

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 6th day of September, 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; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Lopez 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 and Community Center Director Diane Rossi.

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

A member of the 50's club, resident of 22735 Cottage Grove addressed the board with concerns of noise level in the Community Center's meeting room. Mayor Peterson directed Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper and Community Center Director Diane Rossi to look into the matter.

Steve Thurmond of Butler Ave. approached the board and discussed the efforts of Cindy Trotier of Chamber of Commerce regarding October Fest. Mr. Thurmond encouraged the board to support the event.

Mary Law of 3437 Jennifer Ct. she thanked Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper for having the park way tree trimmed.

Ms. Law inquired about the next ***Meet the Mayor*** event. Mayor Peterson stated next meeting will be held September 25th at Veterans Park from 1:30 to 3:30pm. The Mayor also stated that there will be a Code Red call regarding this event.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mike Tilton was absent.

Assistant Village Administrator/HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen reported on the Liability Insurance review. A presentation on the Liability Insurance is expected on the first meeting on November.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported on a pre-construction meeting with Iroquois Paving.

Cook County has been in town working on distress properties.

Trustee Perchinski requested the ratification of the phone poll be added to the next agenda. Mayor Peterson asked Assistant Village Administrator Seehausen to see that it is added to the agenda.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion referred to his weekly report.

Police Chief Boehm referred to his weekly report.

Chief Boehm stated Columbia Central is having Military Appreciation day on Friday September 9th including a Black Hawk helicopter landing.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston will provide a monthly report at the next meeting.

Chief Johnston reported the Car and Bike show over the Labor Day weekend went well.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Village Attorney was absent.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton Treasurer's Report is attached.

Regarding the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District de-annexation, Attorney Neil Smith attended the hearing August 31st which was continued to September 15th at the Daley Center in Chicago. Bloom Trail High School and certain Sauk Trail homes will continue to be serviced by MWRD.

An audience member asked about sales tax revenues. Mayor Peterson explained taxes are dispersed to the Village from the State. The Village is unaware of how much is generated by each business. The Mayor has been working with the Lobbyist to acquire this information. The Mayor and Trustee Buxton have been tracking sales tax and real estate taxes. A resident discussed a recent increase in his real estate tax. Mayor Peterson suggested the resident appeal his taxes with the County Assessor.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report, but thanked the Fire Department for the recent Rib Fest.

Trustee Lopez was absent.

Trustee Sarek had no report, but he reported a broken freezer at the concession stand. Trustee Sarek is meeting with Recreational Board President Gerald Stewart regarding replacing the freezer

Trustee Perchinski. Reported that Chief Fillion and the Fire Department have been working on hydrants, equipment and man power lowering the Villages ISO rating from 5 to 4. This will help lower the residents' insurance rates.

Trustee Joyce had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON Mayor Peterson thanked the Department heads, the Village Board and residents for their support during a difficult time for him and his family.

The Mayor explained about the ISO ratings going down and how it will help our residents' homeowners' insurance premiums decrease.

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, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

After discussion, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the temporary business license application of Hair Studio 708 at 3620 Chicago Road. Mayor Peterson and Trustee Perchinski added that the parking of employees and customers at Hair Studio 708 will be closely monitored. The business owner will be notified that the Village has the right to revoke the business license. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. Following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, and Buxton. Trustee Skrezyna voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made the motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1131 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY BY AND BETWEEN HACKEL TRUST #2, OWNER OF RECORD, AND THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE Trustee Sarek seconded the motion.

Obtaining this land will help the Village to secure grants in the future. . Roll was called. Following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:29pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk