

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 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, Skrezyrna, Kozy, Lopez, Sarek and Perchinski. Also present were Village Administrator Mike Tilton, HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Code Enforcement Officer Romulus Biris, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson and Police Chief Carl A. Mormann.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Peterson asked Sergeant Michael Haskins to come to the front of the room. The Village Clerk read Resolution No. 1078 Honoring Michael Haskins on His Retirement after 23 Years of Service. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1078. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. Police Chief Carl A. Mormann presented Sergeant Haskins with a plaque commemorating his years of service. The Board, Department Heads and the audience congratulated Sergeant Haskins.

MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jim Patrevito of East 227th Place discussed a Tree Trimming business in his neighborhood. Mayor Peterson explained that Dave Toepper was involved in an accident, but had met with the Tree Trimming business. Mayor Peterson will follow up on the progress.

Mr. Patrevito commented that an increased police presence in his neighborhood has not deterred those speeding on his street. Mayor Peterson will follow up with Dave Toepper regarding his research into a speed bump for the area.

Robert Alexander discussed a problem house in his neighborhood. He explained that every time he's called the police have come. Mr. Alexander and several of his neighbors are deeply concerned. Mayor Peterson explained that the village is doing everything in its power to address the problem. He will continue to make the house a priority and will keep the pressure on.

Mr. Alexander asked about the quiet zone study. Village Administrator Mike Tilton will address the quiet zone study in his report.

Ms. Garza addressed the board regarding the quiet zone and the condition of the railroad tracks at 35th Street. There are huge potholes, no sidewalks and standing water. Ms. Garza has been calling the railroad for three years. Ms. Garza is opposed to the quiet zone because of the condition of the tracks.

Village Administrator Mike Tilton explained that there has been a rumor circulated that the 35th Street crossing might be closed to through traffic. When the quiet study moves ahead, the 35th Street crossing will be addressed. It will be left to the railroad weather to repair the tracks or to close the crossing. Ms. Garza explained that due to the many activities in the 35th Street area, the crossing should not be closed. The closing would not be within the control of the Village of Steger.

Mr. Patrevito explained that the audience has trouble hearing comments during “Audience Participation” and suggested the Village purchase a microphone. Administrator Tilton will look into purchasing one.

Mary Ann Spark asked the Board for permission to plant a garden behind the Centennial Village Senior Center on Village property. Mayor Peterson asked that Code Enforcement officer Biris look into the property for her.

Ms. Spark also commented on the condition of sidewalks due to cars parked at Corona Auto Repair. Code Enforcement will look into the situation.

Michael Riley of Cub Scout Pack 173 asked that his request to use Village Hall parking lot at 35 W. 34th Street be changed to Veterans Park.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton asked if anyone had further questions regarding the quiet zone study. Mr. Tilton explained that if approved, work could begin late this summer.

Mr. Tilton reported that he and HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen met with Pace Bus. Pace can provide a van to the Village at an initial fee of \$1,000 and additional \$100 per month for use of the van. The Village would have hire a driver, schedule rides for seniors and determine the service area. Pace provides maintenance for 3-5 years.

The contracts for alarms at Veterans Park and Hecht Park will be signed tonight.

South Chicago Heights contributed \$500 to the cost of the Summer Band program.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper was absent.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported that the Fire Department is up to 328 calls year to date. In prior two weeks there were 40 ambulance calls, 10 fire calls and gave mutual aid 8 times. Lt. Gibbs, John Pacelli and Todd Ragusin are completing their instructor one course and doing very well. Brian Pierce is completing his EMT training. Chief Fillion and three others have taken the state certified advanced

technical firefighter exam. Chief Fillion and three other department members will be going to Indianapolis to the FDIC (Fire Department Instructors Conference) on Thursday and Friday April 23-24.

Chief Fillion explained that Firefighter Levitt and Administrator Tilton met with the Red Cross regarding a free smoke detector program. Firefighters will meet with residents in their home, discuss an escape plan and install up to 3 smoke detectors.

Police Chief Carl A. Mormann referred to his weekly reports. Chief Mormann reported that with the Village Attorney's assistance, the Police Department is now up and running with the Illinois Comptroller's Debt Recovery program. The first batch was submitted this afternoon.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that the EMA Mobile Command Center is on site for inspection. Chief Johnston thanked HR Director Seehausen for posting open positions on the website.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen reported that employee health insurance premiums will decrease for the year beginning July 1, 2015 through April 30, 2016 of 8.6% on PPO 1.90% on HMO. Administrator Tilton added that Mary Jo is very good at clarifying and understanding insurance matters. The Mayor agreed.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Village Attorney Amber Mundy had no report.

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

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Skrezyna reported that Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper was involved in a car accident. Trustee Skrezyna asked that we all wish him a speedy recovery. Trustee Skrezyna commented that two programs will begin soon; hydrant flushing and street paving.

Trustee Kozy thanked HR Director Seehausen for posting EMA's job positions.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek reported that the repair of batting cages will be cost \$1,150.00. Trustee Sarek thanked Administrator Tilton for getting the parks alarmed. He also asked if the doors have been replaced yet. Administrator Tilton will talk with Public Works.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT had had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mayor Peterson wished Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper a speedy recovery. Village services should proceed seamlessly in his absence.

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, Sarek and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Peterson re appointed Matthew Wenzel to December 31, 2018 and Mike Riley to December 31, 2015 to the Fire & Police Board. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the mayoral appointments. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 804-15 AMENDING CHAPTER SIX, SECTION 6-76 ENTITLED LIMITATIONS ON LICENSES. 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.

PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MAY MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the Professional Services Agreement with Plante & Moran, PLLC for audit services, not to exceed \$28,350.00. 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 approve the Event Logistics Proposal with Mixed Design. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Kozy, Sarek and Perchinski. Trustee Lopez voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the vision plan changes. 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 approve the request from Diane McCormack, Amanda Dorans and Alyssa Thorpe to solicit donations for the Cancer Support Center at the intersection of Chicago Road and Steger Road on Saturday, May 16th. 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 the Business Proposal of L & R Auto at 3218 Chicago Road, pending a review of the property's zoning. L & R Auto will submit a new business license application with the new information that includes insurance office and on line auto sales. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Cub Scout pack 173 requests that Richton Road between Crystal and Ashland be closed to through traffic on June 20th from 1-4pm for Cubmobile races. Chief Mormann will work with Mike Riley in notifying Will County of the street closure. Half of the road will be open for occasional traffic. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Cub Scout pack 173 requests permission to use Veterans Park on May 16th Armed Forces Day. The scouts will honor our veterans with free coffee and donuts. The scouts also ask that the information be promoted on the Village's digital sign. Trustee Perchinski made the motion; seconded by Trustee Sarek. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Steger Little League to hold "Tag Days" on May 22nd and 23rd at the intersection of 34th Street and Chicago Road. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

7:53pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to Regular Session. 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.

8:52pm

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

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MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:53 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk