

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 February, 2016 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending and Mayor Peterson presiding.

Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. called the roll. The following Trustees were present; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Perchinski was absent. Also present were Deputy Fire Chief James Baine, Police Chief Ken Boehm, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Housing and Village Administrator Mike Tilton.

AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

The Village Clerk swore Jim Hanus in as Fire and Police Commissioner. The Board congratulated and welcomed Mr. Hanus.

Mayor Peterson called for a motion to move Resolution No. 1090 from New Business to Awards, Honors and Special Recognitions and Presentation. Trustee Joyce made the motion, seconded by Trustee Lopez. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. The Clerk read RESOLUTION NO. 1090, A RESOLUTION HONORING MIKE RILEY FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE FIRE AND POLICE BOARD. Trustee Sarek made a motion to accept Resolution No. 1090. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. The Board congratulated Mike Riley. Mayor Peterson explained that the Fire and Police Board oversees hiring of the Police Department as well as disciplinary measures. The Board is a critical function that takes a lot of work and time.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1st Board Meeting, as all members have copies. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Lopez asked that the January 4th Board Meeting Minutes, regarding discussion on Steger Days of Music, include the proposed budget distributed to the Board by the Village President. Mayor Peterson agreed to have the proposed budget included.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Layne Platopoulos, 3210 Sandy Ridge Drive thanked Police Chief Boehm, Deputy Chief Rossi, Police Detective Pete Fajman as well as the entire Police Department for recovering her stolen jewelry. Mrs. Platopoulos also suggested the Police Department consider "Leads-on-Line" to assist in the recovery of stolen property. Mayor Peterson suggested the Board work with Chief Boehm regarding Leads-on-Line. Mrs. Platopoulos was very grateful for the Police Department's assistance in recovering her property.

Steve Thurmond shared information on “Dreams and Wishes” presented by Bloom Trail Theatre. Dreams and Wishes will run March 17-19th. The Theatre program is self-funded. Mr. Thurmond will make flyers available.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported that a final email will be sent out to all department heads requesting submission of additional budget items. If no additions to the budget, the Board will receive a final copy by week’s end and be ready for first meeting in March.

Mr. Tilton also reported Amici’s Restaurant is staying open. Amici’s will be more of a “chicken wings and hamburger type of place” and will include lunch.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper had no report.

Deputy Fire Chief James Baine had no report.

Police Chief Ken Boehm had no report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston had no report.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported the painting at the Community Center is now complete. Mrs. Rossi also reported on placement of the Steger piano and that she is working with Beverly Schroeder of the Historical Society to add Steger piano memorabilia to the display. Mr. Tilton explained that a thank you note and other Steger memorabilia will be sent to the piano donor.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson was absent

Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth was absent.

TRUSTEES’ REPORTS

Trustee Buxton Treasurer’s Report is attached.

Trustee Buxton reported that the Miller Woods neighbors attempting to de annex from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will schedule a Town Hall Meeting. Trustee Buxton has requested a 90 day continuance with Cook County regarding de-annexation. A letter, robo-dial and the Village newsletter will be used to contact Miller Woods neighbors regarding the de-annexation and the Town Hall Meeting. Trustee Buxton anticipates including contributions from neighbors at the Town Hall Meeting. Engaging an attorney to represent the group is a priority. Each resident’s contribution is anticipated to be 20% of the property tax bill. It is requested that residents bring the second installment tax bill to the meeting. Savings to residents’ tax bills after de-annexation would be immediate.

Mayor Peterson entertained a motion to attach the proposed Steger Days of Music Budget to the Minutes of January 4, 2016. Trustee Lopez made the motion, Trustee Skrezyna seconded. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez had no report

Trustee Sarek had no report

Trustee Joyce had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON announced Joe Nichols will perform on Saturday of Steger Days of Music. Nichols performed at Country Thunder and was very popular.

Mayor Peterson presented Executive Order #2016-01 and asked the Clerk to put it on file. In 2012, Mayor Sherman signed Executive Order #12-02 relating to liquor licenses with live entertainment. Certain requirements include; contacting the Police Department, seven days' notice, security cameras and security personnel were part of the previous order. Mayor Peterson will revisit, if necessary. Executive Order #2016-01 rescinds #1, #2 and #4 of Executive Order #12-02.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table discussion of the letter from Steger Area Chamber of Commerce to use Veterans Park July 19-25, 2016 for Steger Fest 2016 and for a temporary special use liquor license for the event. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the Letter of Understanding with the Illinois Department of Transportation. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to accept the Contract low bid from K-Plus. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the Service Contract Agreement by and between MIYO and the Village of Steger regarding Steger Days of Music 2016. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustees Sarek and Lopez voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System First Addendum to MABAS contract agreement. 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.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Rack and Pack Inc. at 33 E. 35th Place, pending inspections. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Rack and Pack has been located at 3620 Union since 2008. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application of Tire Connections Unlimited and Auto Care, Inc. at 3620 Union Avenue, pending inspections. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson announced a TIF Hearing on February 22nd at 6pm at the Community Center.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:25 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk