

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 1<sup>ST</sup> day of May, 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, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. 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, Assistant Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen and Village Administrator Mike Tilton.

**AWARDS, HONORS, SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS –**

Mayor Peterson read RESOLUTION NO. 1106 HONORING CARMEN S. “TORY” RECUPITO, JR. FOR 41 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. The Board and the audience congratulated Tory on his retirement. Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1106. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 17<sup>th</sup>, as corrected prior to this meeting. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-** none

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Tilton** reported that the sink hole on Cottage Grove should be complete shortly.

At the April 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting Trustee Perchinski inquired of the Quiet Zone study progress. Mr. Tilton spoke with the engineers and expects more definite information by mid-May.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Toepper** stated that hydrant flushing has begun and will continue for the next 3 or 4 weeks until all hydrants have been flushed.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** stated that the Illinois Department of Public Health will be out May 11<sup>th</sup> to inspect ambulances.

He also reported that Lt. Long and Lt. Gibbs are in the hazmat training class at Prairie State and doing well.

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Rendering of the new ambulance will be coming out shortly.

Engine #102 is out of service for pump maintenance, but should be back by Wednesday.

Three Fire Department members attended the Fire Department Inspectors Conference

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

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** reported EMA will be testing the siren on Tuesday.

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

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

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** had no report, but congratulated Clerk Recupito on his retirement.

**Village Attorney** had no report

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** referred to his financial report. It is attached to the official minutes. Trustee Lopez inquired about County taxes. Trustee Buxton explained that Cook County taxes will continue to come in and Will County taxes will begin later this month.

**Trustee Skrezyna** had no report, but also congratulated Clerk Recupito.

**Trustee Lopez** had no report, but congratulated Clerk Recupito.

**Trustee Sarek** inquired about play equipment at Critter Park. Director Toepper is collecting quotes. Trustee Sarek asked that park play equipment be added to a five year plan so that equipment continually is replaced and improved.

Trustee Sarek congratulated Clerk Recupito on his retirement.

**Trustee Perchinski** thanked Clerk Recupito for his dedication, knowledge and wisdom.

**Trustee Joyce** wished Clerk Recupito a happy retirement.

**CLERK'S REPORT** had no report.

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** Mayor Peterson congratulated Clerk Recupito.

**BILLS**

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to pay the bills as listed. 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** -none

**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, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**INAUGURATION OF NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES**

**OATHS OF OFFICE**

Judge Luciano Panici administered the oath of office to Trustee Ernie Lopez, Trustee Ryan Buxton and Trustee Lenny Skrezyna who were duly re-elected as Village Trustee on the April 4, 2017 election. The Trustees then assumed their chairs of the office.

Judge Luciano Panici administered the oath of office to Village Clerk Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. who was elected Village Clerk on the April 4, 2017 election. Clerk Zagone assumed his chair of office.

Judge Luciano Panici administered the oath of office to Village President Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr. who was re-elected Village President on the April 4, 2017 election. Mayor Peterson assumed his chair of office.

The audience congratulated the newly elected officials.

Mayor Peterson thanked Judge Panici for performing the Oaths of Office.

Trustee Prchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1154 AUTHORIZING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND THE INDUCEMENT OF CERTAIN REDEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Lopez seconded the moiton. 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 approve RESOLUTION NO. 1107 DECLARING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. 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.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1155 AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERFUND LOAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. 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 adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1156 AUTHORIZING THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND THE INDUCEMENT OF CERTAIN REDEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Skrezyna seconded 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 approve the request of Paula VanderMeer of Relay for Life, Team St. Liborius for May 20th as a rain date for the fundraiser event on May 13th at 34th Street and Chicago Road. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Bloom Trail Reunion Committee Class of 87 for a Reunion Picnic at Veterans Park on July 23 from 11am to 7pm. The group has requested permission to bring their own alcohol (not for sale). Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request of Police Chief Ken Boehm to use the Louis Sherman Community Center Parking lot on August 1<sup>st</sup> (date correction by Chief Boehm) from 4pm to 8pm for the "National Night Out" event. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the S.A.C.C to use Veterans Park on July 27-30 to hold Steger Fest 2pm to midnight with set up on July 24 and teardown on July 31. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The is request is only for the dates of the event. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to table the Business License Application of Positive Vibez at 3324 Chicago Road. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Peterson invited the audience to stay to celebrate with cake.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:26pm**

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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk