

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending.

Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. called the roll. The following Trustees were present; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson was absent. Also present were Deputy Fire Chief James Baine, Police Chief Ken Boehm, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Assistant Village Administrator/HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen and Village Administrator Mike Tilton.

The Clerk entertained a motion to appoint a temporary Chairperson in the Mayor's absence. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to appoint Trustee Lopez as temporary Chairperson. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez temporarily assumed the chair of Mayor.

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

Police Chief Ken Boehm introduced three new part time Police Department employees; Part Time Records Clerks Joann Giera and Marilyn Scott and Part Time Community Service Officer John Beck

Chief Boehm thanked part time Records Clerk Vicki Davis for her years of service. Ms. Davis is moving out of state.

Clerk Recupito swore in Terry Keigher as a part time Police Officer.

Temporary Chairperson Lopez explained that the Village recently lost a very special lady, Carolyn Qunell. He asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Qunell.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski 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 were recorded. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Janet Streck, a member of Communities for Christ thanked the Board and the Village Departments for allowing the Steger Day of Prayer to be held at the Village Gazebo. This year's event marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Steger Day of Prayer.

Tom, an Oakland Drive resident, shared concerns regarding a neighbor's tall grass. Public Infrastructure Director explained that he is working with the Cook County Housing Authority regarding the tall grass.

Eric Hartwig of 3600 Halsted Boulevard requested stop signs at the north and south bound Halsted Boulevard at 3600 block. The east and west stop signs are ignored by speeders. Trustee Lopez explained that the Village Administrator will look into the stop signs.

Mr. Hartwig reported many dog walkers are not cleaning up after the dogs on the Boulevard. Administrator Tilton explained that the newly hired Community Service officer should help with concerns such as dog waste on the Boulevard.

Julie Stone asked the Board for an update on the Water Survey that was requested June of 2015. Administrator Tilton explained that the survey has just been received. Village engineers will be invited to present a "Water Study Presentation" at a Board meeting probably next month.

Patrick Rossi, President of the Steger Police Pension Fund let the Board know that the Pension Board's actuarial report as well as the Municipal Compliance Report and GASB 68 have been emailed to all Board members. Mr. Rossi has delivered complete copies of the reports to Mary Jo Seehausen.

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** had no report.

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

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

**Deputy Fire Chief James Baine** reported thus far in 2016 the Fire Department has responded to 591 emergency runs.

**Police Chief Boehm** had no report.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported in May EMA had 9 emergency calls for service, 9 regular patrols and 2 special events for a total of 231 man hours. EMA has picked up its new ATV and hope to have it available at the next Board Meeting for inspection.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** reported on the Summer Club which starts June 20<sup>th</sup> and runs through the second week of August concluding with a picnic.

**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 also reported on the progress of the Miller Woods/MWRD de annexation. The attorney has represented the group in a hearing and has another hearing date set for July 21<sup>st</sup>. The surveyor has made adjustment to the boundary survey. Trustee Buxton thanked Infrastructure Director Toepper for assisting the surveyor and the attorney. The plat and survey will be presented at the July 21<sup>st</sup> hearing. After that a hearing will be set for all interested parties. Trustee Buxton will report back to Miller Woods residents and the Village Board.

**Trustee Skrezyna** had no report.

**Trustee Lopez** had no report.

**Trustee Sarek** inquired about cover for the Community Center gym floor. Trustee Sarek stated Administrator Tilton explained that the floor cover will be included in the 2017 budget.

**Trustee Perchinski** had no report.

**Trustee Joyce** had no report.

**CLERK'S REPORT** had no report.

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** was absent.

## **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, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Sue Koelling discussed plans for the Lorenzo Garcia Memorial. Administrator Tilton explained that construction of the park will have no negative impact on the Village's grants status. Trustee Perchinski suggested the project proceed in phases as financing allows. Ms. Koelling explained that the main layout of the park will have to be done in one phase. Ms. Koelling suggested the park be named "Park of Hope" referring to Hope Hospital that is involved in organ transplantation. The Board did not disagree with the name. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow "Park of Hope" work to move forward. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The

following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried. Trustee Lopez thanked Ms. Koelling for her work on the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1094 RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE SECTION 07-00000-00-GM. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1095 RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1096 A COMPLETE STREETS RESOLUTION Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to permit Police Chief Boehm to purchase a 2016 Ford Police Utility Interceptor from Currie Ford in Frankfort at a cost of \$33,174.00 with financing for 4 years at 3.15%. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion and explained the new vehicle will replace one recently totaled in an accident. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Steger Storm Football and Cheer's request for Tag Days June 11, 12 & 19 and July 16 & 17 at the 34th Street & Chicago Road intersection. June 18, July 9 & 10 were not approved due to conflicts with other events in the Village. EMA Chief Johnston asked that safety vests are required and all donation collectors be at least 18 years of age. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Per Director Toepper's request, Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to accept Excel's proposal for a Public Works Generator. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Trustee Joyce inquired about a possible second energy source as natural gas would not be available to fuel the generator in the event of a natural disaster. Director Toepper will look into dual energy source generators. Trustee Skrezyna rescinded his motion to accept Excel's proposal. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion to rescind the previous motion. Trustee Buxton made a motion to table the request indefinitely, allowing Mr. Toepper time to search out dual energy source generators. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Kimberly Joyce to close 32nd Street from Hopkins to Louis Sherman Drive on Saturday June 25th from 9am to 10pm for a graduation/birthday party. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. 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