over information with Trustee Perchinski.

Housing Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Trustee Ryan Buxton gave a financial report. His report is attached. Trustee Buxton also reported that the annual audit began today. Budgeting schedule will need to be planned due to the Village moving to a calendar year. Administrator Tilton explained that last year's process worked well and will be repeated this year. Mr. Tilton will get worksheets to all department heads.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Sarek stated that the Girls Softball program has raised money to install a permanent fence with a double gate all the way around the softball field. The fence will be 225 feet all around. The Recreation Board approved of the fence. Trustee Sarek made a motion to allow the Softball program to install the fence. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Sarek also asked that Administrator Tilton report back with prices of alarming the recreation building for fire and police, no cameras or DVRs at this time. Mayor Peterson added that Knox Boxes be added as well.

CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson reported it appears that football will be coming back in as a Steger Recreation Program to coordinate better, work better together and provide stronger activities for Steger youth.

Trustee Lopez added that the recent Village newsletter was mailed. He asked that everyone support the advertisers in the newsletter as they support the Village.

PAYING THE BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1074 AUTHORIZING AN ADDENDUM TO MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM AGREEMENT. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1075 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 82, SECTION 82-572, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING APPROVED TOWING SERVICE OPERATORS FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion on the park land at 34th and State Streets, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to commit to spending \$92,000 over the next three years on improvements to the park land. The federal government needs a verbal commitment from the Village to enable Steger to again become eligible for grants. Governor Quinn shared with Mayor Peterson that money is available through the State of Illinois for bike paths. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Administrator Tilton will talk with the Land Bank regarding a

home that may be for sale or foreclosure in the area. The land would also be used to “loop” the water lines for the area of Hereford Drive.

After discussion on a Sprint Cell Tower proposal, Trustee Lopez made a motion to reject Sprint’s proposal. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

The Board discussed with Mahmood Lakha of Steger Road Shell, a restaurant and video gaming at Steger Road Shell with a “pour” liquor license. Mr. Lakha plans to add an Indian/Pakistani barbecue take out restaurant to the gas station. Gaming machines must be partitioned off from other facilities. A customer could take a drink and a meal to the gaming machines area. Without a drive through at the gas station, additional parking will be available for restaurant/bar customers. Mr. Lakha does not feel that additional security is necessary. Police Chief Mormann suggests that security systems operate on a regular and consistent basis. Mr. Lakha will not operate the restaurant/bar area after 11pm. Mr. Lakha is considering renting parking space from the business across the street from his gas station for his employees. After lengthy discussion, Mayor Peterson asked for a roll call vote to consider further discussion on criteria, to address safety concerns and allow for a pour liquor license in a gas station. Trustees Perchinski, Lopez, Sarek and Kozy voted yes. Trustees Skrezyna and Buxton voted no. Mayor Peterson voted yes. Mayor Peterson asked Administrator Tilton to discuss their concerns at the next Department Heads meeting.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Community Day of Prayer to use the Steger Gazebo on Saturday June 6, 2015 with set up on Friday June 5th for the 8th annual Steger Day of Prayer. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Qote Tech Corp at 27 E. 34th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. . Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago and Northwest Indiana for a solicitation permit for their Fall Product Program – October 1-30, 2014 and their Annual Cookie Sale Program January 1-25, 2015. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:08pm.

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk