

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 6th day of March, 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 and Buxton. Trustee Skrezyna was absent. Also present were, Assistant Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Police Chief Ken Boehm, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Housing Director Alice Peterson and Community Center Director Diane Rossi.

AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Chief Ken Boehm presented Jeff Watson with a Letter of Appreciation for his involvement in helping the Police Department in the arrest of an individual fleeing the scene.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board Meeting, with one change. At the February 21st Board meeting Trustee Joyce voted no to adjourn. With that change, Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mary Wolf a resident approached the board with her concerns for Critter Park playground. Ms. Wolf said the equipment is outdated. Mayor Ken Peterson referred Director of Infrastructure Toepper to look into it. Director Toepper reported that the Village is looking into putting in new playground equipment later this year.

Steve Thurmond of the Bloom Trail T3 Parent group extended his gratitude to the Village Board for the generous donation in support of T3. Mr. Thurmond also reminded the audience of the upcoming T3 production of The Lion King March 16th and 17th at 7:00pm. T3 will also host two Princess Parties March 18th.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Tilton was absent.

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

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Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper stated MWRD has the approval to start clearing the creek from 33rd Street to South Chicago Heights in the next few weeks.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion thanked Assistant Administrator Seehausen and Lieutenant Long for helping with some issues the Fire Department had been experiencing.

Chief Fillion also stated that department members are done with the Rope Op class and are going on to the State test.

Police Chief Ken Boehm reported that 2016 annual report is published and is available to residents on the Village website under the police tab.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported on testing of the weather siren Tuesday March 7 at 10am.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report.

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 was absent.

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek had no report.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

Trustee Joyce announced the Kiwanis Pancake breakfast March 19th at the Steger VFW.

CLERK'S REPORT had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON wished Columbia Central girls Volleyball team good luck on their sectionals. If they win sectionals they will go on to state.

BILLS

Trustee Buxton 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 Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Marty Braccio, Crete EMA Coordinator thanking the Village of Steger, Director Toepper and his staff and Administrator Tilton for giving them office furniture to be used in their new facility.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1142 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1012 RELATING TO THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1143 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 until after Executive Session. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1144 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-66 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS IN CONNECTION WITH ADOPTING A CERTAIN FIRE CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1145 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTION 6-76 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING LIQUOR LICENSES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER ILLINOIS. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1146 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING OF AND CONSENTING TO AN APPLICATION BY LAMASTUS DEVELOPMENT INC. FOR A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION, PURSUANT TO THE COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, FOR A PORTION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1147 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1103 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND DLA ARCHITECTS, LTD. TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. The following trustees voted aye: Perchinski, Lopez, Sarek and Buxton,. Trustee Joyce voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1104 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND V3 COMPANIES OF ILLINOIS, LTD. TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS MOTORCYCLE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AS REQUESTED BY A.B.A.T.E. OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to hold the dates for Steger Area Chamber of Commerce Steger Fest July 27th through July 30th and October Fest September 23rd and 24th. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. The Chamber will complete the Special Event Permit Application before proceeding.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to to discuss Litigation and Personnel. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective bargaining matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act

5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before court, pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act

7:20pm

RECONVENE FOR ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Buxton made a motion to return from Closed Session. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

7:43pm

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Sarek made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:44pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk