

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 3rd day of August, 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 Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen, 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

None

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez 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

Lou Gaz of 3300 Peoria discussed with the Board young people roaming the streets after curfew. Recently nine tires were slashed in Mr. Gaz's neighborhood. Mr. Gaz was notified by Police Sgt. Lackey that two teens had been sleeping in one of his cars in his driveway. Chief Mormann explained that the youths sleeping in his car were located and arrested. Chief Mormann reported on an ongoing investigation into those that slashed the tires.

Mr. Gaz also reported on a tree in his parkway that is hollowed out by carpenter ants and should be removed. Public Infrastructure Director Toepper will look into the tree.

Michelle Helsel of the School District recognized Jeff Sopko of Farmers Insurance for having brought a grant to the attention of the School District. The School District has already won the grant in the amount of \$60,000. Each teacher in the District can win the grant once. Mr. Sopko has assisted the District by providing signs and lunches to workers.

Mrs. Helsel also expressed her disapproval of the possible extension of liquor license hours till 3 or 4am. Mayor Peterson explained that the licenses are being considered by the Board. He believes that Steger can "do it right" and that Steger establishments are losing revenue to surrounding communities. Trustee Perchinski explained that the proposed ordinance would not allow entry into the establishment after 2am. Mrs. Helsel thought that that would only create a "private party"

atmosphere. She has spoken with two establishments who are opposed to extending the hours.

Jason Stevenson of Boy Scout Troop #100 invited the Board, Department Heads and audience to the August 15th Car & Motorcycle Show at Columbia Central School. Troop #100 will use the funds raised for camping equipment and supplies for the boys. Trustee Perchinski made a motion that as long as EMA Chief approves, EMA will assist at the event. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

John Cashman asked that the Board turn the microphones up as audience in the room cannot hear everything.

A resident across the street from Veterans Park thanked the library for cleaning up after the children following the “Movie in the Park”. She also suggested that the “Big Red Football” parents and children clean up after themselves. Trustee Sarek will talk to “Big Red Football” and ask them to clean up better following practices, try outs and games.

Cindy Trotier came forward and reported on excellent feedback on the July 18th Wounded Warrior 5K Run. Participants applauded the Village for the services provided for during the run. The 5K Run raised \$2,225.00 for the Wounded Warrior Project.

A resident came forward to say that following the funeral of Lorenzo Garcia the school district opened their building to the family. Neighbors, friends and family brought finger foods and sweets to be shared.

Another neighbor near Veterans Park approached the Board regarding 8’x18’ cardboard tents. Mayor Peterson explained that a draft ordinance is being prepared and should be presented at the August 17th Board Meeting.

PRESENTATION

Final IL Route 394/IL Route 1 Corridor Plan Presentation by South Suburban Mayors and Managers representatives. Signage, bike paths, development etc. were discussed.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton had no report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that the “Valve Program” will start soon and should help the Water Department to have better control over water main breaks.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported that the Fire Department is at 769 emergency calls for emergency service thus far in 2015.

Chief Fillion stated that 4 members are completing their Instructor II training at Prairie State College.

Chief Fillion reported on a fire that included several bundles. Public Infrastructure Director Toepper sent Roy Stone with the backhoe to help. EMA assisted with lighting of the scene. Chief Fillion thanked Public Infrastructure and EMA for the help.

Steger Fire Association Annual Raffle was a huge success. Chief Fillion thanked all the residents who purchased tickets. Trustee Perchinski was a raffle winner, but donated his winnings back to the Association. Chief Fillion thanked him for the donation.

The Fire Department refrigerator broke down during the recent hot weather. Administrator Tilton donated a refrigerator from his home to the Department. The refrigerator is used to keep cold bottles of water on hand for fire fighters.

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

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that in July, EMA had 8 regular patrols, 20 emergency callouts and 515 man-hours (due in part to Steger Days of Music event).

Chief Johnston explained that a tornado siren went off at noon Monday August 3rd, but was sent in error by Eastcom. Eastcom is looking into the cause of the siren.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had to leave early.

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 was absent.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek discussed the fundraiser August 9th at the Community Center to help the family of Lorenzo Garcia with his final expenses. Starting at 9am, there will be a garage sale on the grounds and a huge bake sale inside the Community Center. Aide Rental is donating a “jumpy house” and the Village is donating ten cases of water.

Trustee Sarek asked for a final report regarding Steger Days of Music for the August 17th Board meeting. Mayor Peterson expects the figures will be ready by then.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

Trustee Joyce explained that the new website is about 95% complete. Trustee Joyce asked all Trustees to make their comments and forward them so that the final changes can be made. Links to local schools and organizations will be included on the site. Meeting dates, minutes and agendas will be easier to navigate on the new website.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mayor Peterson wished his wife a Happy Birthday.

BILLS

Trustee Lopez made a motion to pay the bills as listed, with the following changes; remove the Republic Services and CallONE invoices. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Nancy Helsel of Steger Kmart requesting use of the Kmart parking lot on Saturday September 26th from 10am to 4pm for National Safety Weekend. The Village is invited to participate in the event. As Police, Fire and EMA have all been notified of the event, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski 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, due to a scribner's error, to the next Board meeting. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion on the Memorandum of Understanding between Active Transportation Alliance and the Villages of Steger and South Chicago Heights for a streets, bike paths and roadways grant, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve. 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.

A JMRI Corp representative discussed his real estate brokerage business at 30 E. 34th Street. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the application, pending inspections. 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 make an amendment to the agenda to move the Planning and Zoning Board Recommendations to this point in the agenda. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to take no action on GSR1 Automotive's Temporary Business License request at 22220 Sherman Road, as the applicant, Mr. Gaines withdrew his Planning and Zoning Board request for a variance to operate at the location. Trustee Perchinski also made a motion to accept the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals regarding 3512 Phillips Avenue and 22928 Sherman Road. Trustee Sarek seconded the motions. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1103 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH SUBURBAN MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER Trustee Lopez 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 adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1104 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 54, SECTIONS 54-91 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING BAIL PROCESSING FEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Lopez 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 approve the Temporary Business License Application of Katie's Passion Kitchen at 3205 Loverock Avenue, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez 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 approve the Temporary Business License Application of Little Buddha Tattoo at 36 E. 34th Street, pending inspections, pending inspections. 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 approve the Temporary Business License Application of Smits Farms at 1521 E. Steger Road pending inspections and Cook County's approval. Trustee Perchinski asked Mr. Smits to work closely with Director of Infrastructure Dave Toepper. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk