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 7th day of October 2019 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger. Mayor 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: Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, Police Chief Patrick Rossi, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson. Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen was absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Part time Police Patrolman Bernard Gromala was appointed and given the Oath of Office by Village Clerk Zagone.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 3rd meeting as written. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Tamim Choudhury representing the Small Business Administration informed the residents that they have representatives at the Louis Sherman Community Center making loans available to those affected by recent flooding. The SBA is offering low interest, long term loans to help cover expenses not covered by insurance. The hours are available on our website and residents have until November to apply for these loans.

Patricia Garza came before the board regarding a fence she and her husband would like to put up on their property on the corner of 36th St and Union Ave. The fence they want does not comply with Village Code. She was hoping she could circumvent the Planning and Zoning board because time is of the essence. Since the Village Board can only act on recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board, she will have to get scheduled with the Planning and Zoning Board at that boards earliest convenience.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Work has begun on the Quiet Zone work beginning at Sauk Trail. As the week goes on, they will move south completing all crossings.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion No report.

Police Chief Patrick Rossi Referred to his weekly report and added that the police department has arrested an 18 year old individual in connection with arson car fires in September.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston announced that at the next board meeting, or perhaps the first meeting in November, he will be asking the board to approve a plan with Cook County regarding grant money for our recent flooding issues.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi Referred to her weekly report and wanted to remind everyone of the Halloween Party at the Community Center to be held on October 18th from 6 until 8 pm for children Kindergarten through 5th grade. Looking for volunteers.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson No report.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer reported on key revenue comparisons based on the June financial reports. All in all we are positive on the key revenue drivers.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton No report.

Trustee Skrezyna No report.

Trustee Lopez No report.

Trustee Kozy reported on recent sporting events and upcoming tryouts.

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Trustee Perchinski No report

Trustee Joyce Reminded everyone that Trick or Treat hours in the Village are from 3 – 7 pm and Hot Dogs, drinks and bonfire will be held at Veterans Park at 6 pm. In addition, Steger Kiwanis will sponsor an adult Halloween Party on October 26th at the Steger VFW Hall running from 7-11 pm.

VILLAGE CLERK No report

PRESIDENT PETERSON No report.

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 Joyce made a motion to approve a request from the Fire and Police Board to approve a contract with Stanard and Associates to be the service provider for the next Police Officer New hire Eligibility List. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business,

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

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Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Kenneth A. Peterson, Ir, Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Willage Clerk