

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 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, Lopez, Sarek, Perchinski and Joyce. Trustee Skrezyna was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson and Police Chief Carl A. Mormann.

AWARDS, HONORS & SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Police Chief Carl A. Mormann recognized Sgt. Maria Bautista and Officer Ryan Boren with Police Department Commendations. The Village Board and the audience congratulated Sgt. Bautista and Officer Boren.

MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tom Seehausen addressed the Board. Mr. Seehausen expressed his feelings regarding Ordinance No. 1101. Mr. Seehausen stated that allowing taverns to remain open serving patrons until 3am would be a step back for Steger. Mr. Seehausen asked that the Board leave the liquor licenses as they currently are.

Jim Piacentini addressed the Board regarding a neighbor that feeds animals. Mr. Piacentini states that the animal feeders are attracting stray cats and skunks. Mr. Piacentini hopes that the Board will consider an ordinance to restrict feeding wildlife. Mayor Peterson asked Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper to look into the skunk situation. Perhaps there is something that can be done right away regarding skunks. Will County does not trap skunks. Mayor Peterson asked Piacentini if Crete Township could start a program to control skunks.

Maria Ranieri of 3538 Phillips shared concerns regarding a tent on a neighboring property. Ms. Ranieri asked if there was an ordinance regarding tents. Dave Toepper will discuss with the Village attorney and perhaps have an ordinance ready for the next Village Board meeting.

Carmen Recupito expressed his concern regarding Ordinance No. 1101. In the 1970's the Village had 14 bars with 4am liquor licenses. Mr. Recupito hopes that the Village will not return to the days of 4am licenses.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton was absent.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that the park should be back to its normal condition by Tuesday following the Steger Days of Music event. He thanked everyone for their work and assistance at the event.

Public Works will be working on a number of main breaks that have been leaking.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported that the Fire Department is at 715 calls for emergency service.

Chief Fillion thanked his department members for their long hours of hard work at the Steger Days of Music. Many members worked 112 hours during the event. Chief Fillion also thanked the Board and other Department heads for direction and assistance during the event.

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

EMA Chief Tom Johnston commented that the Department heads worked cohesively, making the event successful. EMA had eight other EMA agencies that assisted with the parade.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported that the seniors all seemed to enjoy the Days of Music and had only positive comments.

Mrs. Rossi also reported that the landscaping of the Community Center is complete and is beautiful.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen was absent.

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

Village Attorney Amber Mundy was absent.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

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

Trustee Buxton thanked the Department heads and all those that contributed to the success of Steger Days of Music.

Trustee Skrezyna was absent.

Trustee Lopez also thanked all those that worked to make Steger Days of Music successful.

Trustee Sarek thanked all the workers for their efforts in planning and executing the event.

Trustee Perchinski thanked public safety for making all attendees feel safe and the public works crew that worked hard throughout the event. Trustee Perchinski reported that on Thursday for the Ides of March concert storms came through town. In just 30 minutes, Deputy Chief Rossi came up with a plan to make a stage in the beer garden, Bob Bartkowiak provided the sound system, Dave Toepper provided plywood for the stage and Ides of March played an acoustic concert.

Trustee Perchinski also thanked Cindy Trotier for putting together the 5K race that was also very successful.

Trustee Joyce congratulated everyone on the Steger Days of Music Committee. He thanked the volunteers, the Chamber of Commerce, everyone who worked together.

Trustee Joyce also reported that the new website is about 70% complete. When complete it will be shared with the Board for comments.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson thanked everyone for participation in the Steger Days of Music. The Chamber of Commerce was beside the Village the whole way. He thanked the Board and all the Village employees for countless hours of hard work. Mayor Peterson said that the event was a step stone to more transformative things to come for the Village. More challenges lie ahead, including the Village Hall, but if everyone continues to work together it will be even more transformative and impactful. Steger Days of Music will be the moment when things changed.

BILLS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to pay the bills as listed, with a change to the coding of a Brites Transportation invoice. The invoice should be split between Booster and the Softball program. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Wanikka Vance of Foundations 4 AdVANCEment to use the Kmart parking lot on Saturday August 29th 9am-6pm for a back to school bash. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

No action was taken regarding the request of Christina Burgess to hold a party at her home including a DJ and waterslide.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Steger Fire Department request for permission to use Veterans Park on Saturday September 12th for a pig roast. September 12th is the day of the Oktoberfest on the Boulevard. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to reconsider the previously tabled item. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Fire Department to use Veterans Park for a pig roast and to serve alcohol at the event on a date other than September 12th that works for their schedule. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Bloom Trail NJROTC Parent Corp request to use Veterans Park Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings (9am-noon) for the remainder of the summer for training and practice for drill team. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1071 regarding the Office of the Independent Inspector General for the Village of Steger expired July 15, 2015. An ordinance will be required to continue the service. No action was taken.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to ratify the Board Action July 6, 2015 regarding temporary business license application AutomotiveRS at 3046 Louis Sherman Drive. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Eric Loureiro, new 7/Seven franchisee, at 3401 Chicago Road. 7/Seven has passed all its inspections. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application of Eric Loureiro, new 7/Eleven franchisee at 3401 Chicago Road for a class C license. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application of JMRI Corp at 30 E. 34th Street, Suite 4, pending inspections, as no representative was in attendance. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Buffalo Trailer Mfg. Inc. at 3120 Lewis Avenue, pending inspections. The welding shop will include fabrication with all activities contained in the building. Painting will be outsourced at this time, perhaps on site at a later date. Buffalo Trailer will need to return to the Board at that time, with its request. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson addressed the audience regarding 3am liquor licenses (Ordinance No. 1101). Mayor Peterson explained that a full board should be in attendance for discussion of the ordinance. Mayor Peterson believes that if done the right way the village can move forward and not return to days of late night licenses with fights in the streets.

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 7:42 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk