

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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, Sarek, Perchinski, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Lopez was absent. Also present were, 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** -none

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, as corrected prior to this meeting. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Cindy Trotier, a resident and member of Steger Area Chamber of Commerce approached the Board. Ms. Trotier is concerned of the slow process approving a Steger Area Chamber event being held on July 27<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. She also would like to request the services of EMS, Police and Public Works Departments for this event. She requests the assistance be free of charge, not only for the Chamber, but for other events being held in Steger. In return for these services the Chamber would offer the net proceeds from the July 29<sup>th</sup> Barbeque Contest to be used Fire or Police training.

Mayor Ken Peterson stated that he had tried reaching Ms. Trotier for a few days. Mayor Peterson explained that the dates for this event were voted on and are being held. The board needs more information for this event to be approved. Such as forms needs to be filled out fully and a Liquor application, a map of the lay out of the event, streets to be blocked, so the department heads can have a better knowledge of the support needed.

Mark Baxter a resident of Steger approached the Board and invited the Mayor and Board members to The Relay for Life being held on May 19<sup>th</sup> at Bloom Trail High School at 7:00pm.

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Tilton** reported Prairie State College has a Michael Monteleone Community award. Mr. Tilton would like to nominate the Park of Hope, with the board's approval.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the nomination of the Park of Hope for the Michael Monteleone Community Award. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried. Mr. Tilton attended the blessing of the Park of Hope.

Village Administrator Tilton also discussed the Phase Two study of Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove everything came back good.

Mr. Tilton also reported the new BP will start its foundation work very soon .Brown Onion Pub will have completed work soon. Fire Department will be allowed to train in the building before it is demolished. The owner of the furniture store has plans to improve the outside of the store.

Town & Country Motors on the southside of Steger has offered a palm tree to the Village. The tree can be used through the summer, but would need to be stored in a heated space thorough the winter to use again.

Mr. Tilton and Mr. Toepper are working on a quote for a dog park to be located across the street from the Village Hall.

Trustee Perchinski asked Mr. Tilton to reach out regarding the quiet zone, if no development by May.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Toepper** had no report

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** referred to his weekly report. Chief also reported the training staff put together a multi company drill held Tuesday included South Chicago Heights Fire Department.

Chief Fillion also reported the new ambulance is in the print stage.

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

Chief Boehm added the Police Department will participate in a statewide *Distracted Driving Enforcement campaign* starting April 24<sup>th</sup>. Information is available on facebook and the Village website.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported EMA will reach out to churches recruiting members to join CERT (Community Emergency Response Team).

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** had no report.

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

**Trustee Sarek** had no report.

**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 except for invoice #5168 for \$ 18,991.00, which should be held. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from the Beecher Emergency Management Agency thanking Chief Tom Johnston for donating emergency lights and equipment.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the Special Event application of Laura Elton to host the Annual Autism Benefit at 37 E. 34th Street on April 23 from 11am to

8pm. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Skrezyna made the motion to approve the LED Lighting for the Steger Commons and K-mart parking lots. The cost will be a minimum of \$8,900 and will be recovered in cost savings over a two year period. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Columbia Central Band Director Edward Fitzgerald's proposed budget of \$3,250 for the 2017 Summer Band Program. The Village of South Chicago Heights has been asked to contribute to the program. Typically, South Chicago Heights contributes \$500. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the Business license application of In and Out Automotive at 3620 Union Ave. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Joyce made the motion to approve the Special Event license application of Fischer/ Kurzbein to host a Family Reunion at Veteran's Park on July 29. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to close session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) The Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the use of the Public Body, pursuant to Section 2(c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried **7:43pm**

Trustee Joyce made a motion to reconvene from closed session. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

**8:00pm**

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.

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**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk