

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 4th day of May, 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 HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Code Enforcement Officer Romulus Biris, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Housing, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Community Development Director Alice Peterson and Police Chief Carl A. Mormann.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

None.

MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jim Patrevito of 85 East 227th Place approached the Board and inquired about a microphone that would help the audience to better hear the meeting participants. Mayor Peterson explained that the Village Administrator is looking into acquiring a microphone.

Scott Smith of 87 227th Street asked about the progress of the Water Reclamation tax being removed from the tax bills of the Miller Woods residents. Attorney Amber Munday reported that progress is being made. Ms. Munday will report to the Board and Mayor Peterson will have an update posted on the Village website.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton was absent.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper was absent. Code Enforcement Officer Romulus Biris had no report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported that the Fire Department is up to 393 calls year to date. In prior two weeks there were 76 ambulance calls, 14 fire calls and gave mutual aid 9 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 Lt. Gibbs and Firefighter Husarik all passed the state certified advanced technical firefighter exam.

Deputy Fire Chief Baine is working with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on a 50/50 grant for brush fire equipment.

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

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that EMA had 8 regular patrols, 5 emergency callouts, 4 mutual aid calls in April for total of 207 man-hours.

Chief Johnston also reported the Little League parade went well with no problems.

Chief Johnston attended an Emergency Management Coordinator meeting in Joliet. Will county is working on an emergency management operating procedure to be tested by a committee formed by Steger, Crete and Beecher.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reminded the audience that the adult Sock Hop will be held May 15th from 6-9pm at the Community Center. The event is free, but pre-registration is required.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson referred to her weekly report.

Village Attorney Amber Mundy had no report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

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

Trustee Skrezyna had no report

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek reported that Opening Day for girls Softball is this Saturday at 11am. Trustee Sarek also asked that the doors be installed at the Recreation Building prior to Opening Day.

Trustee Sarek asked the Board to approve the “double safety” for the top of the fence at the girls’ softball field, at a cost of about \$400. Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the purchase. Trustee Skrezyna 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 reported that Layne Marino, the Village liaison to the Southeast Commuter Rail, that the grant to continue the study has been suspended.

Trustee Kozy thanked the Board and the audience for the last twelve years. May 4th was Mr. Kozy’s last day on the Board. The audience applauded Mr. Kozy.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mayor Peterson reported that he has met with the architects regarding the Village Hall and will meet again later this month. In June the Mayor will hold town hall meetings to provide better information.

Recently a CMAP meeting was held and several residents were in attendance.

Mayor Peterson threw out the first pitch at the Little League Opening Day festivities.

Mayor Peterson thanked Trustee Kozy for his contributions over his 12 years on the Board.

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

Laura Elton requested placement of an "Autistic child at Play" sign in her neighborhood. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the placement of the sign. 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. Mayor Peterson asked Public Infrastructure to look into purchasing the sign and to work with the Police Department in its placement.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the resignation of Harry Hammock as Recreation Board President. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. Mayor Peterson thanked Mr. Hammock for his service. Mr. Hammock will continue to work with the baseball program.

OLD BUSINESS:

L & R Auto Business plan was tabled on a motion by Trustee Perchinski, seconded by Trustee Kozy, as no representatives of L & R were in attendance. Voice vote was called; all ayes.

Trustee Lopez made the Motion to authorize and approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village of Steger and the Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Steger Chapter 117, and to Ratify all Actions Taken Consistent with the Terms Thereof. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

INAUGURATION OF NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES

OATHS OF OFFICE

The Village Clerk administered the oath of office to Tim Perchinski who was duly elected as Village Trustee on the April 7, 2015 election. Trustee Perchinski therefore assumed his chair of office.

The Village Clerk administered the oath of office to Mike Sarek who was duly elected as Village Trustee on the April 7, 2015 election. Trustee Sarek therefore assumed his chair of office.

The Village Clerk administered the oath of office to Ryan Buxton who was duly elected as Village Trustee on the April 7, 2015 election. Trustee Buxton therefore assumed his chair of office.

The Village Clerk administered the oath of office to William Joyce who was duly elected as Village Trustee on the April 7, 2015 election. Trustee Joyce therefore assumed his chair of office.

The audience congratulated the new Trustees.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the appointments by the Mayor. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek Perchinski and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1096 DENYING A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 22635 STATE STREET, STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek Perchinski and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1097 AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-456, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek Perchinski and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1098 REVISING SECTION III OF THE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL MANUAL REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN PAID TIME OFF BENEFITS AND AUTHORIZING, APPROVING AND RATIFYING CERTAIN PAYMENTS RELATED THERETO FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek Perchinski and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request from Chief of Police Carl A. Mormann for the purchase of two 2016 Ford Explorers for the patrol division. The cost for the two vehicles and the required emergency equipment is approximately \$64,915.50. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek Perchinski and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Trustee Lopez asked that Chief Mormann come back to the Board with a rate for the financing of the two vehicles.

The Clerk read the National Police Week Proclamation (May 10th-16th, 2015) Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the Proclamation. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Request of Samantha Zdzinicki for a temporary liquor license on May 17th from noon to 6pm at Veterans Park for a fundraiser. Dram Insurance will be provided. The fundraiser will benefit the Alton Bradley family. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek Perchinski and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Pechinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Plexus Salon, Inc. at 35 E. 34th Street Pending inspections. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek Perchinski and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Pechinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Big C Laundry at 434 W. 34th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek Perchinski and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. The Big C Laundry representative asked the Board to consider changing the fee for washers and dryers as vending machines on the license. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the fees discussion to the next meeting so that the Mayor can research. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Kmart Operations LLC #7289 at 3231 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek Perchinski and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Pechinski made a motion to approve Liquor License Application of Kmart Operations LLC #7289 at 3231 Chicago Road. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Buxton, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek Perchinski and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Peterson invited everyone to stay and enjoy cake to honor the newly elected Trustees and Trustee Kozy's 12 years of service.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:30 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk