

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 19th 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, 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, Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson, Village Administrator Mike Tilton and Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.

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

None

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported on a TIF area that has been highly successful. Mr. Tilton and Trustee Perchinski will meet with representatives to learn more.

Mr. Tilton has submitted paperwork to Cook County Board member Murphy and hopes to secure funding for repairs to 225th Street where a culvert has collapsed. The funding comes through a 5 Year Plan. Mr. Tilton hopes the funding comes sooner rather than later.

Mr. Tilton reminded the Board that May 4th is IML Lobby Day in Springfield.

Mr. Tilton, Police Chief Boehm and Deputy Police Chief Rossi are participating in a webinar with Police Chiefs regarding data driven decisions.

A conference on Implications of Police and Community Relations and Improvement Act will be attended on January 21st.

Mr. Tilton also explained the EMA Chief Johnston has prepared his 5 Year Plan and should have it for next Board Meeting.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported on the engineer's estimate on 31st Street water tower inspection. The cost was suggested to be \$500,000. Mr. Toepper will review the estimate with the engineer for cost savings.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion will be working to improve the Fire Department's ISO rating in the coming weeks. The last ISO rating was 2008 and more information has become available.

Chief Fillion thanked the Department members for volunteering time over the weekend to run air lines throughout the station.

Chief Fillion will prepare a training schedule for the Board soon. CPR will be offered and can include residents.

Police Chief Ken Boehm stated his Department is working on its 5 Year Plan and expects it to be available for review at the next Board Meeting.

Chief Boehm is also working on the Police Department Policy Manual

Sgt. Maria Bautista has graduated from Northwestern's Staff and Command School.

Chief Boehm acknowledged his officers for recent heroin and cannabis arrests.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that the "Severe Weather Spotters" class will be March 17th. Registration information is available at the Village Hall, social media and the Village website.

Chief Johnston stated that the Community Center can be used in the event of power outage and as a warming shelter.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report for the Housing Committee. Mrs. Peterson thanked all those who volunteered to work on the Christmas baskets and the Fire Department for allowing the basket program to work from the fire station. Mayor Peterson thanked her for her efforts.

Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth had no report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

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

Trustee Buxton explained that the Miller Woods/MRWD de annexation process is at the point where an attorney is needed to close out the de annexation. Ideas regarding an attorney are being researched. The next court date is February 19th. Mayor Peterson suggested Mr. Buxton speak with Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek reported both Volleyball and Basketball are up and running.

Trustee Perchinski asked Public Infrastructure Director Toepper to add water to ice rink at Hecht Park. Ice was damaged by a car driving over the rink. Mr. Toepper will speak to George about storing a resident's hockey goal net at the park.

Trustee Joyce had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report

PRESIDENT PETERSON the Mayor asked that those having problems due to the extreme cold weather reach out to the Board for assistance.

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

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO.1115 APPROVING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY BY AND BETWEEN BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., OWNER OF RECORD AND THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE. 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 Sarek made a motion to table indefinitely the Discussion on the Booster Checks Process. Mr. Sarek and Mr. Tilton will meet with Recreation Chairperson Gerald Stewart next week. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to designate the Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau as the Village of Steger's Convention and Visitors Bureau of record for the marketing and promotion of the tourism industry. 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 approve the Temporary Business License Application of M & S Cellular Inc at 432 W. 34th Street, pending inspections. 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 approve the Temporary Business License Application of Jackson Hewitt at 3324 Chicago Road, 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act

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. **7:18pm**

Administrator Tilton announced that three lighted signs will be constructed on 394.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to return to Regular Session. 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. **7:51pm**

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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 7:52 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk