

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 17th 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, Skrezyna, Sarek, Perchinski and Joyce. Trustee Lopez was absent. Also present were 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 AND PRESENTATIONS

A Presentation by Mike Chamber of National League of Cities Enterprise Program. Mr. Chambers explained that the National League of Cities offers a program for residents to protect homeowner's water/sewer lines. A monthly fee, no deductible, no service fees to residents. National League of Cities sends mailings to residents twice yearly and request the permission to include the Village's name in the mailing. A resolution will be required and can be provided by Mr. Chamber.

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

Deputy Police Chief/Police Pension Board Member Patrick Rossi explained that the Municipal compliance Report has been distributed to all Board Members. The Annual Pension fund audit has been delivered to both the Village Clerk and the Mayor for Village records, as required by state statute.

Pastor Joey Evans of Grace Church addressed the Board regarding the possibility of extending the hours for liquor license holders until 3am. Mayor Peterson explained that the 3am liquor license is no longer on the table. Mayor Peterson also stated that extending the hours of operations can be beneficial to certain businesses. These businesses are also big supporters and consistent contributors to Village events. Mayor Peterson suggested that the community consider supporting these businesses that generously give back to the community.

Tim Glass of Glass Tap addressed the Board. Mr. Glass understands community concerns. Mr. Glass explained that when electronic gaming became legal, he added complimentary coffee in his gaming room. In New Orleans many bars are now open 24 hours to accommodate working people. Mr. Glass stated that the bar business has

changed with the addition of electronic gaming. He hopes that a year from now the Board will revisit the change of hours of operation for liquor license holders.

Bridget Gallegos shared problems that she has had with her landlord. Mayor Peterson directed her to discuss the problems with Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper after the meeting.

Michelle Helsel thanked the Boy Scouts for the great job at the car show over the weekend. There was music, refreshments and lots of fun.

Mrs. Helsel reported that Eastview School will be under construction in 3-4 weeks. Anyone interested in touring Eastview during the construction can do so. A tour appointment can be arranged.

Mrs. Helsel congratulated the Board on the decision not to extend liquor license hours of operation. She felt it was a good decision.

Michelle Helsel of School District 194 discussed with Trustee Perchinski and the Board the possible purchase of the former Central School property for construction of a new Village Hall.

A resident came forward with questions regarding the temporary structure Ordinance that is on the agenda. Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper explained the ordinance to her. A temporary structure will be permitted up to fourteen days. After fourteen days further legal action must be taken. Mr. Toepper explained that the Village is very aware of the resident's concerns.

A resident came forward regarding the same concerns. She explained that the home in question has trash and debris in its yard as well as the temporary structure. She was told that the Village is addressing the matter.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton was absent.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper had no report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported that the Fire Department has responded to 72 ambulance calls and 12 fire calls for a total year to date of 821 calls for service.

Chief Fillion stated the Department participated in a MABAS 27 training at Crete Township where 7 Departments participated.

Fire Prevention Week begins October 4th and will start with an Open House. The Fire Department Museum will be on display and EMA will be in attendance.

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

Mayor Peterson wished EMA Chief Tom Johnston a Happy Birthday.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that EMA worked at the Boy Scouts' car show over the weekend and that it was very well put together.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported on the Summer Club picnic. About 25 children and 25 parents attended. Hot dogs, hamburgers, games and water balloons were part of the fun. After School club begins on September 21st for children K-5.

The Community Center gym will be closed from September 25th through Oct 1st for repairs to the gym floor.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

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 had no report.

Trustee Lopez was absent.

Trustee Sarek had no report

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

Trustee Joyce explained that the new website is now live and any criticism can be made at the website. Trustee Joyce asked each of the Board members to provide new photos for the website.

CLERK'S REPORT reported that the Village Hall will be closed on Monday September 7th for the Labor Day holiday. The next Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th.

PRESIDENT PETERSON had no report

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed, changing the Canon Financial invoices to \$326.35 and \$1,030.50. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Sarek 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 so all Trustees will have time to review the Ordinance as it pertains to State Statutes. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Peterson recommended a change on Page 3. With that change, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1105 ADOPTING CHAPTER 50, ARTICLE IV, SECTIONS 50-63, 50-64 50-65, 50-66, 50-67, 50-68 AND 50-69 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING TEMPORARY STRUCTURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1082 CELEBRATING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on Steger Days of Music; Board is considering having Steger Days of Music again in 2016. Trustee Sarek suggested scaling the event back a couple of days and depending on the budget have fewer big name performers. A presentation will be brought to the Board with future plans. Much has been learned from the first event and has put Steger “on the map”. Future events will be more profitable. Corporate sponsorship must be sought out and locked up by October 1st.

Municipal Compliance Report for Police Pension Fund-Deputy Police Chief Patrick Rossi explained that by State Statute the Report must be on file with the Village. Trustee Sarek made a motion to put the Report on file at the Village. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Pension Fund Annual Audit for fiscal year 12/31/14

Terri Permenter of Steger Softball Velocity Travel Team 10U requests permission to solicit donations on August 22 and 29 from 9am to 1pm at the corner of 34th Street and Chicago Road. Donations will be used to sponsor players on the team. Mrs. Permenter changed her request to August 29th only. Adults only are allowed in the street to collect donations. Safety vests are required. Trustee Skrezyna made the motion, seconded by Trustee Sarek. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Terri Permenter of Steger Softball Velocity Travel Team 10U to hold a Movie in the Park night at Veterans Park Softball field on August 22nd from 7pm to 10:30pm. The Movie in the Park would also benefit team members. Trustee suggested Mrs. Permenter obtain a certificate of insurance from the movie company and send to the Village Hall. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

After discussion with Jamie Paicely of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library to use the parking lot between Kmart and the Plaza for a “Touch a Truck” event on Monday October 12 from 10am to 2pm, Trustee Perchinski suggested the event incorporate with the Fire Department Open House on October 4th. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the “Touch a Truck” event until the Library can verify the change. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:56pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk