

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. presiding.

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

Clerk Recupito entertained a motion to appoint a temporary mayor. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to appoint Trustee Lopez as temporary mayor. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez assumed the role of temporary mayor.

Clerk Recupito stated that page two of the three page agenda was omitted due to an electronic glitch. Attorney Asprooth explained that as long as the agenda was posted properly, there is no problem.

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

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous July 18<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes were recorded. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Sue Koelling of the Park of Hope project explained that fundraising efforts are continuing. Ms. Koelling requested August 20, 21, 27 and 28 as tag days at the intersection of 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Chicago Road. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request, as long as dates are available. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried. Administrator Tilton will notify Ms. Koelling of availability.

Michael Balanow of 3328 Florence Avenue thanked the Village for cleaning up the alley behind his home after someone had dumped bushes and yard clippings there.

Don from 23007 Oakland Drive thanked the Board for mowing his neighbor's property and asked that it be mowed again and explained that the grass in back yard is 6 feet high. Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper reported that the home owner has

received citations and the Village has been working on the problem with Cook County Housing Authority, the landlord and the tenant.  
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Vicky Kaiser of 3436 Jennifer Court approached the Board and discussed a Facebook conversation on the Community Page where she was accused of “trolling” and having a “30 second rant.” Mrs. Kaiser feels she and others were treated disrespectfully by a village official. Mrs. Kaiser does not feel a new Village Municipal Center is fiscally sound. She is concerned about committing the Village to a \$20-30,000 monthly loan payment over 20-30 years. “The village is crumbling; roads are a mess, sidewalks are horrendous, gang signs on stop signs are left for a week and the list goes on. Until we have signed/sealed/delivered businesses in our community, how can we afford this?”

Mary Laws of 3437 Jennifer Court thanked Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper and Administrator for helping her out recently. Ms. Laws asked when a tree at 35<sup>th</sup> Street will be trimmed as limbs have fallen.

## **REPORTS**

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

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** reported on the bid opening for the fall paving project, to be held next week.

Mr. Toepper reported on three fire hydrants being replaced by Public Works, three main breaks repaired the sanitary sewers in three spots last week.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** reported that the Fire Department has had 882 call outs thus far in 2016.

Chief Fillion also stated that his Department has a heavy training schedule coming up.

**Police Chief Boehm** referred to his weekly report.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** stated EMA had 7 patrols in July, 6 functions and 9 emergency callouts for a total of 542.5 man hours.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** stated the Summer Kids Club picnic was held recently. About 55 children and adults participated.

Mrs. Rossi reported that work on the parking lot lighting, the clock lighting and flag pole light have all been completed.

**Assistant Village Administrator/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 Skrezyna** had no report.

**Trustee Lopez** had no report.

**Trustee Sarek** was absent.

**Trustee Perchinski** had no report.

**Trustee Joyce** 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 Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO 1099 RESOLUTION CORRECTION OF A CERTAIN SCRIVENER'S ERROR. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO.1100 CORSAM PROPERTIES INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO 1129 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30, SECTIONS 30-31 AND 30-33 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING RAIN BARRELS FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez. Trustees Skrezyna and Buxton voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO 1130 ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74. SECTIONS 74-272, 74-273, 74-274, 74-275, 74-276, AND 74-277 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENT LICENSES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

Police Chief Boehm discussed parking on Kings Road by residents of Colonies Apartments rather than parking on property owned by Apartment Complex. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to prohibit parking on Kings Road between 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Streets and to proceed with a sticker program for residents of Kings Road, Williams, John and Ashland south of 35<sup>th</sup> Street. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Administrator Tilton discussed concerns of seniors on Lewis Avenue. Mr. Tilton recommends no parking on the westside of Lewis. Trustee Perchinski made the motion to prohibit parking on the westside of Lewis. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Pavement Rejuvenation 2016 Project with American Road Maintenance. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the reclassification of Hot & Spicy's (500 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street) liquor license from A-6 to B-1. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to authorize payment of recurring bills when a Board Meeting is canceled. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the recommendation of Fire Chief Nowell Fillion to adopt the 2012 International Fire Code and the NFPA Life Safety Code, both in their entirety. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce to use Halsted Boulevard for October Fest 2016 on September 17th from 9am to 11pm and September 18th from 9am to 10:30pm with set up and take down on September 16th and 19<sup>th</sup>, and a temporary liquor license for September 17-18. A corn hole tournament, Chili Cook-Off and a bicycle safety session are scheduled. SACC would like to use bicycle racks, if available. Administrator Tilton and the department heads will meet with SACC and discuss their needs for the October Fest. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the request of T3 Parent Theater Group to solicit donations at the intersection of 34th Street and Chicago Road on October 15th from 10am to 4pm, if available. Proceeds will benefit the group's production costs. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow Bambino's to sell alcohol at the Bike Night/Cars Show September 3rd and to allow people to walk around the Bike/Car show with alcohol, pending approval of Police Chief Boehm. Proceeds from the event will benefit "The Fisher House" in Hines, IL. Picnic tables and trash cans were reserved with the original request. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the Business License Application of Hair Studio 708 at 3620 Chicago Road, pending inspection and approval by Director of Public Infrastructure. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Business License Application of Hot & Spicy Grill and Café 502 W. 34th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

#### **ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION –**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss Real Property and Litigation  
5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body, pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act

Discuss litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)).

Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**7:34pm**

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

**7:54pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk