

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 17th day of January, 2017 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, 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

Mayor Peterson introduced Crete's Mayor Einhorn. Mayor Einhorn discussed consolidation of dispatch centers as mandated by the State of Illinois. The State has required that Will County reduce the number of dispatch centers from 6 to 3. Currently Steger uses Eastcom. Mayor Einhorn discussed costs and potential consolidation choices. A Board of Directors would include members from each Village. A seven member Executive Board may be appointed to represent all Village members. Mayor Einhorn's proposal will save the Steger Police Department \$23,000, approximately. Steger Fire Department would pay additional \$1,083. The group will need a 20 year lease agreement with the County for the new building. The lease is about \$200 per month per agency, when 30 agencies are involved. Mayor Einhorn suggested the Village of Steger adopt the agreement by the first Board Meeting in February. Mayor Peterson thanked Mayor Einhorn for his efforts.

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

Vicky Kaiser approached the Village Board regarding CodeRed alerts and questioned why the special board meeting was not announced on CodeRed to the residents. Mayor Peterson explained it was actually a hearing governed by state statute and has no audience participation. Generally, hearings are not placed on CodeRed announcements.

Mary Lindell of Project Hope for the Lorenzo Garcia Project thanked Administrator Mike Tilton for helping with the article in the Village newsletter. The group is hoping to break ground in April with a dedication in May. A Spaghetti dinner on February 26th from 12 noon to 5pm will help to raise funds for the project. Tickets are on sale at the Louis Sherman Community Center.

REPORTS

Village Administrator

None

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

Director of Public Infrastructure

None

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported the Fire Department has finished operating guide lines for the Department.

Chief Fillion also reported that Fire department just started another 6 week state certified training course.

Police Chief Ken Boehm

None

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported a third vehicle is in operation.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi stated that the Community Center is having a Seniors Valentine's Day Party on February 14th from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

Registration is now open for the following sports Softball, Adult Volleyball, High School Volleyball and Basketball

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report

Village Attorney had no report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

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

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez had no report,

Trustee Sarek reported Volleyball and Basketball have started.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

Trustee Joyce had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON had no report

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Trustees Joyce asked for the Excel Electric bill to be held for further review. Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to amend the original motion to pay the bills as listed with the exception of Excel Electric bill. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye, Perchinski, Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of the Girl Scouts of Hubbard's Trail's to use the firehouse at 3320 Lewis on Friday February 10, as a delivery site for the annual cookie sale. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted aye: Perchinski, Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye: Motion carried

Trustee Joyce made the motion to approve the request of T3 Parent Theatre Group for \$ 350.00 donation for the spring production of the Lion King Jr. and Princess Parties. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll call. The following trustees voted aye: Perchinski, Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye: Motion carried.

Discussion on purchasing 7 to 8 signs Welcome to Steger informational signs. The cost of each of the signs is about \$8,000.00. The sign company will prepare a rendering. The Village Board will be reviewing the associated maintenance cost of the solar powered signs. No action was taken.

Trustee Joyce made the motion to approve the request of Chicago Southland Convention and Visitors Bureau to be acknowledge as Steger's Convention and Visitor's Bureau of record for the marketing and promotion of the tourism industry. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following trustees voted aye: Perchinski, Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye: Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Perchinski made the motion to table closed session to discuss Peronnel. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following trustees voted aye: Perchinski, Joyce, Sarek, 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 Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk