

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 18th day of June, 2018 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with presiding and Village Clerk Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. attending.

Village Clerk Zagone called the roll. The following Trustees were present; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez Buxton and Skrezyna. Trustee Sarek was absent. Also present were; Chief Police Ken Boehm, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper and Community Center Director Diane Rossi.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 4th, 2018 Board meeting, Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote was called: all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Carol Lindemann of 213 Barbara Lane commented on how well managed the park behind the home is by Susan Lane. She added that the part of park near her home on Barbara Lane is a swamp. Ms. Lindemann is concerned about mosquitoes in the wet area. She added that with recent flooding her neighbor's branches are now in the swamp area and another neighbor's pool is not maintained creating more areas for mosquitoes to breed. Director Toepper and Mayor Peterson assured her the situation will be looked into.

Henry of Rob's Furniture stopped by to thank the Board and the Department Heads for permitting Rob's Furniture's recent tent sale. He stated that it was very successful. A lengthy discussion followed regarding complaints by multiple residents regarding the lack of property maintenance during the event. Henry is to provide a plan for the façade of his building at the July 2nd Board meeting.

Mary Laws reported on a water main break between Jennifer Court and Sally Drive last Wednesday at about the time children would be dropped off by school bus. Ms. Laws thanked the Police Department and Director of Public Infrastructure for quickly responding to her call and getting the children on their way safely.

Cindy Trotier, 3127 Peoria Street commented on the Tent Sale at Rob's Furniture. Mrs. Trotier commented that the unattractive site reflected badly on the village. Mrs. Trotier shared photos she took of the site with the Board. Trustee Skrezyna explained that Trustee Perchinski stated the very same sentiments. Trustee Perchinski stated Mrs. Trotier is one resident, he has had dozens of residents come to him with similar complaints. He explained to Henry of Rob's Furniture that he is not being picked on, but encouraged to bring the business to a higher standard.

Lisa Smith of American Legion thanked everyone who attended the Memorial Day service and reminded the audience of the Flag Day Ceremony on June 14th at 11am. Flags will be respectfully burned. The Fire Department and the Boy Scouts will be in attendance. Ms. Smith asked that the event be shared on the Village website.

Chuck Parrish approached the Board regarding a culvert in need of clean out on Sherman Road just north of Mr. Parrish's property. Director Toepper will take a look at it. Mr. Parrish said that water is 2' lower than the other side because it cannot get through. Mr. Parrish also asked if weeds on Sherman will be trimmed. Director Toepper stated his crew tries to get out there once a week.

Frank Elton thanked the Board for allowing his group to use the parking lot and picnic tables for a fundraiser that benefits Spe-Ed school in Chicago Heights. This year's event raised \$16,100.00

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen reported the original plan for an Open House at the new Police Department had been planned for mid to late June but will be pushed back to mid-July. Chief Boehm and Mayor Peterson agreed saying they prefer to show a building that is complete.

Bids are being collected for concrete work on the Quiet Zone. The delineators have been delivered. Mrs. Seehausen is meeting with South Chicago Heights Mayor to work out the work to be done there for the Quiet Zone. Concrete quotes should be ready for next Board Meeting.

Mrs. Seehausen explained that the Special Event License Application includes request from the Chamber trailer and picnic tables. Support from the Village for the event can be covered during regular business hours.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper had no report.

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Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported that until the Fire Department gets acclimated to the new dispatch center and the closing of one hospital, many “dual” calls may be experienced. Steger will assist and be assisted by neighbors on all sides. Chief Fillion explained that your level of care will not be changed.

Police Chief Ken Boehm had no report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston reported that EMA will be working graduation tomorrow night and planning for Drivin’ the Dixie on the 16th.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson reported that since 2016 home sales in Steger have increased 17%. Since 2012 increased 66% 129 sales in 2017. Average days on the market is 74 days decreased since 2016.

Village Attorney was not present

TRUSTEES’ REPORTS

Trustee Buxton had no report

Trustee Skrezyna had no report

Trustee Lopez had no report.

Trustee Sarek was absent.

Trustee Perchinski had no report.

Trustee Joyce had no report.

VILLAGE CLERK had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON was absent.

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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, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1123 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND RETAIL STRATEGIES, LLC TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1196 until after Executive Session - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1197 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING OF AND CONSENTING TO AN APPLICATION BY SAMI BADER FOR A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION AND OTHER RELIEF, PURSUANT TO THE COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, FOR A PORTION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. After discussion, Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski and Buxton. Trustees Lopez and Skrezyna voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the First Responders Dinner/Event Weekend August 3rd from 3pm to 11:59pm and August 10th 6pm to 11:59pm & 11th from noon to 11:59pm including a Special Use Liquor Licenses for the events. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Without any discussion, the roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Joyce voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the Special Event Application for Steger Area Chamber of Commerce for October Fest September 15th and 16th from 10am-10pm on Halsted Boulevard. The Chamber of Commerce also requests a Special Use Liquor License for the event. 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.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to the Business License Application of Sami Bader of Children Home Center at 3236 Union Avenue, pending inspections. Administrator Seehausen explained the business license is required for the Class 8 Designation. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Trustee Perchinski amended his motion to include "subject to the plans for the façade of the building". The Day Care Center operator explained there will be about 150 children, 6am to 6pm. Parking will be for staff mostly with entrance from south and exit on north, furthest from 34th Street. The Center will need to be licensed by the state. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez and Buxton. Trustee Skrezyna voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to CLOSED SESSION to discuss personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees, pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

7:55pm

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Trustee Perchinski made a motion to reconvene in Regular Session. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

8:38pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1196 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPENSATION SCHEDULE FOR THE EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Without any discussion, Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Trustee Joyce voted no. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:41 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk