

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 17th 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, Buxton, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Trustee Kozy was 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move the CMAP Presentation to the first agenda item. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Jonathan Birch Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning-CMAP discussed planning with the Board and the Audience.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move the declaration of the 2007 Ford Crown Victoria up to the second agenda item. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Peterson welcomed the Monee Mayor to the meeting. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to declare the 2007 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus property. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Trustee Lopez made a motion to donate the vehicle to the Village of Monee EMA. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1091AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2015 Board Meeting, as written. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper shared asbestos quotes for removal of asbestos at the Fire Station No. 2. The asbestos was not included in the scope of work for Fire Station No. 2 work. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the bid of Universal of Lemont, IL of \$5,150.00 provided the Village Attorney approves the agreement. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Director Toepper also reported that last year at this time there had been 22 water main breaks repaired. Year to date in 2015, just 4 main breaks have broken and needed repair.

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported on a grant application from Congresswoman Robin Kelly for \$25,000 from USDA that would be used for the asbestos removal and the Police Department renovation.

Administrator Tilton met with Crete's Mayor, Village Administrator and Park Board President to discuss the bike path properties. Crete is fully on board to do what is necessary to make the project happen; whether it is giving Steger the 3 lots to the east or going in halves with Steger on the Bruce Hackel property. Trustee Perchinski felt it would be more clear cut if Steger just bought the Hackel property and let Crete give Steger the 3 lots. Crete would still be able to use that part of the park. Crete Park Board President has had great success with IDNR grants and will reach out on behalf of Steger regarding the bike path project. Crete's Mayor suggests an easement on the property. Mayor Peterson explained that Steger could loop the water lines and the bike path would carry on through Crete. Mayor Peterson has also looked into adding gym equipment on the bike path.

Mr. Tilton added that Sauk Village is putting in a bike path that may connect to the Steger/Crete project in the future.

Mr. Tilton also reported on the Quiet Zone Study and recommended that the Village approve Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Study. South Chicago Heights and Chicago Heights are both interested in the Study.

South Chicago Heights is using CDBG funds on their 34th Street (Steger's 30th Street). Trustee Perchinski made a motion to look into moving forward to the project. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski suggested moving the large cement blocks on 30th Street (South Chicago Heights' 34th Street) on Sandy Ridge Drive further off the road. The blocks have been used to prevent illegal dumping into the creek.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion thanked Department of Public Works for the assistance digging fire hydrants out of the snow after the recent storm.

Chief Fillion added that Engine #111 was sold to Kensal Fire Department in North Dakota at a price of \$15,000.

Advanced Firefighter classes and EMT classes at Prairie State College are going well.

Chief Fillion reported that his department has responded to 29 ambulance calls, 6 fire calls, and has given Mutual Aid 5 times.

Police Chief Carl A. Mormann reported that construction will begin Thursday morning at 7am. The project will take 7-8 weeks to complete.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that a copy of the EOP overview will be emailed by Friday. Fire and Police Chiefs will review the EOP, also.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi met with seniors recently and it was suggested a sock hop be held at the Community Center some time in May.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen met with LOCIS regarding the payroll/time clock. The price has been lowered by \$200 and will be housed at the Village Hall. It should be functional by April 1st. Supervisors will be trained first then staff.

Laserfische has been imbedding in our server for copiers, etc. and should be operating in the next few weeks.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Village Attorney Amber Munday was absent.

Trustee Buxton gave the financial report. His report is attached to the minutes.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek asked Director Toepper about the doors. Mr. Toepper said the work on the doors have been scheduled for next week.

The Softball program has requested the Village share the cost of crushed stone to fill in the field. The cost will be \$1,000; \$500 to the Village Board and \$500 to the Softball program. Trustee Sarek made the motion, seconded by Trustee Skrezyna. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson reported that many of the concerns shared during the CMAP presentation were the same ones discussed by the mayor, Village Administrator and Housing and Community Development Director earlier. Mayor Peterson explained that CMAP is an important part of planning for the future.

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the bills as listed with one change. The County Line invoices should come from the corporate account 01-00-34600. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table indefinitely the Liquor License Application of Mahmood Lakha of 500 Food Mart at 500 West 34th Street. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Fadi of Fadi Wireless addressed the Board regarding his temporary business license application. Director Toepper and Fire Inspector Marino have both passed Fadi Wireless' inspections. Trustee Perchinski motioned to approve the Business License of Fadi Wireless. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Hey Ma! Tattoo at 3218 Chicago Road, Unit B, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table indefinitely the Temporary Business License Application of Dew's Produce, LLC at 670 E. Sauk from the agenda. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO.1092 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1093 AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2014 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$1,390,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003 (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept Phase 1 & Phase 2 of Robinson Engineering's Quiet Zone proposal at a cost of \$3,600. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the low bid by Iroquois Paving for \$319,000 for the 2015 MFT bid award. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION–

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contracts. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. 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.

8:12pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

9:12pm

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 9:14 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk