

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 2nd day of January, 2018 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, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson, Trustee Skrezyna and Trustee Perchinski were absent. Also present were; Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper and Police Chief Ken Boehm.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to appoint Trustee Ernie Lopez temporary mayor in Mayor Peterson's absence, Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Trustee Sarek made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Board meeting, as all members have copies. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Sarek, Lopez, and Buxton. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sami Bader approached the board regarding purchasing property at 3236 Union Ave. for a Daycare Center. Mr. Bader proposed to the board that he would renovate the interior and exterior of the building with a new parking lot, landscaping, playground and complete indoor renovation. Renovations are expected to cost approximately \$300,000. Mr. Bader is requesting a business license and a Class 8. Trustee Lopez asked Mr. Bader to hold off on his presentation until the next board meeting, January 16th, when all members of the Board should be present.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen reported The Christmas Tree Bonfire is scheduled for January 19th, weather permitting.

The Chamber extended the taking down of the ornaments and lights on Christmas trees on Halsted Boulevard to this weekend January 6 and 7th due to the frigid temperatures.

Village Administrator Seehausen also stated that the Village is now offering e-billing to our residents. The water, sewer and trash bill will go straight to the residents email. Applications are available now.

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Trustee Lopez requested Matt add the Christmas tree information to the Village website as well as the e-billing information.

Director of Public Infrastructure had no report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion referred to his weekly report

Police Chief Ken Boehm no report

EMA Chief Tom Johnston no report

Community Center Director Diane Rossi no report

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson was absent.

Village Attorney was absent.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton reported the new Treasurer's Report format is expected for the next Village Board meeting (January 16th). Mr. Buxton also reported updates to the Village's LOCIS chart of accounts have been made. The budget should be approved after completion of the Police Station financing. Work on the Police Station should start up again early to mid-March.

Trustee Skrezyna was absent.

Trustee Lopez asked residents to check on our seniors and their wellbeing during this cold weather. Make sure they have heat if not, the Village will refer them to a warming center.

Trustee Sarek. Reminded residents on the Senior Christmas Luncheon being held on January 12th at the Community Center.

Trustee Perchinski was absent.

Trustee Joyce would like to remind seniors of the senior sewer rehabilitation discount. They will need to come in and fill out the form.

Trustee Joyce also stated the Christmas tree bonfire is only for Steger resident with live Christmas trees and live wreaths, only.

VILLAGE CLERK had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON was absent.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve RESOLUTION 1120 ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO PROHIBIT SEXUAL HARASSMENT FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Sarek, Lopez and Buxton. Motion carried.

A new state law required the Village to pass a Sexual Harassment Resolution by January 15th. Trustee Joyce added that the resolution had nothing to do directly with the Village of Steger.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the Recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board to allow a variance for an oversized garage at 430 Sauk Trail 1120 square feet and set 7 feet off the property line. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Lopez, Sarek and Buxton. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:12pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk