

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 November, 2018 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with Village President Kenneth A. Peterson presiding and Village Clerk Joseph M. Zagone, Jr, attending.

Village Clerk Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. called the roll. The following Trustees were present, Joyce, Kozy, Lopez and Skrezyna. Trustees Perchinski and Buxton were absent. Also present were; Police Chief Ken Boehm, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion and Director of Housing and Community Development Alice Peterson.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION – none

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the Minutes of the October 15th Board Meeting and the Special Board Meetings of October 24th and 29th, as all members have copies. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION –

Scott Smith of 87 227th Street inquired about a three tiered “Old Folks Home” directly behind his home. Mayor Peterson explained that a proposal has been received. A hearing with the Planning and Zoning Board will be scheduled and notices mailed regarding the home. Mayor Peterson believes the home to be privately owned. When the hearing is scheduled notices will be delivered to residents within 250-300 feet of the proposed development, a notice will appear in the newspaper and can be published on the Village website. The proposed project is at the end of Miller Road to State Street. Mayor Peterson explained the process of the Planning and Zoning Board to the audience. Jim Patrevito discussed flooding in Miller Woods area that will be increased by asphalt parking lot in the area.

Another neighbor came forward to discuss water issues in Miller Woods area. Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper explained that flood studies have been completed, improvements on Sherman Road and plans for road improvements in the area. The same neighbor stated trucks drive regularly down 227th street causing the culvert to collapse. Chief Boehm asked that the Police Department be called when trucks are on 227th Street.

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Mayor Peterson and Trustee Lopez explained discussions were held with Bloom Township and Cook County regarding area flooding.

A neighbor came forward and stated that the trucks make U-turns and have been stuck in mud and sometimes park on the residential road. Chief Boehm asked that he or the supervisor on duty be notified if residents are unhappy with service provided by police officers.

Steve Thurmond stepped forward to share Bloom Trail Theater Troupe will perform Seussical the Musical on November 15th 16th & 17th. Mayor Peterson will have the information posted on the Village website.

Mr. Thurmond also asked if it would be possible to use stickers on doors of residents' homes alerting service personnel of dogs within.

Mary Laws asked about posting dates for meetings and special meetings. Mayor Peterson explained that all meetings are posted on the Village website and on the door of the Village Hall. A Special Meeting was called because action on a property the Village was bidding on was required.

Ms. Laws asked if anything was new at Kmart. Mayor Peterson explained Kmart is in bankruptcy. A buyer is in negotiations with Kmart. 700 Kmart stores were scheduled to be closed.

A resident suggested special meetings and PZBA Hearings be posted on Facebook.

A resident commented the Halloween Party for 250 children was great. Mayor Peterson added that the bonfire at Veterans Park was great as well.

A resident at 239 Durham commented that her water smells. Her home is on a loop and when flushed water just goes around and around. Director Toepper explained water is flushed twice each year; spring and fall. Many improvements have been made including an underground valve study. Another resident asked about hydrants. Chief Fillion explained that 344 hydrants have to be inspected

Mayor Peterson explained that if residents bring issues to the Board they don't need to attend Board Meeting to vent frustration. If your answers are not satisfactory, call the mayor email, schedule a meeting.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen – was absent

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Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper – Street Sweeping is scheduled for November 15th & 16th .

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion – Reported the Fire Department worked on two grants this year; one for air packs that was a regional grant with Crete, South Chicago Heights and Beecher. Steger will “host” that grant this year. Beecher is “hosting” a grant for portable radios.

A reminder-November 25th will be the Pancake Breakfast with Steger Fire Association.

Chief Fillion also congratulated Assistant Chief Mike Long on getting married.

Police Chief Ken Boehm- referred to his weekly report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston siren testing tomorrow.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reported on the senior luncheon coming this Friday for about 100 seniors.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson – had no report.

Village Attorney was not present.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton was absent.

Trustee Skrezyna no report

Trustee Lopez no report

Trustee Kozy no report

Trustee Joyce Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast this Sunday 8am-11am at the VFW. Veterans eat free.

Trustee Joyce also asked that residents rake leaves away from sewer grates and culverts, giving Public Works a hand and helping to limit flooding.

Trustee Perchinski- was absent.

VILLAGE CLERK ZAGONE no report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON reminded everyone that Saturday November 24th is the Annual Santa Parade and food drive. Canned goods are used in the annual Christmas baskets. Toys are also appreciated.

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, Kozy, Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS- none

CORRESPONDENCE – none

NEW BUSINESS-

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1205 AN ORDINANCE, AMENDING CHAPTER 18, BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, BY ADDING ARTICLE X, "REGISTRATION OF DEFAULTED MORTGAGES AND VACANT PROPERTY". Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Kozy, Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 1126 A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PARTICPATION BY ELECTED OFFICIALS IN THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Kozy, Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve and authorize the execution of the Collective Bargaining agreement between Metropolitan Alliance of Police Steger Chapter 117 and the Village of Steger, commencing on May 1, 2017 and expiring on April 30, 2020. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Kozy, Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve an AGREEMENT BETWEEN VILLAGE OF STEGER AND PROPERTY REGISTRATION CHAMPIONS, LLC. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Kozy, Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the temporary Business License Application of TWISTED VINE at 3444 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Kozy and Lopez. Trustee Skrezyna approved the café and pastries, but not the liquor license. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:03 pm

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk