

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 5th day of January, 2015 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with President Peterson in the Chair and presiding and Village Clerk Carmen S. Recapito, Jr. attending.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Sarek and Lopez. Trustee Perchinski was absent. Also present were HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson, Village Attorney Amber Munday and Police Chief Carl A. Mormann.

**AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Doing Your Best for Steger Pride Award presented to Robert Hensley by Steve Thurmond.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

An Audience member invited members of the Board, the Police and Fire Departments to attend the January 25<sup>th</sup> "Mid-Winter Cruise," a 5K run/walk in Park Forest. Flyers were distributed.

An Audience member inquired about a light fixture in Royal Oaks subdivision that's burned out. The fixture belongs to ComEd. Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper will contact the Steger ComEd representative to resolve the issue.

The same resident asked about the progress of the Miller Woods group collecting petition signatures regarding the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. Mayor Peterson will discuss the project privately with the resident following the meeting.

Dean Gaffney thanked Director Toepper and the Department of Public Works for their "stellar attention" to a water problem he experienced at his property. Mr. Gaffney had "nothing but praise" for Public Works. They were "cordial, punctual and knowledgeable".

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** reported that the bids will be opened January 15<sup>th</sup> for the Police Station renovation project.

Mr. Tilton and Director Toepper met with Bloom Township regarding Miller Woods. Mr. Tilton and Director Toepper expect to hear back from Joe Stanfa soon.

Mr. Tilton reported that according to IDNR, Steger falls \$7500 short in land value to continue with the bike trail project. He'll be talking with Bruce Hackel, as Mr. Hackel has the rest of the property on Steger Road.

The Enterprise application was filed on time with the State of Illinois. It should be a three month process before the Village hears back on the application.

Mr. Tilton also reported that the Planning Priorities grant should begin next week.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** reported that in December, the Fire Department had 108 ambulance calls, 16 fire calls, received 3 mutual aid calls and gave mutual aid 10 times. 1,356 total calls for 2014.

The Fire Department is working on its 2015 training schedules. Chief Fillion reported that many firefighters are stepping up and participating in trainings. Firefighter Brian Peirce has enrolled in the EMT program and starts this week.

The Fire Department's new pickup trucks have been delivered. Lights are being installed.

A member of the Fire Department is donating a vehicle to the Department to be used for trainings.

The Fire Engine is again on line with the on line auction house to be sold.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** had no report

**Police Chief Carl A. Mormann** referenced his weekly reports. Chief Mormann also stated that information has been added to the Village website, Village Facebook page and the Village marquee regarding "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" Friday January 9<sup>th</sup>.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported in December EMA had 11 emergency callouts, 4 were mutual aid and 2 were for the Accident Reconstruction team from Chicago Heights. There were 9 patrols; one on Christmas Day and one on New Year's Eve for a total of 217 man hours in December.

Chief Johnston also reported that if a power outage occurs due to the extreme cold and snow the Community Center will be used as an emergency warming shelter.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** had no report.

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

**Housing and Community Development Director** Alice Peterson had no report for Housing and Community Development Committee, but thanked the Village Hall staff, Public Works and the Fire Department for assistance in delivery of the Christmas Baskets.

**Village Attorney Amber Munday** had no report.

**Trustee Buxton** presented the Treasurer's Report. (Attached to the Minutes)

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Skrezyna** reported that the final payment is being made to Call One. He thanked Mary Jo Seehausen, Mike Tilton and Dave Toepper for their efforts in making this happen.

**Trustee Kozy** wished everyone "Happy New Year"

**Trustee Lopez** had no report.

**Trustee Sarek** reported that Basketball will start its season this coming Saturday. Mrs. Rossi explained that the gym floor has not been repaired yet, due to the season. The repair will be scheduled around the Basketball season.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk reported that the next Village Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 20, 2015. The Village Hall will be closed Monday, January 19th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mayor Peterson announced he will have a State of the Village address at the next Board Meeting.

### **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; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1085 AN ORDINANCE 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 (TABLED 12/1/14)

Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

At Mayor Peterson's suggestion, Trustee Lopez made a motion to accept the LOCIS 8 Time Entry. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to table indefinitely, the Business License Application of L & R Auto Sales at 3218 Chicago Road. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1087 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTIONS 2-32, 2-104, AND 2-127 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1088 AN ORDINANCE REVISING SECTION III OF THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL REGARDING THE USE OF VACATION TIME FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1089 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO THE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1090 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to approve the Metro Contract to begin February 1, 2015. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion accept the MCSI Collection Contract, as recommended by Police Chief Mormann. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to table the Liquor License Application of Mahmood Lakha of 500 Food Mart at 500 West 34th Street. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Lakha will provide further information to Administrator Tilton.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**– to discuss personnel and contracts

Trustee Lopez made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contracts.

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. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**7:24pm**

Roll was called and the following Trustees were in attendance; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Mayor Peterson. Meeting returned to regular session at

**8:27pm**

Mayor Peterson re appointed:

Mike Tilton	Village Administrator
Mary Jo Seehausen	HR Director
Nowell Fillion	Fire Chief
Diane Rossi	Community Center Director
Carl Mormann	Police Chief
Dave Toepper	Public Infrastructure Director
Tom Johnston	EMA Chief
Alice Peterson	Housing & Community Development Director
G&W Associates, PC	Finance Director and Treasurer
Brian Driscoll	Hearing Officer
DelGaldo Law Group	Village Attorney
Law Office of Dennis Giannopoulos	Corporate Attorney/Prosecutor
Al Ronan	Lobbyist
Luanne Thurmond	Pension Board

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

Mayor Peterson then re-appointed all Trustees back to their current Trustee liaison roles:

Trustee Buxton	Finance
Trustee Skrezyna	Public Infrastructure
Trustee Kozy	EMA
Trustee Lopez	HR
Trustee Sarek	Recreation
Trustee Perchinski	Fire & Police

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the Mayor's Trustee Liaison appointments. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez and Sarek. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson will make appointments to Boards and Committees at the next Board Meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:29pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk