

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 7TH day of August, 2017 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Mayor Ken Peterson presiding and Village Clerk Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. attending.

Village Clerk Zagone called the roll. The following Trustees were present; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Also present were; EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Police Chief Ken Boehm, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper, Village Administrator Mike Tilton, Assistant Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen and Housing Director Alice Peterson.

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; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

An audience member came forward and congratulated the Board on the “National Night Out”. She said the event was awesome.

She also asked if motorized bicycles are legal. Chief Boehm explained that they are not and no one under 16 years of age is allowed to ride them. They fall into same category as Mo-Peds; no license is required, but the rules of the road apply. Chief Boehm explained that bicyclist too must observe the rules of the road, including stopping at stop signs.

She also asked what the Village is doing about the quality of water. Mayor Peterson explained that the southwest part of the Village is experiencing more issues with water than in the past. The Village is working hard to resolve the issues. Mayor Peterson is looking into alternate water sources. Temporarily the water mains are being flushed more frequently to get water circulating. In some instances this improves water quality and for others it causes a problem. Mayor Peterson explained they’re looking into filtration, Kankakee, Michigan and infrastructure replacement to determine the best thing for everyone without increasing costs.

Another audience member approached and stated that “it’s the ballpark again” cars are flying down the street and not stopping at stop signs. Mayor Peterson asked Chief Boehm to add patrols to the area. Director Toepper will look into pricing of speed bumps that “come away” and are used in problem areas.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Tilton reported on a ComEd grant for \$1,700 for the Police Department

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He also reported that \$90,000 from Cook County will offset the Village's 20% cost for the Union Avenue project. This money plus STP money will make the project at no cost to the Village.

The project is Union Avenue from 30th to 34th with sidewalks on both sides of Union Ave, street lighting and a bike path.

A Zoning Board meeting will be held August 17th. The meeting will be in regards to rezoning the property at Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove to B-2, BP Gas Station coming up for a sign variance, a home on Miller is looking for an offset of the side yard and a variance for a garage.

Mr. Tilton distributed information on a training from CMAP for Zoning Board Members, the Mayor and Board of Trustees, if interested.

Properties acquired by Village for demolition are being advertised in the newspaper for sale.

Director of Public Infrastructure referred to his weekly report and added that the Bloom Township workers have returned to school. They worked for about 4 weeks and helped to complete some projects.

Trustee Lopez inquired of the status of the garage on Barbara Lane. Mr. Toepper explained that Code Enforcement is bringing them into Housing Court for processing. Mr. Lopez asked to be updated on it.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported the new ambulance was expected this week, but has been delayed. Chief Fillion will notify the Board when the ambulance arrives and invite the Board to come out to see it.

Chief Fillion received two congratulatory messages from Franciscan Health for getting two heart attack patients to the hospital on time. Deputy Chief Baine and EMT Hamilton responded to the first call and Medic Ragusin and EMT Anderson responded to the second.

Administrator Tilton added his thanks for the prompt response from Steger Fire Department when his mother recently fell and needed their assistance. Mayor Peterson added that he was approached by a resident who stated the Fire Department recently saved his life.

Police Chief Ken Boehm thanked the Department Heads and everyone who helped to make the "National Night Out" a success. Forty children received back packs full of school supplies.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston referred to his weekly report.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi was absent.

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

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Village Attorney was absent.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton referred to the Treasurer Report. His report is attached to the official minutes.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez stated that in Chief Boehm's report he mentioned Cook County is changing the way they deal with "driving while license suspended" violators and asked how this will affect the village. Chief Boehm stated if Cook County chooses not to prosecute the offender, it would result in the loss of fines to the Village. Cook County plans not to prosecute.

Trustee Sarek asked if the Thursday meeting was still on, Mayor replied that they are.

Trustee Perchinski reminded everyone about the First Responders celebration and dinner August 19-20. A band and beer tent will be at park on the 19th. We are still looking for donors for the event and tickets for the dinner on Sunday the 20th are still available to the public at \$100 each.

Trustee Joyce had no report.

CLERK'S REPORT. Had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON thanked the VFW for the picnic they held over the weekend. It was a great event.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the bills as listed. Village. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - A letter from Park Forest Police Chief Peter J. Green thanking Mayor Peterson and Steger EMA for helping their agency during the 4th of July festivities.

An invitation from Supervisor TJ Somer to Township Day on Thursday September 21, 2017 at Bloom Township Center, 425 S. Halsted in Chicago Heights.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table *indefinitely* the Business License Application of Angelica Guzman at Paleteria Azteca Inc. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Mayoral Appointments for Recreation Board with all members remaining on the Board and terms of office identified. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called and following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1168 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO A CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH THANK GD ENTERPRISES, INC. TO REDEVELOP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Buxton seconded the 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 accept the low bid for the Police Station Parking lot of LB Paving and Sealcoating. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion on Welcome to Steger sign options. Mr. Tilton explained that much of the sign construction would be donated. Mayor Peterson suggested bringing Joe Nicollazzi in on the discussion. The sign would be located at IL394 and Steger Road, where the Steger border begins. Trustee Perchinski made a motion for No Action. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the Special Liquor License for the “First Responders Community Event” hours of license request are: Noon on August 19th until midnight on August 20th. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:31 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk