

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson 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.

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

Trustee Lopez assumed the role of temporary mayor.

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

None

**MINUTES**

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board Meeting, as all members have copies. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jim Hanus of 120 Valleywood Drive approached the board regarding an update on the Quiet Zone. Village Administrator Mike Tilton explained that it was on his report for the night's agenda.

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** reported that he has been working with Union Pacific Rail Railroad and Diamond Dry cleaners owners regarding making the parking lot a one way street or totally blocking the alley off. Mr. Tilton is applying for the necessary permits.

Demolition of 3040 Chicago Road has been completed.

Administrator Tilton also stated that he has been working with the Village of South Chicago Heights regarding 225<sup>th</sup> Street. The street will most likely become a Bloom Township Street with an agreement of the township to fix, maintain and plow the street. The street really never belonged to Steger or South Chicago Heights and Bloom Township would really like to acquire it.

Mr. Tilton has been working with Cook County to acquire the North East corner of Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove. He will be meeting with the developer and Mary Thompson regarding Lake Michigan water and septic connections later this week at the South West corner of Sauk trail and Cottage Grove.

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

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** stated Cook County has completed the demolition of 3040 Chicago Road and is moving on to 3038 Chicago Road next. Mr. Tilton added that the former Papa's Pasta building may have been sold. He also said that the building has been stickered and tools are inside. Attorney Panici is conducting a title search of the property.

Director Toepper stated that Iroquois Paving is nearing completion with street paving and should be done by the end of the month. Seal coating will begin by the end of the week. Notices will be sent to residents not to park in the street when sealcoating is set to begin.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** reported that the Fire Department has had 1,132 calls thus far in 2016.

Chief Fillion thanked EMA Chief Tom Johnston for helping with the lighting during Fire Department night training. There will be more training activity with other Fire Departments on the north grounds of the Fire Department.

Chief Fillion also stated that the hydrants have been updated and Cook County has been mapped. Will County still needs mapping.

**Police Chief Boehm** made a correction of the Parking ticket fines. Parking ticket fines are \$50.00 and not \$25.00. Chief Ken Boehm also stated if the fine is not paid on time, they will go up to \$100.00. The general consensus was to amend the ticket fines and include it in the next meeting agenda. Roll was called. The following trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Skrezyna, Lopez, Sarek and Buxton. Motion carried.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported that they will be patrolling the alleys and cemetery during this Halloween time.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** reminded everyone of the Annual Halloween Party October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The party is for children from Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, from 6 to 8pm. Community Director Rossi also stated that an older sibling is welcomed to accompany the younger child at the Halloween party.

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** was absent.

**Village Attorney** was absent

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** Treasurer's report is attached

**Trustee Skrezyna** had no report.

**Trustee Lopez** reminded the Board Members of the Mayors and Managers' Holiday dinner. Interested Trustees should contact Administrator Tilton.

**Trustee Sarek** had no report.

**Trustee Perchinski** had no report. Trustee Perchinski encouraged everyone to Vote for the Safe Roads amendment to the Illinois Constitution.

**Trustee Joyce** wanted to remind everyone of the Halloween trick or treating hours are from 3:00pm to 7:00pm on Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>. The Bonfire at Veterans Park begins at 6:00pm. American Legion, VFW, Police Department, Fire Department and Kiwanis will be serving hotdogs and pop.

**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; Perchinski, Joyce, Buxton, Sarek, Lopez and Skrezyna. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Matt Wenzel, Race Director of AshleyCan Foundation 5k Race, thanking Steger Fire Department, Steger Police Department, Steger Public Works Department, Mary Jo Seehausen, Mayor Peterson and the Village Board for their support of the race.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Business License of LB's Discount Auto Sales at 3420 Chicago Road pending inspections. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Skezyna, Lopez, Joyce, Sarek and Buxton. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk