

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 5th day of October, 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; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Perchinski 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, Deputy Police Chief Pat Rossi and Village Administrator Mike Tilton and Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen.

AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

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

Jim Rich of Cub Scout Troop #173 requested permission to use the Village Hall as a drop off site for the Cub Scout's "Peanut Butter and Jelly" donation collection event. Peanut butter and jelly will be included in the Kiwanis holiday baskets. The Board approved the request.

Mr. Rich also asked the Board for assistance in a drainage issue he's having at his home at 23338 Wentworth. A berm has been constructed complete with sandbags on his/his neighbor's property line. The berm prevents drainage on his property. Mr. Rich is concerned about the drainage leaking into his basement and his well and septic systems. Mayor Peterson assured Mr. Rich that he, the Village Administrator and the Village Attorney will be addressing the problem and will get back to Mr. Rich.

A Wallace Avenue neighbor thanked Deputy Chief Pat Rossi for addressing a neighborhood issue. The audience applauded Deputy Chief Rossi for his efforts.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported on a meeting with Aqua Water Systems regarding bringing water to 394 & Steger Road. The meeting went well. Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper is working with Aqua Water.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Code Enforcement Officer Biris and Village Administrator Tilton met with SSMMA GIS. Much more information will be available using the GIS program including Crime Free Housing.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported the Fire Department is at 1,035 calls for service so far in 2015.

The Ladder Truck is back in service, it has been repaired and running well.

The Fire Department's Open House was held over the weekend and went very well. The Fire Department's Historical display is complete. Chief Fillion thanked the Skrezyna Family for providing the decals for the display.

Deputy Police Chief Pat Rossi, referred to his weekly reports.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston stated that in September EMA had eight regular patrols, four emergency callouts and two special events for a total of 127 man hours for the month.

Chief Johnston also stated the emergency siren will be tested on October 6th at 10am.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported that Flu shots will be available at the Community Center on October 16th from 9-11am.

AARP Defensive Driving class October 26-27 at the Community Center. Seniors who attend both sessions can save 15% on car insurance. Information will be shared on the Village website.

The annual Halloween party is scheduled for Friday October 23rd from 6-8 pm.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth was absent.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton Treasurer's Report is attached to the official minutes.

Trustee Buxton also reported the following;

- Provided September Treasurer Report
- Impact of State budget talks was discussed. Gaming and MFT revenue has not been received for 3 months and Use tax was not received this month; total impact to date is \$106,000.
- Budget Packets have been provided to department heads and budget sessions will be held in November.

- Miller Woods continues to pursue Metropolitan Water Reclamation District de-annexation. Successful discussions have been held with MWRD and the Village of South Chicago Heights. A formal letter from Miller Woods also mailed to the MWRD Director stating de-annexation intentions. Final petition filing requirements are being determined and residents are hopeful that a filing will occur in October. Trustee Buxton also thanked Mike Tilton for representing the Miller Woods de-annexation cause at the Village of South Chicago Heights Board meeting on 9/21/15.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek discussed the quotes for painting the Community Center with Director Diane Rossi. Mrs. Rossi has contacted painters in the area and has received pricing for only three. Mayor Peterson suggested the recommendation be tabled.

Trustee Perchinski was absent.

Trustee Joyce thanked Fire Chief Fillion and his Department for dedicating the antique fire truck to his late father, former Fire Chief Elmer Joyce.

CLERK'S REPORT The Trick or Treat Hours will be 3-7pm on Saturday October 31st (same as 2013 & 2014)
The Halloween bonfire will be held at Veterans Park on October 31st at 6pm.

PRESIDENT PETERSON had no report.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the Business License application of Access Services at 16 E. 35th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the request of Fran Leach and Bloom Trail Theatre Troupe, to collect donations on Saturday October 24th and November 7th at the intersection of Chicago Road and 34th Street. Safety vests will be worn. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to approve Communities for Christ Prayer Fest's request to use the Village Gazebo for the Tenth Annual Steger Day of Prayer on Saturday, June 4th, 2016 with set up for the event on Friday, June 3rd. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to accept the terms of the Renewal of Republic Garbage Contract. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Lopez abstained. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the Settlement Agreement with Willie Cullens for repairs to his car. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek and Lopez. Trustees Skrezyna and Buxton voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table the Community Center Painting Proposals and Selection. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk