

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 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, and Mayor Peterson. Trustees Skrezyna and Buxton were 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, Community Center Director Diane Rossi and Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson.

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

None

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 11th meeting as written. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18th meeting as written. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Susan Martin of 239 Durham Dr presented her concerns about the condition of water in her neighborhood. She showed the Trustees pictures of fixtures in her house and the effect the water is having and stated that the water smells. The Village will check the situation that may be due to recent water main repairs. Hydrant flushing is also due to begin again which should also help the situation.

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** Reported that Steger Little League has scheduled its annual Kick-off Parade for Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. The Parade will proceed from the Louis Sherman Community Center and conclude at Harold Hecht Park. Arrangements have been made with EMA Chief Johnston and there are to be no walkers.

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

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** Announced that the new Digital Dispatch went live today. The Fire Department is still selling Autism Awareness T-Shirts at \$20 each and available in all sizes. Steger Fire Association will have it's annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up starts at 8:30 and will kick-off at 9 o'clock for ages 1 through 10. There is no cost for this event.

**Police Chief Patrick Rossi** referred to his Weekly Report.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** Provided EMA service calls and man hours. In the next couple months when the presentation is done we are going to be holding a preparedness course for residents for home preparedness in the event of emergency. I will get with the Community Center to set up an actual date.

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

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

**Village Attorney** not present

**Treasurer** No report.

**TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** No report

**Trustee Skrezyna** No report

**Trustee Lopez** Yard Waste pick-up has begun in the Village. Get out and vote tomorrow.

**Trustee Kozy** No report.

**Trustee Perchinski** Offered thanks to our Department Heads and Administrator Seehausen for working on our budget. We just finalized our budget on Thursday, we

have had to make a lot of cuts. Tomorrow there is an advisory referendum on the ballot asking for money for another Police Officer and another full time Ambulance Crew.

**Trustee Joyce** No report

**VILLAGE CLERK** Election is tomorrow. Steger Polling place has moved back to the Elmer Joyce Firehouse on Emerald Ave instead of the South Heights Community Center.

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** Please go out and vote. It is an important thing to do. We hope that you will consider the referendum seriously, we do need the support.

**BILLS**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE** – none

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**- none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Kozy made a motion to adopt Ordinance No 1213, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CHICAGO HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Trustee Joyce offered questions regarding equipment costs and whether the Chicago Heights Park District would share in these costs. Mayor Peterson believes that all money collected by CH Park District will go to the Steger program, and the Steger program would by the equipment out of those fees. Trustee Joyce asked that we won't be spending more money than we are taking in? Mayor Peterson stated that we have asked every program to be self-sufficient. If they are not then they need to re-examine their fees and charge more. Trustee Joyce also questioned the availability of Bloom Field and it is the understanding they have an agreement with Bloom to use it. Trustee Joyce also question liability insurance and it was explained that the each program is required to carry their own policy

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Perchinski, Kozy and Lopez. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Joyce voted no. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve BKD Engagement Letter for the 2018 Audit. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy and Lopez. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

After discussion with the owner regarding new business and residence at 3201 Union Ave, Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a Business License Application for FM Cuts pending inspections. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy and Lopez. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Request from Band Director Edward Fitzgerald to have Summer Band and requesting a total budget of \$3250.00. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve said request. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy and Lopez. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

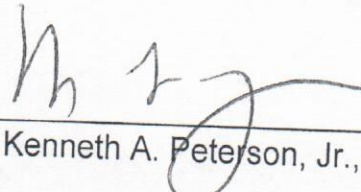
Mayor Peterson asked for a motion to go to Closed Session at 7:15 pm. Motion was made by Trustee Joyce and seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy and Lopez. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

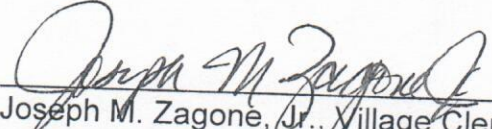
A motion was made at 7:45 pm to reconvene the regular meeting of Village Board by Trustee Joyce. The motion was seconded by Trustee Perchinski. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

  
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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

  
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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk