

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending and President Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr. presiding.

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, HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson and Police Chief Carl A. Mormann.

Mayor Peterson asked the audience to join him in a moment of silence to honor the memory of Trustee Andy Banicki who passed away April of 2014, after battling cancer.

**AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Fire & Police Board Secretary Matt Wenzel, Chairperson Michael Riley and Commissioner Roger Wommack swore Alex Farkas to the office of Full Time Patrolman. Police Chief Mormann Mayor Peterson, the Village Board and audience congratulated Officer Farkas.

Fire & Police Board Secretary Matt Wenzel, Chairperson Michael Riley and Commissioner Roger Wommack swore Officer Harley Lackey to the office of Police Sergeant. Police Chief Mormann Mayor Peterson, the Village Board and audience congratulated Sergeant Lackey.

**MINUTES**

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Pat Brackman of Immanuel Lutheran Church addressed the board and suggested three different options to the Board for using the Church's "Activity Center" as a "Youth Center" for the Village. Mayor Peterson asked the Board to consider the proposal and to discuss it further at the next Board meeting.

Jim Herr of Miller Woods discussed a tree trimming business in the area and the condition of his property. Mr. Herr asked the Board to investigate the problem. Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper is working on the problem.

Mr. Herr also thanked Public Works for the great job done this winter on snow removal.

Jim Patrevito of East 227th Place discussed a Miller Woods street that is being used as a drag strip. Mr. Patrevito suggested a temporary speed bump that could be removed each winter to accommodate snow plowing. Mayor Peterson assured Mr. Patrevito that the Police will pay special attention to the area.

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** thanked the Fire Department for taking aerial photographs of the property at Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove Avenue.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** reported that he and Mr. Tilton are meeting Tuesday with Republic Services regarding street sweeping and yard waste pick up. Next week they will meet with Bowman Engineering at a Pre-Construction meeting regarding the summer road work projects. August 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. Toepper will meet with IDOT regarding Union Avenue and Kings Road work.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** reported that the Fire Department is up to 270 calls year to date. In March there were 82 ambulance calls, 15 fire calls and gave mutual aid 4 times. Lt. Gibbs, John Pacelli and Training Officer Todd Ragusin have signed up for Structure 1 State Certification. Brian Pierce is in his 9<sup>th</sup> week of EMT training.

Chief Fillion thanked the Police Department for providing information to the Fire Department so that the Fire Department is prepared as they approach a fire. Chief Fillion also thanked Public Works for providing water necessary to fight the fires and EMA for providing the light truck during emergencies.

Chief Fillion also reported that Deputy Chief Baine and Rogel Hamilton responded to a fire on Durham Drive. From the time the call was toned out, the fire was struck in 11 minutes. A recent call to a 2<sup>nd</sup> story fire on Richton Road was struck within 16 minutes of being toned out. That call was at 3am.

Chief Fillion also read a card received from Mr. Avery thanking Fire, Police and Dispatch for a job well done.

**Police Chief Carl A. Mormann** referred to his weekly reports.

Chief Mormann also reported that the next Coffee with a Cop will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am at Raspberry's Pancake House.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported that in March EMA had 8 regular patrols, 4 functions and 14 emergency callouts for a total of 243 man hours.

Chief Johnston hopes to have the Mobile Command Center on site for the next Board meeting for inspection.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** was absent. Trustee Sarek reported on damage to the batting cages at the park.

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

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** announced that there will be a free Homebuyers Workshop seminar at the Village Hall on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon.

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

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Skrezyna** had no report.

**Trustee Kozy** had no report

**Trustee Lopez** had no report.

**Trustee Sarek** reported that the both Veterans and Firemen's Parks will be alarmed soon.

**Trustee Perchinski** reminded everyone that April 7<sup>th</sup> is Election Day and encouraged all residents to vote.

**CLERK'S REPORT had** no report.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT-** thanked the Fire Department and all departments for efforts during the recent fires in the Village.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed, except the invoices for Joseph Schudt and Associates. The invoices are for \$1616.50 and \$142.00 Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table indefinitely, the Liquor License Application of Mahmood Lakha 500 Food Mart at 500 W. 34th Street until Mahmood comes to the Board with a new plan. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table indefinitely, the Temporary Business License Application of Touche's at 3336 Chicago Road. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Anthony Santori discussed his business plan for Patti's Café at 27 E. 34<sup>th</sup> Street (formerly On-a-Roll) The café will serve sandwiches, sweet treats, beer and wine. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the temporary business license application. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Kozy. Trustees Skrezyna and Buxton voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application of Patti's Café (formerly On-a-Roll) at 27 E. 34<sup>th</sup> Street for beer and wine only. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Kozy. Trustees Skrezyna and Buxton voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1094 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, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1075 FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1076 FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1077 FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table indefinitely the business license application of Midwest Great Danes at 22635 State Street, as a Zoning change will be required. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to approve the request from Steger Wildcats Football and Cheer to hold tag days on April 11, May 12 and June 6, 2015. All donation collectors must be 18 years of age and over and wearing safety vests. No one under 18 shall participate in the fundraising effort.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper's request to hire two seasonal employees, as the expense has been budgeted. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Executive Session to discuss Personnel and contracts. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk