

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 5th day of March, 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, Lopez, Skrezyna, and Buxton. Also present were; Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Chief Police Ken Boehm, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson and Community Center Director Diane Rossi.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20TH Board meeting, as all members have copies. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion and asked that when a dissenting vote is recorded, discussion should be included in the minutes. If no discussion took place, it should be reflected in the minutes. Trustee Perchinski noted that in the February 20th minutes there were two dissenting votes; the paying of the bills and Ordinance No. 1190. He asked that this change be made to the minutes. Trustee Lopez accepted the changes to his motion. Voice vote was called: all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

A Steger resident thanked the Board for a great job on the snow removal.

Steve Thurmond approached the Board and stated Bloom Trail Theatre Group's production of ***The Wiz*** will be this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the High School. There will be a tea party with *Dorothy* on Saturday at 1pm. The Village website will share this information.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen reported on Year End 2017 and where we are in 2018. The January report should be prepared for the next Village Board Meeting and back on schedule moving forward.

Mrs. Seehausen also reported on a pre-construction/start up meeting held on Thursday March 8th. Work will start back up on the building on Monday March 12th.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper had no report.

Fire Chief Fillion referred to his weekly report.

Police Chief Ken Boehm referred to his weekly report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston referred to his weekly report. Chief Johnston also added its Severe Weather Preparedness week and there is a link on the web site.

Chief Johnston also announced his two new hires; Mitchell and Jim Briggs.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi had no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson referred to her weekly report. Director Peterson added the Illinois Housing Authority has programs for first time home buyers that will help with down payment assistance. It will be posted on the website.

Village Attorney was not present.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton Added to Administrator Seehausen's report. The Village issued its bonds and closed on them last Thursday. Mr. Buxton explained this is a huge success for the Village - raising funds for the Police Department. Mr. Buxton thanked the Finance Department, Village Administrator and Mayor Peterson for leading the way. He expressed excitement in resuming construction. Mayor Peterson thanked Trustee Buxton for his part in the process.

Trustee Skrezyna had no report

Trustee Lopez had no report

Trustee Sarek was absent.

Trustee Perchinski reported on the Quiet Zone. Trustee Perchinski stated the next step will be the delineators, which were not in last year's budget. The delineators will be installed this spring after the risk of damage by snow plows has passed.

Trustee Joyce reported on the Steger Kiwanis Sixth Annual Father and Daughter Dance to be held on March 10th from 6pm to 9pm at Columbia Middle school. Tickets are \$8.00 in advanced and \$10.00 per person at the door.

VILLAGE CLERK had no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON reiterated the Village had a successful closing on its bond deal. Came in a 2.3%. Mayor Peterson thanked all those who worked on the deal and looks forward to getting the Police Department moved into its new Police Station. He encouraged anyone with questions during the process to contact Administrator Seehausen or Chief Boehm.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the bills as listed. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – none

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made the motion to approve an Amendment to a Collection Services Agreement with Municipal Collection Services, Inc. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna, Mayor Peterson and Director Toepper met with Mr. Holmes of Tierra Environmental and Industrial Services and inspected 32nd Street. Tierra suggested jetting the lines on 32nd Street east of Railroad Tracks. Trustee Skrezyna suggested the jetting is worth an attempt. Mayor Peterson added that dredging the detention pond is probably necessary, but very costly. Silt from the detention pond can get into the system and cause some blockage. Jetting on the west side of town may also be necessary. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:14pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk