

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 June, 2019 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, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Police Chief Patrick Rossi, EMA Chief Tom Johnston and Community Center Director Diane Rossi. Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson was absent.

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

None

**MINUTES**

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Chuck Paris an employee at Ace Hardware addressed issues being created by Rob's Furniture and its owner. Cars of Ace Hardware customers are being towed away if parked in the Rob's Furniture parking lot. Mr. Paris concerns over the owner of Rob's Furniture not being a good neighbor was contrary to our Village mission and contrary to comments this owner has made at previous Village Board meetings. The issue will be looked into.

Mary Laws of 3437 Jennifer Ct addressed the board. First comment was whether the water supply well had been fixed on her side of town (the west side). Director Toepper stated that it was fixed and that the Village would start flushing next week weather permitting. Her second question was in regards to the Train Crossings and the Quiet Zone. Administrator Seehausen stated that the Village has done everything it can do towards getting the Quiet Zone. We have completed all application and acquired everything needed to make necessary changes to the actual crossings. We now are waiting for the Railroad to send the necessary permits for us to do the work we need to do. Final question was regarding Illinois State House Bill #62 and how our Village is expected to benefit from it. The Village

is expecting about \$400,000.00 that is earmarked for various projects, some are for capital expenditures, some were for new construction. These are funds that we were seeking to get four years ago before Governor Rauner put a stop to the program. We are currently waiting to see how the funds will become available and how we can use them to fix some of the issues we are currently dealing with.

## REPORTS

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** No report.

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

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** No report.

**Police Chief Patrick Rossi** Referred to his weekly report.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** No report.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** Summer Club began today with 25 children. With the volunteers we have, we can still take 5 more children.

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** No report.

**Village Attorney** not present

**Treasurer** Highlighted a couple of things from the Illinois Spring Legislative Session. The general assembly has approved a proposal to collect online sales tax on a vast majority of internet sales which I think is going to be a big help to us in Illinois. It goes into effect January 1, 2020 with full implementation July 1, 2020. It is estimated that it will raise \$46 Million statewide, \$92 Million in the second year.

All voters should stay aware of the upcoming graduated income tax. It will be on the ballot in 2020 general election. The governor has proposed a new taxing system that is based on how much you make each year. Both of these programs could generate more funds for our community. Mayor Peterson added that there is much information to be gathered before we know exactly how this new means of taxation would affect both the village and the voters as individuals. Treasurer Buxton also added to the earlier comments regarding House Bill #62. Our downstate advocate is working on reimbursement for the new Police Station and also for infrastructure improvements and rehabilitation of our water towers. That is money we could see from House Bill 62.

**TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** No report

**Trustee Skrezyna** Read a note from the organizers of Driving the Dixie thanking the Village for all their efforts in making it a success. They thanked us for providing lunch and nice stop along the way for Driving the Dixie.

**Trustee Lopez** No Report

**Trustee Kozy** No report

**Trustee Perchinski** Offered congratulations to Trustee Skrezyna on becoming a new grandpa this past week.

**Trustee Joyce** No report

**VILLAGE CLERK** No report

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** In addition to the Driving the Dixie, we also had open house at our new Children's Advocacy Center at the Community Center. Will County had reached out to the Village looking for a place to house the new center where children who may have been abused could be interviewed. Anyone with questions can go to the website for the center for more information.

**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 Perchinski made a motion to approve the Business License pending inspections for Jazzy Experience located at 3218 Chicago Rd Unit A. 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.

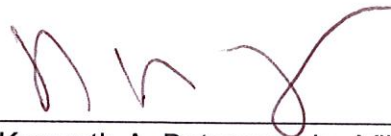
Trustee Perchinski made a motion at 7:19 pm to adjourn to closed session to discuss personnel. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to reconvene following closed session. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business,

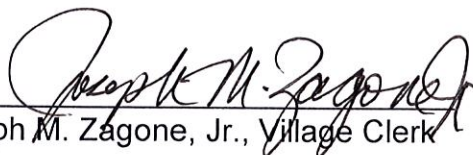
Trustee Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk