

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger, with Mayor Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr. 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; Village Administrator Mike Tilton, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Police Chief Ken Boehm.

Mayor Peterson wished Village Administrator Mike Tilton a Happy Birthday.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Housing Director Alice Peterson and Jen Voits of the Spirit Committee announced the winners of the Third Annual Halloween House Decorating Contest. The third place winner was 3127 Morgan, second place was 3220 Butler and first place was 324 Royal Oak Drive. Mayor Peterson explained that the contest will continue next year and a Christmas decorating contest will be held with winners announced at the second Board meeting in December. Winners will be posted on Facebook and the Village website.

Corean Davis introduced herself. Ms. Davis is running for State Representative of the 29<sup>th</sup> District.

Ms. Scott a planner with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) gave a brief overview of the work being done in Steger with elected officials and municipal leaders. She gave strategies and recommendations on three different issues for the Village of Steger; Rental housing regulations with landlord engagement, housing rehabilitation and downtown economic development. Ms. Scott discussed programs to incentivize good neighbors and good renters using rental and inspection programs and trainings for landlords without further costs to the Village. She proposed partnering with neighboring communities to share costs of inspectors. Ms. Scott has prepared a memo outlining suggestions and proposed courses of action. Recommendations for the down town area were also presented.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski 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**

The business license applicant for 3201 (Union) explained that the business started out in substance abuse and expanded to domestic violence, child abuse and other violence substance abusers use. She explained they are not a half-way house and not a recovery home. Her business would be licensed by the State of Illinois. There would always be a clinical staff on site, there will always be security there. A privacy fence would be installed. Adults and youth will be serviced and a safe haven will be provided. The building provides two apartments with total of six bedrooms.

Administrator Tilton added that the property is properly zoned. Outpatient services would be the original service with residential care possibly later. Educational services and job training are also potential services. A lease is to be signed and remodeling completed prior to opening. Initially outpatient services only would be provided and only on the first floor of the building. Administrator Tilton asked that a business plan be provided. Department of Alcohol and Substance Abuse as well as TAP. The subject will be included in the November 6 Board meeting agenda.

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Tilton** reported that Steger teamed up with Beecher, Crete and Olympia Fields for “Welcome Home Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration” on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Tilton has a form to be used to recognize veterans. Mayor Peterson will be speaking at the event. It will be held at Prairie State College.

Unimode Woodworking’s attorney and the Village Attorney are working to get a land deal done so they can start working soon.

ComEd has a new construction public sector program. The Village will fall under that with the Police Department. Mr. Tilton explained that paperwork will be submitted and ComEd will approve or disapprove the project. About \$10,000 was received from ComEd for the lights installed at the Kmart parking lot.

All projects are moving ahead. Brown Onion Pub is set to open for business at the end of the month. The Police Department and BP Projects are progressing. Mr. Tilton met with a developer that expressed interest in the Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove area.

Mr. Tilton thanked everyone for their support during the passing of his mother.

**Assistant Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** had no report.

**Director of Public Infrastructure** reported that flushing is going well. Right now the flushing is taking place on Morgan, Sangamon and Peoria.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** was absent.

Aaron Anderson of the Fire Department reported that 26 child identifications were completed with photos, name, age, allergies and other pertinent information.

Mr. Anderson also stated that the Fire Department is having a Pancake breakfast Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Business donation letters will go out later in the week.

The Breast Cancer t shirts are selling well at \$15.00 each.

Mr. Anderson also stated the Santa parade and food drive will be held on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** met with church leaders regarding assisting his department in times of disaster.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** reported they are hosting a Halloween Party on Friday October 18, 2017. For children kindergarten to fifth grade. Tickets are two dollars per child.

Mrs. Rossi added that volleyball and basketball registration are continuing.

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** had no report.

**Village Attorney** absent.

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** referred to his financial report. His report is attached to the official minutes.

**Trustee Skrezyna** no report.

**Trustee Lopez** no report.

**Trustee Sarek** had no report.

**Trustee Perchinski** had no report.

**Trustee Joyce** attended the Estate Appraisal seminar presented by Mario Reed from Cook County. Mr. Joyce said the seminar was enlightening and informative regarding real estate tax assessments. Mayor Peterson added that he'll be looking into bringing a Will County representative to a seminar.

Mr. Joyce also asked if the Board could look into lighting for the Village Hall/Fire Department parking lot and the Community Center parking lot. Mayor Peterson explained that he is working with ComEd for lighting in these areas and others. The next meeting will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**CLERK'S REPORT** no report.

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** no report.

**BILLS**

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the bills as listed. Village 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE none**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Buxton made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION NO. 1115 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO SELL SURPLUS REAL ESTATE OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS** Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Based on the price of \$12,000. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 1177 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 82, SECTIONS 82-525.1 THROUGH 82-525.17 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING THE REGULATION OF THE IMMOBILIZATION OF VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS.** Trustee Joyce 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 the motion to approve **ORDINANCE NO. 1178 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER.** 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.

“Miracle on 34th Street”, according to Mayor Peterson will include the Fire Department’s annual food drive, tree lighting on the Boulevard, Christmas trees and visits with Santa. Mayor Peterson reported that further activities are in the works. Mary Jo has further information.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Business License application of Children Home Center at 3236 Union Avenue. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

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**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:59 pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk