

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 6th day of August, 2018 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 Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. called the roll. The following Trustees were present, Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Skrezyna, Buxton and Mayor Peterson. Trustee Lopez was absent. Also present were; Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Police Chief Ken Boehm, EMA Chief Tom Johnston Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Fire Chief Nowell Fillion.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 Board meeting, as all members have copies. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion Voice vote was called: all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mary from Jennifer Court approached and discussed the new ice cream parlor at Olivia's. Mary stated there were no prices on anything in the store and very few menu items. Mary suggested they should have waited to open when they were all set up. Mayor Peterson explained it was important to get the gas pumps back up and running. The Village collects valuable fuel tax, so it is important for the pumps to open. Mayor Peterson will pass along Mary's comments to the business owner.

Another resident added that because each shop is connected to the other shop and not separate stores, it prevents people from shopping there since children will be exposed to gambling and alcohol as well as ice cream, pizza, cell phone accessories and vape shop. She was disappointed in the complex connecting alcohol, gambling and ice cream.

Henry of Rob's Furniture discussed his desire to open a restaurant in Steger in the space north of Callie's and south of the VFW. He talked about parking spaces in the area. The Board asked for floor plans and drawings for the restaurant. Henry would be interested in a liquor license, but his primary business would be food service.

Another resident suggested Olivia's install glass doors between each of the businesses to separate them for each other. She also stated in a "walkable downtown area" children are not exposed to liquor and gambling. Mayor Peterson added that fewer businesses in Steger have failed since gaming has been added to restaurants.

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Mayor Peterson explained that he and Trustee Perchinski are working to change the liquor ordinance and require restaurants to prove they sell a certain percentage of food. Many restaurants now add gaming and alcohol because those are things that bring in customers.

A Grace Street resident expressed her displeasure with the number of Vape Shops that have recently opened in Steger. She also suggested not leaning so heavily on gaming. Mayor Peterson said as long as he is mayor he will not support any additional Vape Shop.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen reported that the National Night Out will be postponed from Tuesday to Saturday the 11th following the annual parade, due to severe weather. Mayor Peterson asked that a CodeRed message be sent out regarding the National Night Out.

Mrs. Seehausen also reported the Chamber contacted her and has canceled the Oktoberfest this year.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper had no report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion. Referred to his weekly report. Chief Fillion added that St. James Hospital is officially closing the 29th at 7am.

Police Chief Ken Boehm also shared that National Night Out will be held Saturday following the parade.

Chief Boehm added that the new Police Station will be finished soon and an open house will follow.

EMA Deputy Chief Jason Stevenson had no report.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported the end of summer picnic was held with 55-60 children attending. Children were treated to a jumpy slide, face painting, food and fun.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report

Village Attorney was not present.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton thanked all first responders for all they do for the community.

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Trustee Skrezyna had no report

Trustee Lopez was absent.

Trustee Joyce had no report.

Trustee Kozy had no report.

Trustee Perchinski reminded the audience to come to the First Responders event this weekend. He said the first responders help us day and night and everyone should come out to celebrate them.

VILLAGE CLERK reported that the South Suburban Convention and Visitors Bureau puts out a semiannual brochure promoting area activities. Mr. Zagone has applications for groups interested in promoting local activities.

PRESIDENT PETERSON also thanked the first responders for their efforts and invited everyone to celebrate the first responders this weekend.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the bills as listed. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Buxton made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1201 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1125 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL FROM A GOVERNMENTAL SELF-INSURANCE SUB-POOL AND MEMBERSHIP IN ANOTHER GOVERNMENTAL SELF-INSURANCE SUB-POOL AND REQUESTING THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PERSONNEL BENEFIT COOPERATIVE (IPBC). Trustee Kozy seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Joyce made a motion to Approve and Direct the Execution of the Annual Memorandum of Understanding between the Village of Steger, Illinois and Learning for Life a District of Columbia Not-for-Profit Corporation. Trustee Joyce's motion was contingent on everyone working with cadets to go through the youth protection training application process and report with the Village Clerk and Village Administrator. Anyone not going through the process will not be allowed to work with cadets. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a Motion to Approve and Direct the Execution of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Federal Excess Equipment Cooperative Agreement between the Village of Steger, Illinois and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Buxton made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all aye. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk