

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending with Mayor Kenneth A. Peterson presiding.

Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. called the roll. The following Trustees were present; Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Joyce was absent. Also present were Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Police Chief Ken Boehm, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson, Assistant Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Attorney Kurt Asprooth and Village Administrator Mike Tilton.

**AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** - none

**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**

None

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** reported on the MWRD rain barrel program. Mr. Tilton explained to the Board in order to participate in this free program, the Village must join by August 31<sup>st</sup>. After August 31<sup>st</sup>, the program will no longer be free. Mayor Peterson asked Village Attorney Asprooth to put together an ordinance restricting rain barrels in the front of properties in the village. Mayor Peterson explained that rain barrel usage will cut down on drainage problems and reduce the strain on the village water system. Trustee Skrezyna explained his concern of additional "stuff" in homeowners' yards and the added responsibility of Public Works to monitor the use of the rain barrels. Trustee Lopez added his feeling that those requesting rain barrels will use them properly. Trustee Skrezyna explained concerns of the standing water attracting mosquitoes. Trustee Buxton is concerned about adding rain barrels to the list of things monitored by the village. Trustee Perchinski stated that the people requesting rain barrels will use them properly to collect rain water and water flowers and vegetable gardens. Trustee Perchinski asked Administrator Tilton to contacting neighboring towns about their rain barrel programs. Trustee Sarek asked that Administrator Tilton provide information for the next Board meeting so the Board can direct the attorney to draft an ordinance. Mayor Peterson asked Mr. Tilton to bring one to the next board meeting.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** reported on drainage issues at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Holeman where Public Works removed silt and 15-20 feet of tree roots from under the road pipes.

Mr. Toepper also said that Knight Engineering is completing the bid package for street paving project. He hopes to publish IDOT newsletter in next two weeks or so.

Public Works is also busy working on the Steger Days of Music scheduled for this coming weekend.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** thanked Public Works for the clean-up work performed at the Fire Department lot.

Firefighters will participate in a firefighter survival training, explained Chief Fillion. All are welcome to stop by and watch the trainings.

So far in 2016 the Fire Department has had 700 call outs.

**Police Chief Boehm** reported on a safe Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Chief Boehm also stated he is putting the final touches on the incident action plan for the Steger Days of Music event.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported on 219 man hours in June. On July 3<sup>rd</sup>, EMA participated in an Asp/Baton/Pepper Spray and Handcuffing Training with Brian Smith. Also attending were the new part timer and the CSO officer. Approximately 20 were in attendance.

Chief Johnston was trained by Chief Fillion on the ATV. Now Chief is able to train EMA members.

The tornado siren was tested July 5<sup>th</sup> and working well.

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

**Assistant Village Administrator/HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen** reported on the Lorenzo Garcia memorial ground breaking ceremony on July 17<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.

Steger Days of Music is gearing up. Set up at the park is underway.

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** had no report.

**Village Attorney Kurt Asprooth** had no report.

## **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** Treasurer's Report is attached.  
Steger Days of Music sponsors' fees are currently at \$55,000 (double 2015's sponsorships.)

**Trustee Skrezyna** had no report.

**Trustee Lopez** stated all board members should have received copies of the volunteer policy procedures. They will be added to the Village employee handbook. Rec Board President Gerald Stewart will be collecting information on all those that sit on the Rec Board.

**Trustee Sarek** had no report.

**Trustee Perchinski** encouraged all to attend the Steger Days of Music this weekend.

**Trustee Joyce** was absent.

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

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** Mayor Peterson reminded everyone to attend the Steger Days of Music and thanked everyone for their hard work.

## **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; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you note from Elaine Egdorf of the Drivin' the Dixie Committee

Bike Night/Car Show September 3rd 4-11pm at Steger Commons

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1097 A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Village Mission Statement and put it on the Village website. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to donate \$200 for the annual Bloom Township Senior Picnic August 4th at Veterans Memorial Park, as in previous years. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the AIA Agreement between Village of Steger and Boarman Kroos Vogel Group, Inc. with the changes made by Attorney Asprooth. Trustee Lopez suggested the site of construction be removed from the agreement, as a site has not yet been secured. Attorney Asprooth recommended the agreement be “site neutral”. Trustee Perchinski amended his motion as such. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the 6B Tax Incentive Renewal Resolution – 3240 Loverock Avenue, pending attorney approval. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Temporary Business License Application of House of Triumph Church at 12 W. 34th Place. Mayor Peterson explained the property is within the TIF District and the Village needs to review possible impact on the TIF. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion to table. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:23pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk