

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 2nd day of November, 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, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Also present were Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Deputy Police Chief Pat Rossi, Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson and Village Administrator Mike Tilton.

AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

SPIRIT Committee Representative Alice Peterson presented awards for the Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

1 st Place	The Mobley's
2 nd Place	Cindy Torres
3 rd Place	Noah & Martin Matta

Mrs. Peterson announced that a Christmas Home Decorating contest will be held. Mayor Peterson explained that many residents participated in the contest and he encourages more to participate for Christmas decorating. He also thanked the SPIRIT Committee for their work on the Halloween Decorating contest.

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

Carol Lindeman of Barbara Lane discussed mowing at the Retention Pond behind the park on Barbara Lane. Public Infrastructure Director will take care of mowing the retention pond.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that the Lincoln/394 Enterprise Zone from Chicago Heights to Beecher has been denied. Mr. Tilton reported that it appears Steger will have to join the Sauk Village/Ford Heights Enterprise Zone that is good until 2021.

All Trustees have received the Planning Priorities Study. CMAP Representatives will attend the November 16th Board Meeting to make a presentation to the Board.

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Mr. Tilton discussed road work completed on Union Avenue by IDOT. The project was a South Chicago Heights project from 34th to 26th Street on East End Avenue. IDOT also came into Steger and added right turn lanes from 31st to 30th Street. Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper will attend a Transportation meeting in South Chicago Heights with IDOT to determine the purpose of the lane markings.

Mahmood has pulled concrete permits to start work at the Shell gas station.

The Village newsletter will be out November 20th.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, referred to his weekly reports.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported the Fire Department is at 1,140 emergency calls for service so far in 2015.

Chief Fillion reported Fire Inspector Rich Atwood is working Enbridge (the company working on pipeline going through the area) on applying for grants. Grants are available through Enbridge for CO and gas monitors.

Chief Fillion also reported that the State Fire Marshall's Office is now offering loan/grants for ambulances. The loans are revolving loans. The Fire Department will need to replace an ambulance in the next few years the loan/grant program could help.

The 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa will be held Sunday, November 29th. There will be a food drive, a ham raffle and cookie decorating for the children. The Diamond T Firetruck will be dedicated at the event, to former Fire Chief Elmer Joyce.

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

Deputy Chief Rossi reported that Steger is now part of the Major Crimes Task Force. The very first day the Steger detective was approved by the Task Force he was called out to a murder investigation in Riverdale.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that in October EMA had 15 patrols, 4 emergency callouts, 2 functions and 364 man hours.

EMA will host a severe weather spotter's class on March 17, 2016 from 7-9pm at Columbia Central. Steger EMA has partnered with Will County EMA and the National Weather Service for the program. The class will be open to the public and a registration link will be provided on the Village's website when available.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi stated that the annual Halloween Party went very well and about 180 people participated. Work on the Seniors Holiday Party has begun. The tentative date for the event is Friday December 18th. This year's event will be a brunch.

Mrs. Rossi contacted each of the painting companies who submitted bids and their references. All references checked out. It seems that all bidders were well qualified.

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 Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek had no report.

Trustee Perchinski had no report, but wished Diane Rossi a Happy Birthday.

Trustee Joyce had no report

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON extended condolences to the Buster family in the loss of their son. Mayor Peterson asked that the audience keep the family in their thoughts and prayers.

Mayor Peterson also stated that the Saturday after Thanksgiving will be the annual food drive. The Fire Department will escort Santa throughout town and collect nonperishable food items to be included in the annual Christmas baskets program. Toys will also be collected on Santa's trip through town. After the 28th, donations will be collected around town including the Village Hall

Mayor Peterson will be postponing appointments to his "Citizens Committee" until the November 20th Board Meeting. The Citizens Committee will be used as part of the downtown development. Mayor Peterson reported that the financing meeting last week went well and the Citizens Committee goes hand in hand with that.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

An email from Monika Valente regarding the Annual St. Liborius Trunk or Treat.

OLD BUSINESS:

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the low bid by Professional Painting Services for \$3,800 to paint the Community Center interior. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1083 HONORING JEFFREY ROESNER ON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE STEGER FIRE DEPARTMENT. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1084 AUTHORIZING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND THE INDUCEMENT OF CERTAIN REDEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to ratify the request of Steger Cheerleaders' Tag Days October 31st and November 1st from 9am to 1pm at 34th Street & Chicago Road. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application of P & M Auto and Truck at 46 30th Place, pending inspections. 46 30th Place needs a zoning variance to B-2 to allow for automotive repair shop. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Why So Cirrus Vape, Inc. at 34 E. 34th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk

