

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending and Mayor Peterson presiding.

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

**AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS**

Michael Riley of the Fire and Police Board swore in full time patrol officer Jonathan Bass. The Board and the audience congratulated Officer Bass.

Mayor Peterson asked Harry Hammock to come to the front of the room. Clerk Recupito read RESOLUTION NO. 1079 HONORING HARRY HAMMOCK FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STEGER RECREATION BOARD AS ITS PRESIDENT. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1079. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

As Ms. Holley Eldred could not attend the meeting, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the PROCLAMATION HONORING HOLLEY ELDRED AND "INDY" – WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB'S 2015 BEST IN BREED. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

The Clerk read the PROCLAMATION HONORING NICHOLLE RILEY-RECIPIENT OF THE SILVER AWARD IN VENTURING.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez 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**

Janet Streck of First Apostolic Church and Communities for Christ/Steger Day of Prayer thanked the Board for its assistance over the last nine years. The Steger Day of Prayer, now Communities for Christ will celebrate its tenth year in 2016. Ms. Streck thanked Public Works, Fire and Police Departments and Emergency Management Agency for their assistance.

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Roger Wommack of the Drivin the Dixie Committee invited all audience members to attend the Drivin the Dixie on Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Kmart parking lot between 10am and 2pm.

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** added that free hot dogs, chips, soft drinks and water will be available at the Drivin the Dixie event.

The Quiet Zone Study was held on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Results should be ready in about three weeks. Some “recommendations” and some “requests”.

The annual audit is now complete.

The quarterly newsletter has been delivered.

Work continues on the “No Cash Bid” properties. More certificates have been received.

The railroad track at 35<sup>th</sup> Street has been removed and paved. A quote for sidewalks is due later in the week.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** stated that the paving project is done. A punch list of items around town will be addressed, as well as restoration work.

Hydrant flushing is underway.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** referred to his weekly report.

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

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported that EMA is keeping an eye on the weather. The Village is currently under flash flood warnings.

EMA is preparing for Drivin the Dixie event and the boxcar races.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** was absent.

**HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen** was absent.

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** reported that Kiwanis will announce the Little Miss Peanut winner at the Drivin the Dixie event.

**Village Attorney Amber Mundy** was absent.

### **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** had no report.

**Trustee Perchinski** had no report.

**Trustee Joyce** reported that the microphone system has been installed and is in use.

The new website is coming along.

The media for Steger Days of Music is ongoing and most of it went live June 14<sup>th</sup>.

**CLERK'S REPORT** reported that the Village Hall will be closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** Mayor Peterson had no report.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed, with one change. The invoice for Major Appliance Repair should be \$102.36 rather than \$87.80. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District indicating no changes in the user charges or delinquent penalties for 2015-16 fiscal year.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve Bowman Engineering's recommendation of Traffic Control Corporation's bid of \$14,500 for the Safe Routes to School federal grant. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Special Use Liquor License for Steger Days of Music 2015. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

On Mayor Peterson's suggestion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the proposal for a 2015 Ford F150 Super Cab 4 x 4 at a cost of \$31,590.00 until financing is worked out. The purchase is to replace the vehicle totaled in a recent accident . Funds from the insurance company will be used as well as funds received from the sale of the leaf vacuum. This vehicle will be equipped with a snow plow and lights that are not included in this price. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Village Administrator Tilton explained that the Community Center has budgeted \$10,000 for landscaping. The balance of landscape work is to come from Public Benefit Fund. A Proposal by Oak Ridge Landscape & Maintenance for landscaping of the Louis Sherman Community Center of \$17,000.00 was considered. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow Trustee Sarek, Administrator Tilton and Community Center Director Diane Rossi to review the three quotes received and determine the best course of action. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the request of Kym Cassello of 3520 Peoria to hold a block party on Friday July 31st beginning at 4pm for her son's graduation. Trustee Perchinski asked that Ms. Cassello be invited to attend the next Board meeting to discuss her request. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application and Business Plan of L&R Auto Sales at 3218 Chicago Road, pending inspections. No cars will be stored at the site; on line auto sales and insurance sales only. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Buxton. Trustee Skrezyna voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application of Alpha Wrecking Inc. at 27 E. 36th Street, Unit , as no representative of the business was on hand for questions. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table CLOSED SESSION – Personnel - 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. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:26 pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk