

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 17<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2018 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village President Kenneth A Peterson, Jr presiding. President Peterson led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Village Clerk Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. called the roll. The following Trustees were present, Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna, Buxton and Mayor Peterson.

Also present were: Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Police Chief Patrick Rossi, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson..

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Police Chief Patrick Rossi was pinned with Police Chief badge.

Gerald Ruff II, appointed as Deputy Police Chief, effective 01/01/19, was sworn in and pinned.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting as written. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION** - None

Mayor Peterson noted that the first meeting in 2019 a signup sheet will be available for those who wish to make a comment and then they will be called on in order they sign up.

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** no report

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** no report.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Police Chief Patrick Rossi** thanked all volunteers and organizations who helped search for and locate a 14 year old runaway. Special recognition was given to Steger

Police Officers Jordan Lane, Jonathan Bass and Detective Pete Fajman along with Steger EMA Deputy Chief Jason Stevenson.

Chief Rossi also added that Alicia's House sponsored Shop With A Cop/Fireman and several Steger Police officers and Fire Department members participated shopping with 26 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, helping them buy and wrap gifts for others.

Chief Rossi then wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** noted that the departments 2002 Chevy Impala has been decommissioned due to amount of work needed, and wished everyone a safe holiday.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** stated that Basketball and Volleyball registration has come to a close so games will be beginning, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** announced the Christmas Decorating contest winners: 3<sup>rd</sup> place was the Baxter Family at 33<sup>rd</sup> & Butler, 2<sup>nd</sup> place was the Leimer Family on Peoria St. and 1<sup>st</sup> place was the Glowacki Family on Lahn. All three winners donated their prizes to the Chicago Heights family who lost their home in the fire.

**Village Attorney** not present

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** commented on the budget report ending September 30, 2018, and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season.

**Trustee Skrezyna** also recognized the joint effort of everyone coming together over the weekend to locate the runaway, and also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**Trustee Lopez** thanked Detective Fajman and DC Ruff on the way they handled the runaway incident and also wished Merry Christmas to one and all.

**Trustee Kozy** also thanked everyone for great job on the runaway incident and then noted there are 60 children in volleyball and 90 in basketball.



**Trustee Perchinski** thanked the police and fire members who participated in the Alicia's House Shop With A Cop/Firemen, including those who donated to the program.

Trustee Perchinski also stated Matt Wenzel has been doing a great job on the Get to Know Your Business on Facebook and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Trustee Joyce** thanked, on behalf of the family of Larry Heldt, the members of the Fire Department who participated in the wake and funeral for Larry. He also thanked the Mayor and Village staff regarding the events of the last weekend and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Peterson added it was with great sadness on the loss of Larry Heldt, who was a retired Captain on the Steger Fire Department and had also worked in the Public Works department.

**VILLAGE CLERK** reported that all Non-essential Village functions will observe Christmas Holidays December 24th & 25th and the New Year's Holiday January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** notified the board he will direct the Police & Fire Board to fill the open positions for Police Sergeant and Police Officer due to Sgt. Ruff becoming Deputy Chief

### **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, Lopez Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** – none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**- none

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Buxton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 1207, An Ordinance levying taxes for the corporate purposes of the Village of Steger, Illinois for the fiscal year commencing on the first day of January 2018 and ending on the thirty first day of December 2018, but first wanted to validate the total on the breakout page ties to

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the previous page. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the 2019 General Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

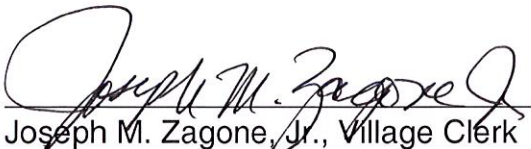
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk