

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 1st day of December, 2014 at the Steger Village Hall in the Fire Department Headquarters 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, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Attorney Amber Munday and Housing Director Alice Peterson.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND 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 all ayes; motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Real Estate Agent Bruce Hackel of ReMax thanked the Board for providing services to residents and discussed real estate values and the market with the audience.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that Steger and South Chicago Heights have been awarded a \$101,000.00 to repair the road in front of Saukview School. (30th Street from Chicago Road to Peoria). South Suburban Mayors and Managers are processing the paperwork. Roadwork should begin in the spring of 2015.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper explained that the SCADA program should be running later this week.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported that in November the Fire Department responded to 95 ambulance calls and 16 fire calls. Mutual aid was given 14 times and received once. There have been 1243 calls thus far in 2014.

Chief Fillion reported that last week a live burn training was held and that South Chicago Heights, Sauk Village and Steger Estates attended.

Fire Department EMTs will graduate soon and are doing very well.

The Fire Department hosted the Pancake Breakfast with Santa on November 30th. The event was a huge success. Chief Fillion thanked all those who attended for their participation.

Police Chief Carl Mormann referred to his weekly reports. Chief Mormann is working with the Flossmoor Police Department on “Active Shooter” training December 29-30.

EMA Chief Johnston reported that in November, his department had eight regular patrols, 13 emergency callouts and 3 functions for a total of 275 man hours.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report.

Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen reported the negotiations meeting earlier today went well. Another meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2015.

Ms. Seehausen stated that the first laserfische project is starting this week.

Evaluations are due. Ms. Seehausen hopes to have all evaluations returned by the end of the week.

The risk management agreement has been renewed for another year with no rate increase.

Housing Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Village Attorney Amber Munday thanked Trustee Buxton for his input on the Finance Policy. She is still reviewing the policy.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Ryan Buxton mentioned some concerns regarding grant funding in the Finance Policy.

A full financial report will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Sarek thanked Public Works for having the nets at Veterans Park removed before the winter sets in.

Trustee Sarek discussed flaws in the Community Center's gym floor. Community Center Director Diane Rossi has been in contact with the contractor and is working to have the flaws repaired.

Trustee Perchinski thanked the Steger Chamber of Commerce, Steger Fire Department, EMA and Steger Police Department for the Tree Lighting Ceremony, and the fireworks display. Trustee Perchinski also reported that the Pancake Breakfast with Santa was a great event and the children all seemed to enjoy it.

Clerk Recupito reported on the Obenauff on Line Auction. The fire truck did not sell, as the reserve was not met. The Ford Expedition and Chevy Uplander sold for \$4,695.00 and the emergency lights sold for \$710.01.

Mr. Recupito reported that Fr. Dennis of St. Liborius asked parishioners at the 5:30pm Mass to contact the Village Board and request the fireworks be eliminated from the 2015 Tree Lighting ceremony or hold the tree lighting fireworks display until the conclusion of the 5:30pm Mass.

The Fire truck will be put up for auction in the New Year.

President Peterson recommends that the Board table Ordinance No. 185 until the January 5, 2015 Board Meeting and Ordinance No. 186 until the December 15, 2014 Board Meeting.

PAYING THE BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Illinois Department of Transportation proclaiming December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Buxton made a motion to table Discussion on the Finance Policy. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

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

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application of Fadi Wireless, Inc. at 3335 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1085 MAKING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CORPORATE PURPOSE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2015 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1086 VILLAGE OF STEGER TAX LEVY. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1069 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF COOK TO SUBMIT A NO-CASH BID TO ACQUIRE A TAX CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF TAXES ON 3 IMPROVED PROPERTIES VIA THE COOK COUNTY NO CASH BID PROGRAM. 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 approve RESOLUTION NO. 1070 AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF COOK TO SUBMIT A NO-CASH BID TO ACQUIRE A TAX CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF TAXES ON 5 VACANT PROPERTIES VIA THE COOK COUNTY NO CASH BID PROGRAM. 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 Sarek made a motion to approve the request of EMA Chief Tom Johnston to purchase a 2015 Ford F-250 Pick Up truck at a cost of \$17,450.00. The truck exceeds the budgeted price by \$4,000.00. All lighting and labor to install will be provided by EMA members. 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 the Housing & Community Development Committee to submit the Blight Reduction Program application. 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 ratify the Board Action November 17, 2014, approving the installation of a security alarm at the Recreation Buildings at a cost of approximately \$30.00 per month per building. 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 approve the 2015 Board Meeting Dates. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:28pm.

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk