

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 21st day of August, 2017 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger, 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. Mayor Peterson was absent. Also present were; EMA Deputy Chief Jason Stevenson, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Police Chief Ken Boehm, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion and Public Infrastructure Director Dave Toepper.

Clerk Zagone entertained a motion to appoint a temporary Mayor. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to appoint Trustee Ernie Lopez temporary Mayor. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez took over the chair as temporary Mayor.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board meeting, as all members have copies. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-

Nick Capalillo of 3412 Emerald Avenue shared concerns of his tenants and neighbors of the American Legion regarding loud music, firecrackers and bright lights. Trustee Skrezyna suggested a decibel meter to monitor the level of noise in the neighborhood. Trustee Skrezyna stated the noise level weekdays is not to exceed 10pm. Trustee Sarek added it is 11pm on weekends. Trustee Lopez suggested neighbors call the police when they have a concern about the noise level in neighborhood. The American Legion is trying to work with neighbors.

Tom Johnston of 3743 Crescent Drive approached the Board to discuss safety of kindergarten children walking to school from 37th Street down Peoria across 34th Street to 30th Street. His older daughter would walk down 34th Street across railroad tracks to school. The School District only provides buses when children live 1.5 miles or more from school. Mr. Johnston has approached the school board and is investigating state laws regarding children crossing dangerous roadways to get to school. A crossing guard on 34th Street and Halsted Boulevard would help, but only if children walked there to get across.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Tilton was absent.

Director of Public Infrastructure had no report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported the annual Open House is scheduled for October 8th.

The new ambulance will arrive on August 30th.

The Fire Department continues to work on “Pre-Plans” throughout the village.

Police Chief Ken Boehm referred to his weekly report. Chief Boehm thanked the Board, sponsors and residents who made the “First Responders Appreciation Dinner” possible.

EMA Deputy Chief Jason Stevenson also thanked the Board for the “First Responders” recognition.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi referred to her weekly report.

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

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson was absent.

Village Attorney was absent.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

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

Trustee Skrezyna reported that Representative Anthony DeLuca and Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will be distributing trees at no charge at the Thorn Creek Woods and Nature Preserve Thursday, August 24th.

Trustee Lopez reported the next Village Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 5th, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Trustee Lopez thanked everyone for their hard work over the weekend. It was a very enjoyable event.

Trustee Sarek thanked Mary Jo and everyone who worked over the weekend. The fireworks were excellent. Trustee Sarek state the fireworks show was better than the Chicago Heights display. Trustee Lopez added that the event was at no cost to residents. All funding came from sponsors of the event. He thanked Trustee Perchinski for spearheading the event.

Trustee Perchinski thanked the first responders who did a great job putting on their own party.

Trustee Perchinski reported Mike Tilton is absent but shared that the Quiet Zone permit should be available in the next week or so.

He also stated that block was delivered to the BP and the project is moving ahead. The Brown Onion project is moving along nicely. The furniture store is progressing at a slower rate, but is progressing.

Trustee Buxton added a meeting with finance people will be Tuesday August 22nd regarding the Police Station.

Trustee Joyce reminded everyone to check the Village website and Facebook page for information. The Park of Hope dedication will be Saturday August 26 from 1-5pm. Trustee Joyce also reported a problem with water billing. If you received a water bill starting in #002 and dated 8/1/17, please disregard. Call the Village Hall with questions.

CLERK'S REPORT. Had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON was absent.

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. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE - none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1169 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPERTY TRANSFER BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF CRETE AND THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE. The ordinance was correct, but the map was not legible. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried

Trustee Joyce made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1170 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A PROPERTY DISCONNECTION FROM THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND ANNEXATION TO THE VILLAGE OF CRETE, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE. The ordinance was correct, but the map was not legible.

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Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

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 7:20 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk