

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 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 Buxton and Skrezyna. 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, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Village Attorney Dan Didech.

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

The Village Clerk Carmen Recupito Jr. swore in two new Part time Patrol Officers Torin White and O'Neal Gray. The Board and the audience congratulated them

Allie Peterson presented the Halloween House Decorating contest winners; 4<sup>th</sup> place winner is Fred and Janice Du Sheen, 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner is Marissa Mumford, 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner is Paul Daniels and the 1st place winner is Martin Mata. Mrs. Peterson announced that there will be a Christmas decorating contest. Mayor Peterson encouraged all residents to participate.

Jeff Watson presented Blue Lives Matters Flag to Police Chief Boehm in appreciation of all they do to keep the community safe.

President of Police Pension Board Pat Rossi gave his Municipal Compliance Report. Mr. Rossi presented all Board members with a copy of his report. A copy is attached to the minutes.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing as all members have copies. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

John Cashman approached the Board regarding the expansion of the B.P. Station at 34th Street and Union south to the Superior Oil building. Mayor Peterson explained that he is working with the developer to buy and then sell the property. The anticipated cost to the Village is \$10,000.00.

The owner of the former firehouse on Union Ave approached the Board regarding putting up a shipping container on the property. Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper explained it was not allowed per ordinance. The owner stated that he has seen some shipping containers in the Village, Mr. Toepper explained that those containers were up before the ordinance was in place. Mr. Toepper explained that the property owner could apply for a variance with the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals. The PZBA would then make its recommendation to the Board. The Village Board would have the final decision.

Meredith Horn of 22805 State Street approached the Board and compared the financial losses of The Steger Days of Music to the \$3,500.00 needed to correct the drainage and flooding issues of the ditch in her Miller Woods neighborhood.

Steve Thurmond announced The Bloom Trail Theatre Group's production of Once Upon A Mattress. Mr. Thurmond asked for community support of the performances on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Resident James Patrevito of Miller Woods stated that he received a threatening letter from the Post Office regarding the height of his mailbox. The Post Office wants his mailbox raised two inches. If he did not do so the Post office would stop delivery of his mail. Mayor Peterson will be looking into this matter with the Post Office.

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mike Tilton** was absent

**Assistant Village Administrator/HR Director Mary Jo Seehausen** had no report

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** reported Iroquois Paving is done with paving, they still have drainage and restoration to complete. Everything should be wrapped up in the next two weeks.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** reported Fire Department had 1,221 calls. Fire Fighter Candidates are doing well and have completed their first class.

Chief Fillion announced the Food Drive Parade on November 26<sup>th</sup> he will be in touch with Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper regarding manpower.

Some fire equipment will be moved to the EMA garage to make room for the Food Drive collection.

Chief Fillion also announced the Pancake Breakfast with Santa on November 27<sup>th</sup> from 7:00am to 1:00pm.

**Police Chief Boehm** referred to his weekly report. Chief Boehm stated that there will be extra patrols for the November 8<sup>th</sup> election.

Director of Infrastructure Toepper added the last day of yard waste will be Wednesday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported that EMA came in First place in the Trunk or Treat. Members donated the candy that was distributed to the children.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** stated the gym will be used as a Polling Place for the elections. The gym will be closed to members.

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

**Village Attorney** had no report.

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** presented the Treasurer's Report. The report is attached to the official minutes. Trustee Buxton announced the Budget meeting will be held on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**Trustee Skrezyna** had no report.

**Trustee Lopez** had no report but encouraged everyone to vote.

**Trustee Sarek** had no report.

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**Trustee Perchinski** had no report.

**Trustee Joyce** stated the News letters are finished and ready for delivery.

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

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** stated that he was a Blackhawks hockey game along with his wife and Trustee Perchinski. He was honored to see one of our residents Jimmy Patrevito being recognized as one of our Veterans. Mayor Peterson thanked Mr. Patrevito and all Veterans for their services. He was very proud and honored.

Mayor Peterson expressed concern of too many accidents in town. He reminded residents that the winter weather is right around the corner and would like everyone to be cautious while driving.

The Mayor also reminded everyone to Vote.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed with the following change; the reimbursement to Jeff Watson should be changed from \$81.00 to \$89.10.

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 adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1132 AMENDING CHAPTER 82, SECTIONS 82-479, 82-486, 82-487 AND 82-572 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING PARKING FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. with a change. Trustee Joyces motion includes leaving page 3 section 82-479 Sub Section B unchanged. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Trustee Perchinski added clause E which will restrict parking on the North side of the 100 block of Mc Kinley at all times. Trustee Lopez seconded the amended motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1133 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Buxton and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

The Clerk advised the Board that the Business License application of Cylinder Maintenance and Supply at 27 E. 36th Place Unit 6 has been withdrawn per request of the petitioner.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Business License application of Cece's Hair Gallery at 3218 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Buxton and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made the motion to approve the Business License application of Ramona's Cleaning Service at 30 E. 34th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Buxton and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. 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 7:42pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk

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