

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 16TH 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 Attorney Kurt Asprooth.

AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Jonathon Birge of the Cook County Metropolitan Agency for Planning addressed the Board regarding the CMAP. Many topics were discussed. A Steger Planning Priorities Report has been distributed to the Mayor and the Trustees. The three primary recommendations of the report were Economic development, Infrastructure and housing. The recommendations are; 1. Capital Improvements Program for types of programs and financing 2. Economic Development recommendation including downtown, Steger Road and IL394 and intersection of Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove. With the Village to undertake a key development study that includes market analysis, short and long term tax with focus on revenue growth and stability. 3. Housing – the recommendation is to continue to work with the Housing Collaborative as good progress is being made. “Up to Code” guide for rental regulations a good resource. After questions from the Trustees regarding retail space, office and warehouse facilities and further studies, Mayor Peterson thanked Mr. Birge for his presentation and the Priorities Report.

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

Meredith Horn of 22805 State Street had questions on building and zoning of properties “grandfathered” in Miller Woods neighborhood, specifically Pat’s Landscaping. Mayor Peterson explained that usually properties in the area that operate businesses and are sold should revert back to residential zoning when sold. Ms. Horn asked if neighbors must be notified if a zoning variance is requested. Attorney Asprooth explained that all neighbors within 250 ft. of the property in question must be notified. Mayor Peterson explained that neighbors are usually served with a notice of the zoning hearing via certified mail and the petitioner must show proof of service. Neighbors will be invited to attend the hearing and concerns may be heard. Ms. Horn asked if the Board would require the new owners to level the

land back to grade as the current grade has negative impact on drainage in the area. Mayor Peterson explained that the Building Department attends zoning hearings and would share that type of information with the Board at the hearing. Ms. Horn also stated that a new owner should be required to maintain the ditch at the back of the property in perpetuity.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton was absent

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

Mr. Toepper also reported that Dixon Engineering is coming to inspect the water tower on 31st Street

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion thanked the men and women of the Steger Fire Department for their hard work in recent weeks. Chief Fillion reported the Fire Department is at 1,201 emergency calls for service so far in 2015. Last week the Department responded to 50 ambulance calls and 14 fire calls.

Fire Fighter Andrew Sweetwood is in his last week of Hazmat operation certification class at Prairie State College.

The Fire Department has been hosting drills with Crete Fire Department on rapid intervention and vehicle extrication.

Chief Fillion received a letter from Enbrige stating that they will begin filling the pipeline with crude from Peoria to Griffith. Helicopters and other Enbrige vehicles will be in the area to monitor the pipeline for leaks.

Firefighters are preparing for the Pancake Breakfast with Santa on November 29th.

The Boy Scouts will be assisting the Fire Department with food collection and the parade.

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

Deputy Chief Rossi also thanked the Fire Department and EMA for assistance with the multitude of calls over the last week.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that the storm siren tested satisfactorily.

Chief Johnston also thanked all departments for the assistance during recent weeks and stated that all departments worked well together.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported on two new pieces of equipment in the Fitness Room for use by members.

Mrs. Rossi stated that the senior Christmas luncheon will be held on December 18th.

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Three new televisions are being installed this week at the Community Center.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth had no report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton Treasurer's Report is attached to the official minutes. Mr. Buxton reported that the Tax Levy will be voted on at the next Board Meeting.

Trustee Buxton explained that House Bill 4305 passed in the House and is on to the Senate for a vote. The Bill is in regard to local Motor Fuel Tax and video gaming funds held up by the State budget impasse.

Budget meetings will be held on the 30th all day.

Miller Woods and MWRD have a hearing at the Cook County Circuit Court regarding de-annexation.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek had no report.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

Trustee Joyce had no report

CLERK'S REPORT reported that until further notice, all Village Board Meetings will be held at the Louis Sherman Community Center, 3501 Hopkins.

Clerk Recupito also reported the Village Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday November 26 & 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

PRESIDENT PETERSON

Mayor Peterson thanked all emergency personnel for the work during recent emergency callouts.

Mayor Peterson called for a moment of silence to honor the recent loss suffered by the Bowman family. Mayor Peterson asked parents to talk with their children about safety behind the wheel.

Mayor Peterson postponed appointments to the Citizen's Committee to the next Village Board meeting.

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, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Village Administrator Mike Tilton

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Peterson asked Village Clerk Recupito and Trustee Perchinski to leave the room for a moment. (7:32pm) Deputy Village Clerk Sandra Mehrl took over the Clerk's position. Mayor Peterson introduced Mary Thompson, attorney for Kane McKenna representing the Village in the TIF process. Ms. Thompson explained this meeting is the first meeting and hearings and other meetings will be held regarding TIF. Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1085 A RESOLUTION CONCERNING A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED AS REQUIRED BY THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT. 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. Clerk Recupito and Trustee Perchinski returned to their seats at the table. (7:33pm)

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt the AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 1082-EXHIBIT D Intergovernmental Agreement. 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 table the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Steger and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District for the Distribution of Rain Barrels. Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth will review the indemnification clause and qualify the indemnification. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to cancel the December 21st Board meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez and Buxton. The following Trustees voted no; Perchinski and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion with Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen regarding the 4% rate increase of the Risk Management Insurance Renewal, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the renewal. 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.

After discussion with Don Miller of Ma's Wholesale, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary business license application of Ma's Wholesale at 33 E. Steger Road, pending inspections. Fire Chief Fillion asked that Mr. Miller work with the Fire Inspector regarding safety at the store location. Mr. Miller also explained that 18 and over section will be closed off to others. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek and Lopez. Trustees Skrezyna and Buxton voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. An outstanding water bill on the unit will be addressed with the previous tenant.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to ADJOURN TO 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 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.

7:44pm

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

8:38pm

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:33pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk