

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 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, 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**

Clerk Zagone gave Oath of Office to newly elected Village Trustees: William Joyce, Mark Kozy and Tim Perchinski. All were congratulated and welcomed back to continue their work as trustees.

Clerk Zagone swore in newly appointed Police Officer Ronald Nathan Woodson.

Motion was made by Trustee Perchinski to approve Mayor Peterson's re appointment of Joseph Kaiser to Steger Police Pension Trustee. Trustee Kozy 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 Lopez made a motion to table presentation from Patrick D'Heff with the Illinois Coalition of Local Government. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees voted aye. Motion tabled.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mary Laws of 3437 Jennifer Ct approached the board questioning where we are with the railroad in regard to quiet zone. Administrator Seehausen stated that paperwork is still the hold up and is in process.

Betty Dominquez of 255 Durham Dr approached with concerns about the condition of the water at her home. She brought a sample of her water and pictures of water fixtures in her home. Discussion followed regarding some of the causes and the efforts the Village is considering to deal with this situation. In the meantime, Mr. Toepper will have the water department go to her home and flush her system again. Alternate water sources are being considered but because of the cost, it would have to be brought to the public. A vote will be required to bring in alternate water source, but cost to do this along with bringing water and sewer to Miller Woods will be very costly. Trustee Buxton brought up the option of infrastructure improvements including looping the line in the Durham area that would improve flow and improve quality. Another citizen offered assistance in working with the Army Corp of Engineers to get grants available to aid water systems that are over 70 years old. Dave Toepper will discuss this further with him.

Joel Molina of 235 Durham Dr. also offered concerns that he has with water supplied to his home.

Frank Elton of Bambino's thanked the Village for all the help it provided to the successful fundraiser held for Autism. The fundraiser raised over \$16,000.00 to help those with Autism and the Village help is greatly appreciated.

Sue Martin brought a petition from the Durham/Dorsetshire area who are unhappy with the quality of the water provided to their homes. Many efforts and remedies are being considered for the water in this area.

### REPORTS

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

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

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** The Fire Department will be testing hoses at a location yet to be determined. Deputy Chief Baine went to Springfield again to help fight Bill 37 regarding wages for firefighters.

**Police Chief Patrick Rossi** in addition to his weekly report, Chief Rossi gave commendation to Trustee Skrezyna for efforts he made as a citizen reporting unusual activity in his neighborhood that led to apprehension of individuals who had been robbing homes in the area. Trustee Skrezyna was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his efforts in this event.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** Reported on successful Little League Parade. In addition there are two new applicants that are going through process to join EMA.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** No report.

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

**Village Attorney** not present

**Treasurer** No financial report, hope to have for next meeting. We are making good progress on the 2018 Audit, hope to have a report on that in June.

### TRUSTEES' REPORTS

**Trustee Buxton** No report

**Trustee Skrezyna** No report

Question was raised by audience member regarding an abandoned house on Durham Dr. It is a home that the Village owns and we are in process to see how best to handle this home as well as another in the area.

**Trustee Lopez** Street sweeping began today and will probably go through the rest of the week. Try to avoid parking on the streets. We sweep three times a year.

**Trustee Kozy** Floor in the concession stand needs to be painted and two loads of dirt are needed for the softball fields at a cost of \$2,000.00 each. We did not have any signups for town softball teams. Only the travel softball team is using the field. Will discuss options of sharing cost with the program. Additionally, Little League and Baseball programs are looking at improvements needed at the field. Suggesting that programs bring money request to the board as opposed to going just to a trustee.

**Trustee Perchinski** No report.

**Trustee Joyce.** Want to thank the board for sending flowers to the service for my father in law and for coming to show support to our family. Memorial Day is coming up

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at the end of the month. Ceremony will be run by the VFW this year and ROTC is doing the flag dedication ceremony at the new Police Station.

**VILLAGE CLERK** Read a Thank You note from the family of Frank Goncher.

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** Offered condolences to the Goncher family again and to the family of Randy Sassano, a member of our Housing Committee who passed away recently.

**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:**

Ordinance 1215:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 1215, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND IMPOSING A COMMERCIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Resolution 1137:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Resolution No 1137, A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY AS CONSTRUCTION SAFETY MONTH FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried

Resolution 1138:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table Resolution No 1138, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ILLINOIS COALITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND ITS

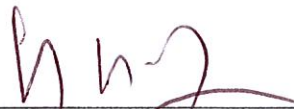
AGENTS OR CONTRACTORS TO ACT AS THE THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE COMPLIANCE REVIEW, COLLECTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE TWO PERCENT (2%) FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY TAX DUE TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS.

Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion.

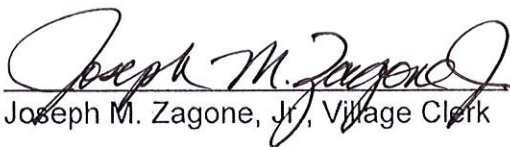
Voice vote. All Trustees voted aye. Motion tabled.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk