

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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, Lopez and Skrezyna. Trustee Buxton 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, Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Village Attorney Dan Didech.

The Mayor asked for a moment of Silence for the passing of Cook County Commissioner Joan Patricia Murphy and offered condolences to her family.

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

The Village Clerk Carmen Recupito Jr. swore in new Part time Patrol Officer Gilbert Vargas Jr. The Board and the audience congratulated him.

Kim Brownlee of ICMARC made a presentation regarding a 457 deferred compensation retirement plan for the benefit of the private sector employees.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez 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. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Kenny Mc Callister and Mary Supermani-Meidell approached the board and discussed Park of Hope fund raiser project status. The group plans to break ground in April 2017. Additional fund raising events are planned.

A resident reported that the Village phone numbers are incorrect on the Village website and missing board member photos. The resident also asked whether the Economic Development Plan regarding the new Village Hall was finalized. She requested the Village Board seek out more family oriented businesses. The Mayor explained that he and the Village Administrator have been in talks with a grocery store. According to Mayor Peterson, recent business developments will encourage future family oriented businesses to locate in Steger.

Trustee Joyce added that the phone numbers on the Village website are correct. The Village official Facebook page is also correct. The Mayor and Police Chief Boehm both stated the Village phone numbers are correct on Village websites. The Village is not responsible for information disseminated on other websites.

The Mayor and Police Chief Boehm explained the posted phone number will always go to the Dispatch center wherever that might be. The state may require a change in the dispatch center location but services will be seamless to residents. All emergency phone numbers will be in service until all calls are phased into 911.

A resident thanked the board for restricting businesses painting on the windows. She expressed concern about the weeds growing on sidewalks and up against buildings creating an eyesore. The Mayor explained that the village tickets, fines and are constantly working with businesses to improve appearances. The Mayor is working on a façade program using TIF funds. He is also looking into street lighting and streetscape to help improve appearances in downtown area.

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** referred to his project update report.

**Assistant Village Administrator/HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen** was absent.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** reported Iroquois Paving is in town breaking up curbs and getting started on paving project.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** reported that ambulance #108 was back in service after a gas tank repair. He also stated that all firefighter students are doing well in class and are having their state exams. The Fire Department has responded to 1020 calls for service thus far in 2016. Driver training/semiannual certification will be on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Louis Sherman Community Center.

**Police Chief Boehm** referred to his weekly report. He stated that one of the part time Police Officers had resigned and he was thankful that Police Officer Vargas was sworn in tonight.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported that the recent Oktoberfest was successful with no major incidents.

Operations Officer Perry has retired. EMA honor him with a plaque at a future date. Chief Johnston hopes to hire a replacement soon.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** stated the gym will be closed Wednesday September 21, 2016 for routine maintenance and the replacement of two fans.

The landscaping company has completed the work around the flagpole.

Mrs. Rossi stated the After School Club has started its fall session. She can accept 10 more children into the After School Club.

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

**Village Attorney** had no report.

## **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** was absent. Treasurer's Report was tabled and is attached to the minutes.

**Trustee Skrezyna** had no report.

**Trustee Lopez** had no report.

**Trustee Sarek** inquired about progress on the new Village Hall. The Mayor stated nothing new from the architect, but that he is meeting with the School District Thursday evening.

Trustee Sarek requested final numbers for The Steger Days of Music. Administrator Tilton will have them for the next meeting.

**Trustee Perchinski** Thanked Cindy Trotier and the Chamber of Commerce for Octoberfest which included many fun and family activities.

**Trustee Joyce** thanked the Fire Department for contributing to Bloom Trail High School's ROTC training event.

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

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** reported on the de-annexation of Miller Woods from the MWRD. The de-annexation is now complete. Questions on the indebtedness remain. Mayor Peterson thanked Trustee Buxton for his efforts and hard work on the de-annexation.

Mayor Peterson congratulated Mayor Owens of South Chicago Heights on his retirement. September 19<sup>th</sup> was Mayor Owens', last board meeting. He thanked Mayor Owens for coming to his aid after the Village Hall fire, offering his jail and court room for use by the Village of Steger.

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Joyce made a motion to ratify the phone poll awarding the paving contract to the low bidder, Iroquois Paving of \$504,250.17. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Village Administrator Tilton discussed resident parking on Kings Road and associated streets. He and Chief Boehm met with Expert Towing regarding fines and towing fees. It was suggested that a \$25 parking ticket be issued to those parking on the street in the “No Parking” area. A more aggressive approach would include the \$25 parking ticket and the vehicle being towed, at an additional \$125 when called in by the Police Department. Kings Road would be designated no parking from 34<sup>th</sup> Street to 35<sup>th</sup> Street. A sticker program could be implemented for residents on John, Ashland and William Streets.

Signs will be posted on Village property (i.e. Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove) regarding parking and a “relocate program”. Tow charges would be higher in these areas. Trustee Perchinski made the motion, to move ahead with the more aggressive ordinance. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion, Trustee Lopez made a motion to table indefinitely discussion on the Ice machine at Veterans Park. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. President Gerald Stewart of the Recreation Board will be consulted. Perhaps it will be requested that the sports teams contribute to the purchase of a new ice machine. The ice machine will be considered for the next budget year. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Police Chief Boehm to purchase two new squad cars from Terry’s Ford for a total of \$ 55,050.00 with four year financing. Chief Boehm explained that the two new squads will replace two older squads in the fleet. The price does not include squad equipment and may cost an additional \$5,000-\$10,000. It is anticipated to be under budget. Trustee Lopez suggested leasing squad cars in the future. Chief Boehm will look into leasing with the next purchase. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the Will County 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System Board and the Village of Steger for funding of 9-1-1 surcharge reallocation. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Steger Storm Football and Cheer to use Veterans Park on Friday, October 7th from 6pm to 7:30pm for their annual potluck/bonfire, pending Chief Fillions approval. Steger Storm also request assistance from the Fire Department to start, extinguish and stand by for the Wildcat's bonfire. Extra picnic tables and trashcans will be provided. The Village Adminstrator, Chief Fillion and Public Infrastructure Director will meet with Steger Storm to finalize plans.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:59pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk