

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 16th day of January, 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 Zagone called the roll. The following Trustees were present; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Skrezyna. Trustee Buxton arrived at 7:02pm. Also present were; Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Deputy Police Chief Patrick Rossi, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper.

PUBLIC HEARING on Proposed Issuance of Bonds

Mayor Peterson opened the Public Hearing and called upon the Clerk to call the roll for the benefit of the Public Hearing. The following Trustees were present; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez and Skrezyna. Trustee Buxton arrived at 7:02pm. Mayor Peterson explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comment on the proposal to sell Alternate Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$3.5 million dollars to cover the cost of construction of the Police Station and other capital improvements throughout the Village to pay capitalized interest, if any and to pay costs of issuance and expenses for benefit of inhabitants of the Village. Public Notice was published January 8th in the Daily Southtown Newspaper and posted January 12th. **Trustee Buxton arrived at 7:02pm.** Mayor Peterson invited audience and Board members to comment both orally and in writing. No comments were heard. Mayor Peterson closed the Public Hearing.

SWEARING IN OF OFFICERS

Clerk Zagone swore in; Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper and Housing Director Alice Peterson.
Clerk Zagone swore in Mary Jo Seehausen to the office of Village Administrator. The audience congratulated the newly appointed officers.

PRESENTATION

Presentation by Sami Bader regarding the proposed Children Home Center at 3236 Union Avenue. Mr. Bader explained the plan is to purchase the building, remodel it and open a day care center. Mr. Bader shared brochures with the Board. He plans a complete renovation to the building including façade, paving and landscape. Mr. Bader is requesting a business license and a Class 8 Tax Incentive. Mr. Bader discussed siding, painting and roofing of the structure. Trustee Perchinski explained that in the TIF District the New Downtown area is an area looking more uniform.

Trustee Joyce asked Mr. Bader to work with Village Administrator Seehausen and Public Infrastructure Director Toepper on renovations and remodel plans. Mayor Peterson asked that Mr. Bader work with Administrator and Infrastructure Director to develop a rendering. An economic analysis from Village TIF Consultant can analyze the impact of the day care center on the TIF District and the financial impact on the Village. Mr. Bader is set to close on the property soon. He asked the Board for an approval before the closing. Mayor Peterson could not give a firm answer, but the Board seems interested and needs further information. Mr. Bader will need to make his decision to close on the property based on his own business experience.

MINUTES

Trustee Sarek made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 Board meeting, as all members have copies. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called: all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Carol Lindeman on Barbara Lane thanked the Board for the nice luncheon the other day. Ms. Lindeman then asked why residents were not notified of the recent increase to the garbage bill. It was explained that the increase seemed larger because there was no increase in 2017. The sewer rehab fee on January water bills was for half a cycle. Mayor Peterson reported the increase was published and is on line for residents.

Mr. Lane, 57 year resident asked the Board if it is true the American Flag is being removed from Police officers' uniforms. Mayor Peterson answered that "No, the flag is not being taken off the uniform." Mayor Peterson has researched proper positioning of the flag on uniforms and found that the American flag should be displayed with the stars portion of the flag in the forward moving position. "The flag is staying on the uniform" promised Mayor Peterson.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen reminded everyone of the annual Christmas tree bonfire/burn on Friday at 6pm at Veterans Park.

The Girl Scouts will be using the Fire Department bay for delivery of Girl Scout cookies on February 15th or 16th. Mrs. Seehausen will get a firm date and the Fire Department will be sure the bay area is available.

The Metro Paramedic contract is set to expire at the end of February. Mrs. Seehausen has met with Mike Tillman of Metro. He has come back with some really good pricing. Mrs. Seehausen will have the pricing available at the next Village Board meeting.

MAP negotiations are continuing. The next meeting will be the end of the month. She is hopeful that in one or two meetings they'll be ready for presentation to the Board.

Administrator Seehausen and Director Toepper have been meeting to re start certain projects. Citgo is preparing plans to start digging in March.

Mary Thompson and Mrs. Seehausen will be meeting about 3419 Chicago Road.

BP is still under construction.

Conversation about the Village signs continues with TTS Granite and others.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper reported Thorn Creek has finished removing concrete from the sewer pipe under Steger Road. They are now cleaning up the bypass that was set up in Centennial. In the next few days they should have that operating, with all the blockage removed. Trustee Perchinski inquired where the concrete came from. Mr. Toepper explained no one knows for sure, but probably happened during construction of the school.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion referred to his weekly report.

Chief Fillion added that a \$130,000 grant to replace all Air Packs is in process with all departments in the area. The Department is working on an AFG grant to replace Truck #37. The Department extrication equipment is outdated and will also be replaced.

Deputy Police Chief Patrick Rossi reminded the public that tickets will be issued when cars are parked on the street after 2" of snowfall. .

EMA Chief Tom Johnston will provide report at later time.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi stated many seniors commented on a very enjoyable luncheon provided by the Village Board.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson had no report.

Village Attorney had no report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton reported on the new Steger Budget Report. The report is attached to the official minutes.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report.

Trustee Lopez reminded the audience garbage pickup is on its regular schedule. Pick up will be Wednesday this week, as usual.

Trustee Sarek reported half the Community Center's sound system went out. A.J. is getting prices on the system.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

Trustee Joyce encouraged the audience to go to the Village website and see that a crossing guard position is available. Share the information with anyone interested in the position.

VILLAGE CLERK had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON had no report.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the bills as listed with four Henry Schein bills on page 3 to be removed. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

NEW BUSINESS:

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

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to Closed Session to discuss personnel. Trustee Sarek seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Sarek, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

7:51pm

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

8:13pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:14pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk