

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 3RD day of November, 2014 at the Steger Village Hall 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, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Also present were Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Police Chief Carl Mormann, Deputy Fire Chief James Baine, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Attorney Amber Munday and Housing Director Alice Peterson.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Peterson invited Officer John Presley to the front of the room. The Clerk read a proclamation honoring John Presley for 24 years of dedicated service to the Steger Police Department. The audience applauded Officer Presley. Police Chief Carl Mormann thanked Officer Presley for his service and presented him with a framed night stick to commemorate his retirement. Officer Presley thanked the Board and the residents of the Village of Steger. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the proclamation. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the Minutes as written as all members have copies. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tina Schwartkopf approached the Board regarding a piece of property she plans to purchase and her need for a Class 6b Tax Incentive. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to write a letter of support of a Class 6b Tax Incentive for the property. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Meredith Horn of 22805 State Street discussed drainage in her area. Ms. Horn is willing to seek funding for improving drainage and to limit flooding in the Miller Woods area. Administrator Tilton agreed to work with Ms. Horn to seek funding. Trustee Lopez inquired about progress with Bloom Township to assist. Mr. Tilton advised that he is talking with Bloom Township.

Mark Gerrity of 314 Royal Oak expressed concern about the Village purchasing another vehicle and its related costs. Mayor Peterson explained that the vehicle currently used by the Administrator is in very poor condition, in the long run the current vehicle will cost the Village even more.

Police Pension President Pat Rossi has turned in an actuarial to Jolynda Reyes for the Board's review. The actuarial is at 80% and needs to get back up to 100%. The Municipal compliance Report should be presented to the Board for the 1st Board meeting of December.

Deputy Chief Rossi inquired about polling places, as Tuesday November 4th is Election Day. Mayor Peterson explained that those that had voted at Fire Station 2 will now vote at South Chicago Heights Senior Center on Enterprise. Those that had voted at Fire Station 1 now will vote at the First Apostolic Church on State Street.

Maureen Lopez of 3221 Morgan on behalf of the School District 206 Education Foundation. The Foundation will host its fall fundraiser at Glenwoodie on November 14th. Raffle tickets are also available. Last year the foundation gave \$10,000 to graduating seniors. The foundation also funds programs for students. Mayor Peterson urged everyone to support the foundation.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that all paperwork that had been in the vault during the fire will be returned to the Village Hall on Wednesday November 5th.

The No Cash Bid process will begin soon in Cook County. The Village will be looking at the property at Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove and perhaps other properties.

Mr. Tilton and Infrastructure Director Toepper will meet with Bloom Township next week regarding drainage issues.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that the Water Department will be working on some water main issues in the Dorsetshire/Durham area.

Village Hall parking lot paving will begin Wednesday November 5th.

Deputy Fire Chief James Baine reported that in October the Fire Department responded to 89 calls; 77 ambulance, 12 fire. Mutual aid was given 7 times and received once. There have been 1147 calls thus far in 2014.

Police Chief Carl Mormann referred to his weekly reports and had nothing more to add.

EMA Chief Johnston reported School District 194 has requested EMA presence in the Columbia Central polling place as well as other polling places within the Village.

Chief Johnston will meet with Fire Chief Fillion to review disaster plans for Cook County and Steger's own plan. Chief Johnston hopes to present the plan at the next Board meeting.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported a new treadmill is due to arrive at the Community Center Wednesday November 5th. Annual membership renewals begin December 1st and the rates are unchanged.

Mrs. Rossi reminded the Board that the Community Center will be closed for maintenance from November 15th -21st.

Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report

Housing Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Village Attorney Amber Munday reported that the petitions have been filed for deeds to property on Lewis Avenue previously applied for through the No Cash Bid.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Ryan Buxton gave a financial report, his report is attached. Trustee Buxton reported that the draft audit report has been shared with the Board and the Village did well over the last year.

Trustee Sarek discussed the netting at Veterans Park with Administrator Tilton. The netting will come down for the winter, a lift will be required. Administrator Tilton received a quote for alarms at recreation buildings that were exorbitant. Trustee Sarek discussed a set of keys for Public Works Department for the concession stand and all other doors.

CLERK had no report

PRESIDENT had no report

PAYING THE BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed with the exception of the AT&T bill for \$15.87. Trustee Lopez questioned a bill for Excel Electric for \$931 for football scoreboard & lights. The bill will be held until clarification. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Finance Policy. All Trustees will submit recommendations to Trustee Buxton. Mayor Peterson explained that the Village has previously adopted a Conflict of Interest Policy. Administrator Tilton will provide the Conflict of Interest Policy to the Board. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Attorney Amber Munday reported that the new AIA Document permits the Village to request certain services and to obtain a new contract when ready to move ahead with new project. Trustee Lopez made a motion to table the AIA Document B101-2007 between Planera Architects and the Village of Steger. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO.1066 REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO A PORTION OF KINGS ROAD WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Skrezyna 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 Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1067 REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO A PORTION OF UNION AVENUE WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. 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.

Matt Wenzel of the Fire and Police Board swore in George Hillman to the position of full time Police Officer. The audience congratulated Mr. Hillman.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the purchase from Terry's Ford for a 2015 Ford Interceptor at a cost of \$27,444.00 for use by the Village Administrator. 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 recommendation by Chief of Police Carl A. Mormann to promote one officer to the rank of Sergeant. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Trustee Buxton asked if any grants exist for the hiring of police officers. Chief Mormann explained that at this time the only grants available are for officers assigned to schools. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the Emergency Management annual payroll. 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to authorize the Village Administrator to sign bank documents. 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 Perchinski made a motion to table Discussion on feeding cats at large within the Village. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table Discussion and Consideration of LOCIS 8 Time Entry. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to finance the two (2) Ford F250 Pickup Trucks for the Fire Department from the local bank for 4 years at 3.35%. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Trustee Perchinski explained that the price of the pickup trucks increased slightly due to the more comprehensive quote from Terry's Ford. Roll was called and the following trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Fire Chief Nowell Fillion that the Steger Fire Department join the Inter-Agency Agreement for Fit Testing Equipment at a cost of \$1,000 to join and \$100 per year. 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 Perchinski made a motion to approve and execute the CDBG Drawdown Support Documentation for submission to Cook County for funding. 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 Perchinski made a motion to go into 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; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

7:47pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular session. 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.

9:27pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:28pm.

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk