

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 4TH day of February, 2019 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village President Kenneth A. Peterson presiding and Deputy Village Clerk Sandy Mehrl attending. President Peterson led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Deputy Village Clerk Mehrl called the roll. The following Trustees were present, Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Police Chief Rossi promoted Detective Peter Fajman to the rank of Sergeant. Members of the Police and Fire Board administered the oath of office and Sgt. Fajman was congratulated by all.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting as written. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Michael Balanow of 3328 Florence Ave., Mary Laws of 3437 Jennifer Ct, Tom McComb of 3303 Wallace and Loren Harn of 3328 Halsted St. all voiced concerns and disapproval regarding Resolution 1132, the installation of Red Light Cameras. Vicki Kaiser of 3436 Jennifer Ct. thanked the Village and ESDA for the plowing efforts and weather updates. She asked why K-Mart lot was plowed now that it is vacant. Director of Public Infrastructure Toepper answered it was done for safety reasons. She also stated her disapproval of putting in the solar farm due to it giving up land that would not generate revenue for the Village.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen thanked everyone who helped with recent weather related issues. She announced the Village Hall has hired Noel Betczynski to our staff. She stated that Citgo is waiting on construction time lines and work with the Union Pacific is moving along. She also advised we are working with Locis on the new payroll time clock system and hope to have it for our first payroll in March.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper had no report, but did state they have fixed 6 water main breaks and have had many water meters freeze in houses that they have had calls on during the cold weather.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion welcomed two new employees, Katilyn Garcia and Bailey Stevenson. He thanked the Village for putting on extra man power to help out on the recent weather issues.

Police Chief Patrick Rossi referred to his weekly report and also thanked all the first responders during the cold weather issues.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston stated they had warming shelter open for approximately 5 hours during the power outage and they assisted the Colonies with a broken water pipe.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson no report

Village Attorney no report

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton no report

Trustee Skrezyna no report

Trustee Lopez no report, but thanked all the first responders and the whole Village for their efforts during the cold weather.

Trustee Kozy reported that basketball and volleyball are up and running and softball is starting their indoor winter practices.

Trustee Perchinski no report

Trustee Joyce no report

Village Clerk's office no report

Mayor Peterson thanked everyone for all their help during the recent cold weather. He reported that over 700 people were without power and the Colonies lost heat during this time.

BILLS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the bills as listed. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez Skrezyna and Buxton and Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Resolution 1132, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND SENSYS GATSO USA, INC. TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS, with the understanding the Village will not owe any money at the end of the term. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion stating for him it is a safety issue, and that money generated will go to the Police Pension Fund. Trustee Perchinski amended his motion to include all monies from the camera are to go to the Police Pension Fund. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, and Buxton. Trustees voting no: Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny ORDINANCE 1208, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A SOLAR FARM IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Motion was seconded by Trustee Buxton. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, In the middle of roll call a representative of the Solar Farm came forward and asked to give a presentation. The representative clarified that the Village was to deny the Ordinance. He stated that Village was putting themselves in jeopardy by overriding the zoning boards recommendation. Mayor Peterson informed him of a covenant against the land filed February 4, 2010. The representative stated that they have put the solar farm behind a gas pipe line and have allowed 40 acres for retail and have made it well clear of any possible off ramps being put in. Trustee Perchinski at this point amended his motion to table indefinitely to get legal review. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion and a voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion carried.

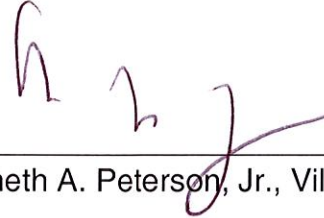
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NEW BUSINESS:

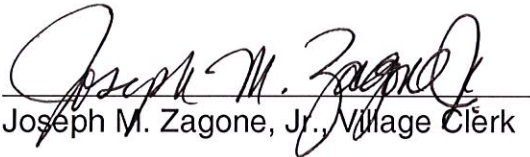
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a request from the Steger-South Chicago Heights Public Library for a Movie in the Park Night at Veteran's Park on Friday, August 2, 2019, with alternate date being August 9, 2019. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote was called; all ayes. Motion approved.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk