

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 20th day of January, 2015 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Carmen S. Recapito, Jr. attending. President Peterson was absent.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Buxton, Skrezyna, Sarek, Lopez and Perchinski. President Peterson and Trustee Kozy were absent. Also present were HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, EMA Chief Tom Johnston and Police Chief Carl A. Mormann.

Clerk Recapito entertained a motion to appoint a temporary Mayor in President Peterson's absence. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to appoint Trustee Lopez as temporary Mayor. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried. Trustee Lopez took the chair as temporary Mayor.

**AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

None

**MINUTES**

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Board Meeting, as written. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2015 Appropriation Hearing, as written. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Mike Ruiz approached the Board. Mr. Ruiz works for Green Hornet Taxi Company. Mr. Ruiz would like to offer transportation to senior citizens. Temporary Mayor Lopez suggested Mr. Ruiz meet with Village Administrator Mike Tilton to further discuss the service.

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** reported that he met with a third architect today. Funds that were promised by the State of Illinois have been frozen since the new governor has taken office. The money is still expected, but delayed.

Mr. Tilton met with Bruce Hackel who owns the parcel the Village is interested in. Mr. Tilton suggests going back to Crete and requesting more land to satisfy the state's requirement of \$7,700.

Trustee inquired about the quiet zone. Mr. Tilton explained that Chicago Heights is out of the study and South Chicago Heights is in agreement with Steger. The cost factor will fall on the Village of Steger.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** reported that Brian Pearce is in the EMT Program at Prairie State College. Seven Fire Department members, including the Chief are enrolled in the Advanced Technical Firefighter Class also at Prairie State College.

The recently delivered Fire Department's Units #103 & #106 should be in service by the next Board meeting and will be available for inspection.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** was absent.

**Police Chief Carl A. Mormann** referenced his weekly reports. Chief Mormann also announced that Officer Brian Smith is being honored by the National Rifle Association as Law Enforcement Firearms Instructor of the Year.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported that a draft of the emergency operations plan should be presented by the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.

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

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

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** was absent.

**Village Attorney Amber Munday** was absent.

**Trustee Buxton** reported that the change from fiscal year to calendar year is underway. A financial report will be prepared for the next Board meeting.

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Skrezyna** had no report.

**Trustee Lopez** had no report.

**Trustee Sarek** reported that Volleyball and Basketball seasons are underway.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk announced that St. Liborius Knights of Columbus are having a “Blue Mass” to honor public safety personnel Saturday January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm. All are invited.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Mayor was absent, but will have a State of Village address at the next Board meeting.

**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; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table discussion on the Finance Policy. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt 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 FISCALYEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2015 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Liquor License Application of Mahmood Lakha of 500 Food Mart at 500 West 34th Street, until the second Board Meeting of February. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Mayoral Appointments. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the Proven Business Systems Toshiba 36 month lease and to include the fax board and the stapling finisher to the lease. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the low bid of Talsma Builders for Temporary Police Modifications as the result of the January 15<sup>th</sup> bid opening. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to approve the financing of the Village Administrator's new vehicle. The financing will be 4 years at 3.2% through Old Plank Trail Bank. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to transfer a 2008 Ford Explorer from the Police Department to the Fire Department, as recommended by Police Chief Carl A. Mormann. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the purchase of a Stryker ambulance cot at a cost of \$18,805.15, to be paid for in part with grant funds. Financing through Stryker will be used at \$2,700 per year. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Fadi Wireless temporary business license. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Executive Session until the next Board Meeting. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:24 pm**

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk