The Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on this 19th day of December 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, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Also present were Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Police Chief Ken Boehm, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Housing Director Alice Peterson and Community Center Director Diane Rossi.

AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board Meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS

Village Administrator thanked all department heads, employees and Village officials for doing a great job this year. Administrator Tilton also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

Director of Public Infrastructure was absent.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported 1394 emergency runs thus far in 2016.

Chief Fillion reminded everyone to keep an eye on real Christmas trees. The trees needles tend to dry out and could be a fire hazard.

Chief Fillion congratulated John Granados and Kyle Zbinden for passing 6 Fire Fighters State exams and numerous quizzes.

Mayor Peterson thanked the new Fire fighters for their hard work.
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Mayor Peterson asked Chief Fillion and Village Administrator Tilton to look into a date for burning of the Christmas trees. The Mayor also added that the date will go out the on the code red telephone system.

**Police Chief Ken Boehm** referred to his annual report.

Police Chief Boehm stated that he very was pleased with Shop with a Cop program. Chief Boehm hopes it will become an annual event. The Police association funded the program.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported a new member has joined EMA.

Chief Johnston stated the Louis Sherman Community Center will be a warming shelter throughout the winter in the event of power outages.

Mayor Peterson also stated if a resident is having problems with heating or know of someone having heating issues to please call Village hall and or the Police Department.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** stated the Senior Christmas party went very well all the seniors were very appreciative and pleased.

Mrs. Rossi wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** Thanked the Fire Department and everyone that helped out with the Christmas Baskets.

**Village Attorney** absent.

**TRUSTEES’ REPORTS**

Trustee Buxton referred to his financial report. It is attached to the official minutes.

Trustee Skrezyna thanked the Steger residents for helping with the toy and food drive.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek absent.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

Trustee Joyce had no report.

**CLERK’S REPORT** had no report. The Clerk wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** thanked everyone who participated with the Christmas Baskets. Mayor Peterson thanked Alice Peterson and Mrs. Skrezyna and the Apostolic Church and all Village Departments for their help.
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Mayor Peterson also stated he is looking forward to 2017 as a new big development was approved at the last board meeting on December 5th.

**BILLS**

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Trustee Joyce asked for clarification on The Ashleycan check. Mayor Peterson explained it was for the 5k race donation. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

Village Administrator Tilton discussed a donation for Ed Paesel retirement party to South Suburban Mayors and Managers. Trustee Skrezyna suggested the Silvers donation. Mayor Peterson suggested that it would be posted onto the next Agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1135 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 2016 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTY FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2016. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye: Motion Carried.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1136 AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2016 TO PAY DEBT SERVICE ON $1,390,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2003 (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye: Motion Carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the Misercordia annual Jelly Belly Candy Days at the corner of 34th Street and Chicago Road on April 28 and 29, 2017. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye: Motion Carried.
Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the Business License Application of Prakash Zala at Heather’s Sports Bar & Grill 3501 Union Avenue, pending inspections. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye: Motion Carried.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the Liquor License Application of Prakash Zala at Heather’s Sports Bar & Grill 3501 Union Avenue Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye: Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:19pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk