

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 4th day of January, 2016 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, Deputy Fire Chief James Baine, Richard Atwood Fire Inspector, Police Chief Ken Boehm, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Mary Thompson, Village Prosecutor Luciano Panici and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.

AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointments. 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.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7th Tax Levy Hearing. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes were recorded. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 7th Board Meeting, as all members have copies. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported on new developments for the Village and referred to his report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported that work on the Kings Road Shell construction project has begun.

Mr. Toepper also reported on a Phillips Avenue home Code Enforcement is working on with Community and Housing Director Alice Peterson. Permission has been granted by the county to demolish the home.

Mr. Toepper stated another home on 31st Place has had multiple fires. The bank plans to donate the property to the Village. Mr. Toepper is working with the Sheriff's office and the bank to take ownership and demolish the property.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported the Fire Department ran 1,392 calls in 2015.

Chief Fillion and his staff have prepared the Fire Department's 5 Year Strategic Plan. The Department is working with the Village Attorney on codes to be updated.

Police Chief Ken Boehm discussed the need for further Police Training at reduced costs with Tri-River Police Training Region.

Chief Boehm is reviewing and updating the Department's Policy manual and will begin work on the Police Department's first ever 5 Year Strategic Plan in the coming months.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported in December EMA had ten patrols, seven events and eight emergency callouts for total of 356 man hours. Chief Johnston will have annual totals at the January 19th Board Meeting.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported that the painting of the Community Center is progressing.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson was absent.

Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth had no report.

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 reported seeing hockey players on the ice rink at Hecht Park.

Trustee Joyce had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT Clerk Recupito reported the next Village Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 19, 2016. The Village Hall will be closed Monday, January 18th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

PRESIDENT PETERSON The Mayor wished all a Happy New Year. Mayor Peterson said that 2016 is looking good for the Village of Steger.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed. Trustee Perchinski 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

Thank you note from the Lopez family

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Peterson asked Village Clerk Recupito and Trustee Perchinski to step aside.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1088 PROPOSING A RE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT FOR, AND THE DESIGNATION OF THE CHICAGO ROAD TAX INCREMENT FINANCING RE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AND THE ADOPTION OF TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING THEREFORE, CONVENING A JOINT REVIEW BOARD AND CALLING A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION THEREWITH. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Clerk Recupito and Trustee Perchinski did not participate in discussion or vote.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1089 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE PACE BUS MUNICIPAL VEHICLE PROGRAM AGREEMENT, THE ADOPTION OF A DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY AND SAFETY SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN (SSEPP) AS THEY PERTAIN TO EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAM. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Trustee Skrezyna asked who can participate and where can they be transported. Administrator Tilton explained that all Steger residents can utilize the service within a specific area. That area is St. Margaret Mercy on the east, South Suburban Hospital on the west, Halsted and 175th Street on the north and Chicago Road and Burrville Road on the south. The hours of availability are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9am to 2pm and Wednesdays from 9am to 4pm. 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. 1090 REGARDING THE TRI-RIVER POLICE TRAINING REGION INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT. 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1113 ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016. 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 Lopez made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1114 AUTHORIZING, APPROVING AND RATIFYING PAYMENTS OF SALARY OR OTHER COMPENSATION. 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to hire two (2) part time employees, not to exceed a total of 30 hours per week, for the Pace Municipal Vehicle Program. Trustee Buxton 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 put on file the Fire Department Five Year Strategic Plan. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson provided Trustees with a budget for 2016 Steger Days of Music with both local talent and national talent. Mary Jo Vincent of Monee has been helpful in sharing information on planning, sponsorships and financing festivals. Administrator Tilton explained that sponsors plan on festivals a year in advance. Mayor Peterson explained that his budget includes Village services costs. After discussion on 2016 Steger Days of Music, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move forward with national talent. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Skrezyna and Buxton. The following Trustees voted no; Sarek and Lopez. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried. Mayor Peterson will “sharpen the pencil” and provide revenues for review. Trustee Joyce asked that plans for 2017 and 2018 be prepared so that this discussion does not continue each year. Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehasuen asked for 30 days to prepare.

After discussion of Randall Steger’s offer to donate an ornate Steger Piano, the Board voted to allow Administrator Tilton and Public Infrastructure Director Toepper to determine how to move the piano from its current location in Skokie to the Louis Sherman Community Center. 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 approve the Firemen's Quarterly Payroll. 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.

Steger Little League has requested permission to parade from the Community Center to Hecht Park. The first game of the season is scheduled for 12:30pm. All are invited. On a suggestion from EMA Chief Johnston the parade will be re routed from the Community Center down 35th Street to Halsted Boulevard to 34th Street to Morgan to Hecht Park. Steger Little League Baseball has scheduled Opening Day for Saturday April 30, 2016. The new route will allow parade participants to walk the parade route and to allow throwing of candy to on lookers. Trustee Lopez made a motion to allow the parade with the re route. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; ayes were recorded. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Liberty Tax Service at 14 E. 33rd Place, pending inspections. Trustee Perchinski 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 Buxton made a motion to ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION – Land Acquisition.

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body, pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) 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 **7:46pm**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to Regular Session. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees were in attendance; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna, Buxton and Mayor Peterson. **8:08pm**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to give authority to Attorney Lou Panici for future land acquisition. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees were in attendance; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna, Buxton and Mayor Peterson. Motion carried.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:09 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk