

Minutes of January 7, 2019

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 January, 2019 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Joseph M Zagone, Jr. attending. Clerk Zagone led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Village Clerk Zagone called for a motion for Pro Tem Chairman. Trustee Joyce made a motion to make Trustee Lopez Chairman Pro Tem. Motion was seconded by Trustee Buxton. Voice vote was called. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

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 and Community Center Director Diane Rossi.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2018 meeting as written. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Chairman Pro Tem Lopez announced that starting tonight anyone wishing to speak needed to sign in prior to the meeting and will be given three minutes.

Mary Laws of 3437 Jennifer Ct asked if they could be more specific on what property Resolution 1130 on the Agenda was referring to. Trustee Perchinski stated it was for a new business going in on 35th St & Chicago Rd, and the Village is trying to help with TIF funds to renovate the building.

Ms. Laws also inquired about Resolution 1131, wanting to know if we lost officers or safety personal. Trustee Perchinski stated we have been working with a skeleton crew and need to hire more officers. He also referred to Fire Chief Fillion who stated

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that we are looking to add another ambulance crew at Station 2 to cut down on mutual aid and provide residents a more timely response.

Ms. Laws also asked Chief Rossi if he could elaborate regarding reports on a shooting around Eastview. Chief Rossi stated they received calls from all areas of the community regarding shots fired. Officers checked the areas, but no one saw anything, no evidence was found and no reports of damage were reported.

Ms. Laws thanked everyone for the clarity on the issues.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen reported that the annual Christmas tree burn will take place at Veteran's Park on Friday, January 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm if anyone wants to drop their trees off.

Administrator Seehausen also reported there will be a zoning meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm for the architectural design overlay.

Administrator Seehausen added that the Village has received approval from the CSX to do our set of crossings and will be moving forward with them. Administrator Seehausen and Public Infrastructure Director Toepper are discussing prices on concrete, and considering putting it in with the sidewalks at 34th & Union.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper no report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion reported that in January the department will be offering CPR classes. Heart saver on the 17th with a certification and Friends and Family on the 24th which is just informational. Both classes begin at 6:00 pm. He stated they will keep everyone up to date on when more classes will be held.

Chief Fillion also informed everyone that the department has partnered with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and will be offering the fire smoke detector installation program again. Smoke detectors are provided and the fire department will install with no charge to the residents. Contact the Fire Station or info@stegerfire.org for more information.

Chief Fillion reported that total calls for 2018 were 1638. He noted that Steger is the second busiest department in the East Mabas District and the department has had 31 calls in the last 5 days.

Police Chief Patrick Rossi referred to his weekly report, and then elaborated on the question from the audience regarding Resolution 1131. He stated there has been a lot of down time due to officers injured on duty and an increase in calls. He stated Steger is one of the lowest staffed departments in the area, but has some of the higher calls for service in the area. New mandates on certain calls now take officers much

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longer. He stated it is important to have more man power to provide good safety for the residents.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston no report.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi no report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson absent

Village Attorney no report

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton provided a revenue report from the finance department ending November 30, 2018.

Trustee Skrezyna no report

Trustee Lopez no report

Trustee Kozy no report

Trustee Perchinski no report

Trustee Joyce no report

VILLAGE CLERK read a Thank You note from the Jim Briggs Family, thanking the Village and all Departments for all that was done for them after the passing of Jim.

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. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE none

UNFINISHED BUSINESS none

NEW BUSINESS:

Clerk Zagone called Cindy Pauley to the front, and read:

Resolution 1129 A RESOLUTION HONORING CYNTHIA PALULEY ON HER RETIREMENT.

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Trustee Joyce made a motion to accept Resolution 1129. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote was called. All ayes. Motion carried

Resolution 1130 A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AN INDUCEMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND A DEVELOPER IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Perchinski noted this is 3444 Chicago Rd. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Resolution 1130. Motion seconded by Trustee Kozy. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Resolution 1131 A RESOLUTION TO PLACE A CERTAIN ADVISORY REFERENDUM QUESTION REGARDING THE HIRING OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PERSONNEL TO BE VOTED ON AT THE CONSOLIDATED ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 2, 2019 FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Resolution 1131. Motion seconded by Trustee Skrezyna. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the Business License Application of SRM Wireless Inc. at 3400 Union Ave., Unit A. Motion seconded by Trustee Buxton. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk