

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 7TH day of July, 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, Sarek and Perchinski. Trustees Lopez and Joyce were absent. 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, Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen and Police Chief Carl A. Mormann.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

As Ms. Holley Eldred could not attend the meeting, no action was taken on the PROCLAMATION HONORING HOLLEY ELDRED AND "INDY" – WESTMINSTER KENNEL CLUB'S 2015 BEST IN BREED.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 15th and June 29th Board Meetings, as written. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jim Patrevito discussed a fence that crosses over the creek in his neighborhood. The fence catches leaves and blocks the creek from its natural flow. Mayor Peterson asked Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper to look into the fence.

Mr. Patrevito also discussed a weed issue in his neighborhood. Mr. Toepper will also look into the weed issue.

Joe Zagone of 3209 Emerald Avenue discussed the flooding in his neighborhood during the recent rains. Mayor Peterson explained that the Village's new engineer is looking into the problem. It will take up to a month for the engineer's report. Mr. Zagone explained that in his alley is both a storm sewer and a sanitary sewer. When the sewers overflow, the overflow is comingled.

Rob of AutomotiveRS asked the Board to consider his business license application, pending inspections even though it is not on the agenda. Recently, his business burned in South Chicago Heights and he's trying to relocate to a TTS Granite property in Steger. AutomotiveRS does warranty work. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the temporary business license, pending inspections. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson asked that ratification of this action be included on the next meeting's agenda.

GSR1 Automotive is looking to purchase 22220 Sherman Road to open an automotive shop. Trustee Perchinski explained that the property is zoned residential. That GSR1 needs to meet with the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals and request a variance. Mayor Peterson suggested GSR1 discuss the process with the Village Administrator.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that Steger has made the “first cut” in the process for becoming an Enterprise Zone.

Mr. Tilton has also applied for a transit oriented grant with the Village of South Chicago Heights. Award notification is expected by July 15th.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper stated that Public Works is preparing for the Steger Days of Music as well as its regular daily responsibilities.

The Code Enforcement Department has written 40 tickets in the month of June. Most of those tickets were for long grass. Fifteen people are in the Housing Hearing program for various violations.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported that in May the Fire Department responded to 116 ambulance calls, 22 fire calls and a total of 656 for the year. Four members are in the fourth week of Instructor II training at Prairie State College.

Fire Department is joining with South Chicago Heights Fire Department for joint trainings.

Retired Captain Dennis Fredericks donated a boat to the Fire Department.

Chief Fillion is working on updates to certain ordinances including; lock boxes and sprinkler systems.

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

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that EMA had 12 call outs in June, 5 patrols, Drivin' the Dixie, Central Graduation, Crown Point event. 326 man hours for the month, including 14 hours spent helping out in Coal City after the recent tornado. Thursday July 9th is the SMART meeting at Village Hall.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi was absent.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report.

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 was absent.

Trustee Sarek reported that the landscaping at the Community Center is complete.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

Trustee Joyce was absent.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Mayor Peterson thanked EMA for representing Steger and helping the people of Coal City after the tornado.

Mayor Peterson explained that Tuesday June 30th was the one year anniversary of the Village Hall fire. Engineer's renderings of possible Village Hall buildings are available for review.

Steger Days of music begins July 16th and runs through the 19th.

Drainage of rain throughout the Village continues to be a problem with the heavy rains. Mayor Peterson assured the audience he's working hard to resolve the problem with a long term solution.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed, with two invoices from Sklarewitz Uniforms removed. The invoices belong to Steger Estates Fire Debarment, not Steger. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the proposal for financing of a 2015 Ford F150 Super Cab 4 x 4 at a cost of \$31,590.00 at 4 year 4.75% through Old Plank Trail Community Bank. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the request of Kym Cassello of 3520 Peoria to hold a block party on August 1st from 4pm to midnight for her son's graduation. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. Public Infrastructure Director Toepper will get back to Ms. Cassello regarding her request for picnic tables.

Ms. Cassello also reported a dog in her neighborhood that is out in all weather conditions and barks all the time. Chief Mormann stated that a citation was issued over the weekend.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Alpha Wrecking Inc. at 27 E. 36th Street, Unit E pending inspections. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson asked Administrator Tilton and Director Toepper to prepare a form for business name changes.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1101 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE II OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, and ILLINOIS REGARDING LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1080 A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1081 A RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to contribute \$200 to the Annual Senior Picnic to be held August 6th at Veterans Memorial Park in Glenwood, at the request of Bloom Township Supervisor T.J. Somer. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to grant the request of Plexus Salon at 35 E. 34th Street for a 30 day extension to their temporary business license. The original 45 day temporary license expired June 19, 2015. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application of GSR1 Automotive at 22220 Sherman Road, pending inspections until the August 3rd Board Meeting. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski dismissed 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; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk