

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 16th day of December, 2019 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger. Trustee Lopez 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 and Buxton. Mayor Peterson was absent.

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to appoint Trustee Lopez as Chairman pro tem for the meeting. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2nd meeting as written. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Patricia Garza came before the board to appeal on behalf of her and her husband regarding the zoning variance they are seeking for a fence they wish to put up on the corner of Union Avenue and 36th Street. Views from both sides were presented as the Zoning and Planning Boards recommendation is spelled out in an ordinance on the agenda this day regarding this topic. Mrs. Garza presented her drawings again for the board to see and pictures of other fences that she claims are installed the way she wants hers to be. Trustee Joyce explained that some that appear to go against code actually meet code based on their address.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen Walk through regarding Quiet Zone has been completed and discrepancies found have been corrected. Once all reports are sent out it will go in effect within 90 days. Preparing the next report regarding the Knight Engineering Report on water drainage in the Village. We should be seeing a model shortly on our infrastructure shortly. Also, a reminder of the Village Luncheon on the 19th for all Village Staff.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion Engine 38 is back service, we are still having a few problems with it, but we are working those out. Chief also reported that Air Packs have been ordered with financing coming from the grant awarded to the Fire Department. Chief Fillion also announced the annual Christmas Tree Burn to take place on Friday January 10th. Residents can drop off trees at Veterans park or call for pick-up.

Police Chief Patrick Rossi Thanked all those involved in the Shop with a Cop program for needy kids, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas and referred to his weekly report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston Thanks for letting us be involved in Shop with a Cop, everyone enjoyed it.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi reminded residents that this coming Friday is the Senior Luncheon taking place at the Community Center at noon.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson No report.

Village Attorney not present

Treasurer Offered comments that referred to the October Financial Report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton Stated that he is deeply concerned about the recreational Marijuana law going into effect January 1st. He shared his concerns regarding the negative impact it will have on health and safety in our area and the state of Illinois and the impact it can have on our youth. The only element I support in the law is the ability we have as a community to opt out of having retail sales in our town. I ask that all board members consider that especially as you are speaking to your constituents in town. Trustee Buxton shared some statistics on three other states where over 70% of

communities did opt out of retail sales. With that he wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

Trustee Skrezyna No report and wished all a Merry Christmas.

Trustee Lopez Wishing all a Blessed Holiday Season and thank you for all the hard work, looking forward to a great 2020.

Trustee Kozy Wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Trustee Perchinski Gave thanks to all the First Responders that came out for the Shop with a Cop and also, we should mention that Brick Oven Pizza was kind enough to donate 20 Pizza's for the program. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Trustee Joyce Reminded residents that Santa is still out on the Boulevard until Christmas. Tree decoration need to start coming down by January 3rd as they will come down on the 4th. Wished all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

VILLAGE CLERK Village offices will be closed to non-essential services on December 24th and 25th and New Years Day January 1st.

PRESIDENT PETERSON Absent

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the bills 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:

Ordinance No. 1225

Trustee Buxton made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1225: AN ORDINANCE FOR THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK COUNTY AND WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1226

Trustee Buxton made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1226: AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE LEVY OF TAXES RELATED TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2018 FROM THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1227

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1227: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE 3123 GREEN STREET, STEGER, IL 60475 BY AND BETWEEN FIRST UNITED BANK TRUST 1593, OWNER OF RECORD, AND THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1228

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1228: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE 24 EAST 30TH PLACE, STEGER, IL 60475 BY AND BETWEEN FIRST UNITED BANK TRUST 1593, OWNER OF RECORD, AND THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

The following Ordinance No. 1229 brought considerable discussion regarding fines to be charged regarding recreational cannabis use. Comparison was made to carrying alcohol and how it is differentiated between minors and adults.

Ordinance No. 1229

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1229: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 18, 58 AND 82 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING HEALTH AND SANITATION. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, and Lopez. Skrezyna and Buxton and voted no. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 1230

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1230: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING IN PART AND DENYING IN PART, A VARIANCE FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3545 UNION AVENUE, STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee

Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.


Ordinance No. 1231

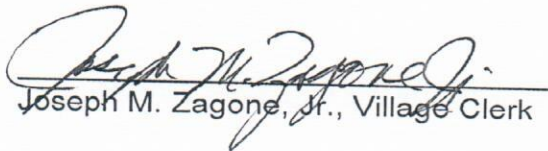
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 1231: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR A DETACHED GARAGE HEIGHT AND AREA FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 21 WEST 35TH PLACE, STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Motion carried.

There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.


Ernie Lopez., Chairman Pro Tem


Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk