

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 21st 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, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Also present were Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Police Chief Ken Boehm, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Human Resources Director Mary Jo Seehausen and Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson.

AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

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

None

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton was absent

Assistant Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen had no report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper referred to his weekly report

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion report on 291 emergency calls for service thus far in 2016. CPR training is going well, beginning with the Community Center and some police officers.

Firefighters Hamilton and Anderson put together a large building search and rescue training. A forcible entry class is in the planning stages and will include the Police Department and EMA.

Police Chief Ken Boehm referred to his weekly report. Chief Boehm also shared that two AEDs have been purchased. Police are usually first on the scene and the AEDs could help to save a life.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported the Weather Spotters class was held March 17th and about 70 people attended.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi was absent. Trustee Sarek reported that basketball has just one more game to play, the St. Florian championship game. Both Volleyball and Basketball have had their end of season banquets.

Trustee Lopez expressed condolences to the Rossi family on the loss of Mrs. Rossi's father.

HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen reported on positions still open; CSO closing March 26th and Police eligibility list closing April 6th. The positions of Pace van driver and part time records clerk will close when the positions are filled. Assistant Administrator Seehausen and Administrator Tilton will review further applications. Mrs. Seehausen explained that the van will not be issued to Steger until the position of driver has been filled.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson reported on a Home Buyer's workshop to be held on April 16th 9:30am-11:30am at the Louis Sherman Community Center. BMO Bank is involved in the workshop.

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. A Town Hall Meeting was held Saturday March 12th. Approximately \$3,000 has been raised to engage an attorney to represent the group in court. Trustee Buxton encourages neighbors to encourage other neighbors to make their contributions.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek reported work needs to be done at the building at Fireman's Park. Trustee Sarek and Public Infrastructure Director Toepper have discussed the project costs. Opening day is set for April 30th. Mayor Peterson added that the Little League will celebrate its 50th Anniversary and has opted to use 34th Street as its parade route on Opening Day.

Trustee Joyce had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON extended condolences to the Rossi family on the loss of Mrs. Rossi's father.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a Special Liquor License for Steger Days of Music, Friday July 8th from 6pm until 11 pm and Saturday July 9th and Sunday July 10th from 12pm to 11 pm. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Sarek voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow St. Liborius Parish Stewardship Commission to use Halsted Boulevard on July 17th following the 10:30 am service. The event will celebrate the Feast of St. Liborius and serve as a “Thank You” luncheon for parish volunteers. The committee requests closure of Halsted Boulevard between 34th and 35th Streets on the southbound side. Picnic tables are also requested. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to allow Steger Kiwanis Club to hold Kiwanis Peanut Day on Friday September 23rd at major intersections in the Village. Kiwanis requests use of orange safety cones for the event. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to table the request of Columbia Central Band Director Edward Fitzgerald for a proposed budget of \$3,250 for the 2016 Summer Band Program. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion and asked that the Village reach out to South Chicago Heights for a contribution to the cost of the Summer Band. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request of Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library to host a Movie in the Park Night on Friday July 29th in Veterans Park. August 5th is a rain date, should it be necessary. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

7:12pm

Trustee Joyce made a motion to return to regular session. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

7:30pm

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:31 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk