

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 February, 2015 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending and President Peterson presiding.

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

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move the swearing in of Full-time Patrolman Ryan M. Boren from New Business to Awards, Honors & Special Recognitions. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Fire & Police Board Members Matt Wenzel and Roger Wommack, Officer Ryan Boren and Police Chief Carl A. Mormann stepped forward. Mr. Wenzel swore Officer Boren into the office of Full-Time Patrolman. The Board and the audience applauded Officer Boren.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 Board Meeting, as written. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mark Gerrity of 314 Royal Oak commented on the great job Public Works did to remove snow during the weekend snow storm. Mayor Peterson also thanked Public Works for their efforts and all Department heads for contributing to the snow removal.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that he received a phone call from Mr. Gonzalez of Morgan Street who complimented the Village for its snow removal and for the clarity of the water.

Mr. Tilton has received information from Robinson Engineering regarding the Quiet Zone study. He will make some more phone calls, but should add the Quiet Zone study to the next agenda.

Mr. Tilton has spoken to Crete's Mayor Einhorn regarding Steger acquiring an additional 1.5 acres from Crete. Mayor Einhorn expects the Crete Village Board to agree to the suggestion. Bruce Hackel has also spoken with Mr. Tilton regarding property he owns on 34th Street that would also be an asset to Steger. Mr. Hackel has \$14,881.00 in the property and that is what he'd be asking for it. Mayor Peterson explained that the ComEd grant may be used for the purchase of the 3th Street Hackel property. Both pieces of property would benefit the Village.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper thanked the Fire Department whose members participated in the snow removal efforts and allowed the DPW crew to rest. There were 252 man-hours used in the snow removal effort.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported that the Fire Department has been busy through the storm digging out fire hydrants.

Chief Fillion reported that all 8 students of the Fire Department are doing well in their classes-all at 80% or better.

Chief Fillion stated that both new vehicles; units 103 & 106 are available for inspection in the Fire House.

Police Chief Carl A. Mormann referenced his weekly reports.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that in January EMA had nine regular patrols, two weather patrols, twelve emergency calls and gave mutual aid four times. EMA had one training and one special event at Bloom Trail High School basketball game. January total of 464 man-hours.

Two EMA units were on patrol overnight during the snow storm assisting the Police Department and helping motorists.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi referred to her written report.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Village Attorney Amber Munday was absent.

Trustee Buxton was absent.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Skrezyna gave the Treasurer's Report in Trustee Buxton's absence. Trustee Skrezyna thanked the Fire Department for hosting the dinner over the weekend and for including the Trustees.

Trustee Kozy thanked Public Works for the snow removal during the weekend storm.

Trustee Lopez was absent.

Trustee Sarek was absent.

Trustee Perchinski thanked Public Works for the snow removal efforts and the Fire Department for the dinner held on the weekend. Trustee Perchinski reported that many residents have also left positive comments on Face book. He also thanked all department heads for their leadership during the storm.

CLERK'S REPORT

The next Village Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 17, 2015

The Village Hall will be closed Monday, February 16th in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson thanked the Fire Department for the dinner. Mayor Peterson enjoyed seeing the camaraderie and seeing the departments work together.

Mayor Peterson commented that the recent snow storm was the 5th biggest snow storm in history. He remembered the biggest storm in 1967 when people couldn't leave their homes. Snow removal technology is unchanged since then. Plows are still used to move the snow. The clean-up was fantastic.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Recupito read an email from Lillian Stryczek thanking all departments for the snow removal efforts and keeping citizens safe during the recent blizzard.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Mayoral Appointments to Boards and Commissions at Mayor Peterson's suggestion. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. 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. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Chief Mormann to hire one additional Full-Time Patrolman. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion by Village Administrator, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the proposal by BKV at \$8,000. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

There was no action taken on Article I Sec. 22-1 of the Code of Ordinances - Security Patrol in certain residential rental apartment complexes.

There was no action taken on Sec. 22-45 of the Code of Ordinances - General business license subsection (b).

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the temporary Business License Application of Hey Ma! Tattoo at 3218 Chicago Road, Unit B, pending inspections. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to table the temporary Business License Application of Dew's Produce, LLC at 670 E. Sauk Trail, pending inspections. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Upon recommendation of Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper, Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the 2015 MFT Paving Project – Hopkins 30th to Steger Rd, Wentworth Steger Rd to Church, Durham Drive, Tiverton Ln, Camden Dr., and E 35th St across RR tracks and Emerald W 32nd St to W 32nd PL. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Bowman is the Engineer on the project. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Will County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board and the Village of Steger (Police & Fire Departments) for the funding of 9-1-1 Surcharge reallocation. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request from Misericordia to hold its annual Jelly Belly Candy Days fundraising event on Friday and Saturday April 24 & 25, 2015 at the corner of 34th Street and Chicago Road. Trustee Perchinski requires Misericordia obey the Village's rules for fundraisers. 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 Skrezyna 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.

Village Administrator Mike Tilton added that the home damaged by fire on Richton Road will be torn down. A demolition permit has been issued.

Mr. Tilton also asked that the motion to approve the BKV proposal be based on the approval of the proposal by the Village Attorney.

Trustee Perchinski amended his motion to have the Village Attorney sign off on the BKV proposal prior to its execution. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Skrezyna, Kozy and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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 7:22 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk