

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 7th day of March, 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, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Lopez was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, 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 and Village Administrator Mike Tilton.

AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Steve Thurmond presented the “2015 Doing Your Best for Steger Pride Award” to the family of Lorenzo Garcia who lost his life in a bicycle accident. Currently, \$210 has been collected and will be donated to Children’s Memorial Hospital in Oak Lawn, in Lorenzo’s name.

Mayor Peterson invited Joshua Maghirang to come forward. The Clerk read RESOLUTION NO. 1092 A RESOLUTION HONORING JOSHUA MAGHIRANG OF BOY SCOUT TROOP #100 ON HIS EAGLE SCOUT AWARD. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1092, seconded by Trustee Sarek. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. The Board and the audience congratulated Joshua Maghirang.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes as all members have copies. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes were recorded. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Carol Lindemann of Barbara Lane thanked the Board for the clean-up work in the creek from Carpenter Street to Carol Lane. Ms. Lindemann also thanked the Board for the installation of parking lot lights at the Community Center.

Crystal Wilson, Treasurer of the Steger PTA encouraged the Board and audience to eat at Culver’s on Wednesday March 9th. Ten percent of proceeds from those presenting a flyer and eating at Culver’s on the 9th will help fund the 8th Grade Graduation Dance at Columbia Central.

Steve Thurmond reminded the Board and the audience of Bloom Trail’s Wishes and Dreams performance March 17th, 18th and 19th.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton reported the Quiet Zone next step is traffic counts to be completed in the next few weeks.

Signs have been posted identifying the location of the Police Department at 3320 Emerald.

Mr. Tilton met with the property owners of 394 property. It looks as if the owner will get his three signs and the Village will get its Gateway sign.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported meeting with K Plus. K Plus is doing some background work from topography maps.

Mr. Toepper also reported on a hydrant that was knocked down on Chicago Road. Repairs will be made this week and may require lane closures.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion report on 265 emergency calls for service thus far in 2016. The Fire Department is working on a couple of grants and preparing for CPR classes for the Village.

Police Chief Ken Boehm referred to his weekly report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported 6 emergency callouts, 5 regular patrols for total of 142 man hours in February.

School District #194 has requested EMA provide staff to monitor school polling places while children are in school.

Two EMA members will attend training this weekend at Hanover Park, IL.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi is working with Beverly Schroeder of the Steger Historical Society to provide photos of the Steger Piano Factory to display about the recently donated Steger Piano at the Community Center. Mrs. Rossi is looking into having the piano tuned.

Mrs. Rossi is also looking to replace furniture at the Community Center.

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.

Trustee Buxton reported that the Miller Woods/Metropolitan Water Reclamation De Annexation work continues. There will be a Town Hall Meeting Saturday March 12th from 2-4pm. Trustee Buxton hopes to raise \$5,000 to engage an attorney to represent the group in court. He hopes to have an attorney in time for the May 19th hearing. The Village website, the Village Facebook page and CodeRed messages will be sent to provide information to Miller Woods area residents.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez was absent.

Trustee Sarek reported on damage done to the baseball field by a four wheeler at Veterans Park. Trustee Sarek asked that the police keep an eye on the area to prevent further damage.

Basketball concludes this weekend with the championship game on Sunday.

Trustee Joyce had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON had no report.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Multi-Jurisdictional Tabletop Exercise from Will County Emergency Management

OLD BUSINESS:

After discussion on the costs associated with the request 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 Perchinski made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following ayes were recorded; Joyce, Perchinski and Skrezyna. Trustees Sarek and Buxton voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1117 AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2015 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON \$1,390,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003 (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following ayes were recorded; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Buxton and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1118 AN ORDINANCE MAKING THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE CORPORATE PURPOSE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2016 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following ayes were recorded; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Buxton and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. and Trustee Tim Perchinski left the table as the Board considered TIF Ordinances 1119, 1120 and 1121. Deputy Village Clerk Sandra Mehrl filled in for the Clerk.

Trustee Sarek made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1119 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, APPROVING A TAX INCREMENT REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT FOR THE CHICAGO ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1120 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, DESIGNATING THE CHICAGO ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA OF SAID VILLAGE A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA PURSUANT TO THE TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION REDEVELOPMENT ACT. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1121 AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT ALLOCATION FINANCING FOR THE CHICAGO ROAD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Recupito and Trustee Perchinski returned to the table.

After discussion, Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve, pending the availability of the parking lot. If the lot becomes unavailable and an alternate location is chosen, the Circus is still approved by the Village Administrator. Construction may have begun on the development by the dates requested by Steger Area Chamber of Commerce for the Carson Barnes Circus Monday and Tuesday July 4th & 5th. 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 the ComEd Streetlight LED conversion Agreement. Trustee Skrezyna 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 ratify the Joe Nichols contract. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Sarek voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson explained that he's been in talks with the Village's architect to discuss design direction. Piper Jaffrey, the Village's Financial Advisor will help find the funds for the building. Piper Jaffrey recommends Debt Certificates and is talking to a group where the Village might be able to privately place the certificates which would be cheaper for the Village. Mayor Peterson has met with the School District and had a great conversation with them. The School District has agreed to allow the Village to appraise their land. The Village will go forward with an appraisal of the old Central School site. There is no agreement at this time with the School Board. A meeting with architects will be this Thursday. Town Hall meetings with the public will be held. Things are moving forward. Administrator Tilton added that a meeting with the Metropolitan Planning Council will be held Tuesday, March 8th. The meeting will address a pilot project for Public/Private partnerships

Trustee Joyce made a motion approve the request from the Salvation Army to hold Donut Days Friday and Saturday June 3rd and 4th at intersections in the Village and to conduct the Red Kettle Campaign November 4th through December 24th 2016 Monday through Saturday at private establishments within the Village, with the exception of November 25, 26 and 27. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss property acquisition and personnel. 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.

7:39pm

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to return to regular session. 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.

8:19pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1122 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

The Mayor appointed Mary Jo Seehausen as the Assistant Village Administrator. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to concur with the Mayor's appointment. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. 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 8:21 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk