

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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 and Skrezyna. Trustees Buxton and Lopez were absent. Also present were Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Police Chief Ken Boehm, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Assistant Village Administrator/HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen, Housing and Attorney Kurt Asprooth.

**AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board Meeting Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes were recorded. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Barb Recupito came forward and asked the Board to consider an ordinance restricting "garage sale" and other signs being placed on the Veterans Memorial on 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Halsted Boulevard. Mrs. Recupito explained that the signs are disrespectful to the Memorial. Mayor Peterson directed Public Infrastructure Director to have the signs removed.

Sue Koelling and Ken McAllister addressed the Board to discuss options for the Lorenzo Garcia Memorial at Veterans Park near the Community Center. Ms. Koelling has shared the landscape architect's drawings with Director Toepper. Fundraising efforts have begun. Park of Hope is the tentative name of the park. A 501c3 has been opened for the non-profit corporation. Memorials can be made by the purchase of bricks, trees or shrubs at the park. \$33,000 is the expected cost of the park. About \$4-5,000 has already been raised. The corporation has an accountant and a lawyer to oversee the funds that are raised. The park would be donated to the Village after constructed for maintenance and upkeep. Mayor Peterson explained that certain park land has been re dedicated without approval from the State of Illinois. His concern is for approval from the state for the park construction. Ownership of the land would remain with the Village. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the project until approved by the state. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** was absent.

**Assistant Village Administrator/HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen** had no report.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** had no report.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** reported thus far in 2016 the Fire Department has responded to 509 emergency runs.

Firefighter Sweetwood has passed his state certified class at Prairie State College.

A live burn training will be held at the Fire Station Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> with neighboring Fire Departments participating.

**Police Chief Boehm** had no report.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** had no report.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** was absent.

**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 Skrezyna** had no report

**Trustee Lopez** was absent.

**Trustee Sarek** asked if Director Toepper had been in contact with Recreation Chairperson Gerald Stewart. Mr. Sarek explained that some issues with the buildings at Veterans Park should be addressed. Mr. Toepper has discussed the issues with Mr. Stewart.

**Trustee Perchinski** wished Trustee Sarek a Happy Birthday.

**Trustee Joyce** reported work continues on the website and Steger Days of Music plans are progressing.

**CLERK'S REPORT** asked that he give his report at the end of the meeting.

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** had no report.

**BILLS**

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills with the following changes; Scott's U Save should be paid from EMA rather than Fire and AirOne and Motion Industries invoices should be removed as they will be paid by the Fire Association. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Perchinski and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

After discussion with Director Toepper on pricing and warranty, Trustee Sarek made a motion to table the Floor Covering for Gymnasium floor at the Louis Sherman Community Center, until warranty information is received. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. (Tabled May 2 & 16, 2016)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1125 APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Perchinski and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1126 AMENDING CHAPTER 66 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS, REGARDING SIGNS FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Perchinski and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to deny the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Steger and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the Distribution of Rain Barrels. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion to deny. Roll was called. Trustees Joyce and Perchinski voted no to deny and Trustees Sarek and Skrezyna voted yes to deny. Mayor Peterson voted no to deny. Motion denied.

Attorney Asprooth explained that an ordinance can be written to restrict rain barrel use. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Village of Steger and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the Distribution of Rain Barrels. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote was called. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski explained that Brandi Jean spoke to all business owners in the Steger Commons Plaza and got their approval to use the parking lot on September 3, 2016 from 4pm to 10 or 11pm for a “Bike Night/Car Show” with all proceeds benefitting a Military Foundation. Ms. Jean explained that assistance from EMA for traffic control would be helpful. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Ms. Jean’s request conditioned on EMA being able to assist with traffic control. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice Vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request from George Vassar of Kenpo Ki Do Karate studio at 16 E. 33rd Place to conduct a bake sale fundraiser in front of the Karate studio from 10am to 4pm June 11th. The proceeds of the bake sale will benefit the Chicago Heights Animal Hospital. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**VILLAGE CLERK’S REPORT** Clerk Recupito stated that next April five of the Board Members, including himself will be up for re election. Mr. Recupito has decided not to seek re election and will retire at the end of his term in May of 2017. Mr. Recupito thanked the residents of Steger for allowing him to serve them for 28 years. The audience applauded Mr. Recupito. Mayor Peterson expressed his gratitude for Clerk Recupito’s service.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:32pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk