

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 15th 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, Skrezyna, Buxton and Mayor Peterson.

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 Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 1st meeting as written. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28th Appropriations Public hearing as written. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 28th special meeting as written. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees voted aye. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mary Laws of 3437 Jennifer Ct approached the board with several questions. First I want to know where we are with the red light study. Second is there anyone in charge of making sure that residents yards is up kept with all this garbage and stuff. Third, the band that was approved why do we pay most of the \$3250 and South Heights only pays \$500. How many are Steger residents? Last, the Public Hearing why were we not given information ahead?

Mayor Peterson addressed these concerns beginning with the red-light camera situation. The Village is doing more public research before signing a contract that would begin the actual study. As far as garbage we have Code Enforcement and Public Works watching so we can do what we can to stay on top of any problems. We rely on residents like you to let us know if there are situations, we might not be aware of. Community help is always welcome. Legal process that is needed to fix some situations can be a very long process. Regarding the Summer Band program, the majority of students in our district are from Steger, a small portion come from both South Chicago Heights and Park Forest. Steger has historically paid to support this band which is a Steger Municipal Band. The band participates in several Steger Community Events throughout the year. That is why Steger pays the bigger portion. A question regarding all programs being self sufficient refers to sports, and based on State Statutes, we can support a municipal band. Trustee Joyce also pointed out that all alumni of Steger Schools are also invited to participate in the band.

As for the Public Hearing, Ms. Walls felt she should have had more information regarding what was to be addressed so she as the public could be better prepared to address her concerns before votes are taken. Every effort was made to have all information available before the Public Hearing.

An additional question was asked regarding the red-light situation. Although the board approved moving forward with this, the Mayor has the ability to make sure all aspects of the project are in the best interest before signing the paperwork. If it is determined it is in the best interest of the community to reconsider the project, it can be brought back to the board for further discussion. Trustee Lopez added that the Mayor has done a great job of getting input from everybody. He does not just take it upon himself, he took the opinions of the whole board in delaying this decision.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Street Sweeping has been scheduled for the week of May 6th. The Village will also start flushing fire hydrants the first week of May. Signs will be posted in areas being flushed. Regarding Street Sweeping, the Mayor asked that when it is known, to post to the public which areas will be swept on which days.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion The Steger Firefighters Association would like to thank everybody for their support. The Easter Egg Hunt was last Saturday, went very well. Additionally, another grant was opened up that we have applied for. A Brush ATV

vehicle that would be fully paid for if we get the grant. Our new Safety Officer had a winning grant in Sauk Village, so he used the same narrative for this grant. Chief Fillion went to Springfield last week to fight a bill that is trying to be passed regarding paying part-time union firefighters and providing benefits which would make it impossible for communities like ours to employ these individuals.

Police Chief Patrick Rossi On behalf of the Steger Police Department, while I was out of town, we had an eventful week. I want to thank EMA, the Fire Department, S.M.A.R.T. We had two accidents and a stabbing. Fortunately we were able to use these resources with these situations and a serious accident in South Heights. So I want to thank you for your assistance. I will refer to my weekly report for further information.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No report.

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 I want to thank the Fire Department for the Easter Egg Hunt. It was well run and well attended. Next I want to let everyone know that in an effort to save money, water bills will now be a postcard which saves time and paper in preparing and costs less in postage. Additionally, this past Friday we have gone to electronic time clock. Going paperless will save time and money in doing payroll.

Trustee Kozy No report.

Trustee Perchinski No report.

Trustee Joyce Asking all board members to check their information as listed on the Village website to make sure all information is up to date. I am also working with some organizations on upcoming events for the Village.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON I would like to congratulate Trustees Kozy, Perchinski and Joyce on their re-election. We will be swearing them in in May once we get the certified results from the county. I want to add to Chief Rossi's comments, thanking our Police Department for the fantastic job they did during recent events.

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:

Ordinance 1214:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt, with the exception of Paragraph 12, Ordinance No 1214, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, SECTIONS 6-36, 6-47, 6-71, 6-72, 6-73, 6-75, 6-76 AND 6-81, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING LIQUOR LICENSES AND THE INSERTION OF APPENDIX A TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING LIQUOR LICENSE FEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS.

Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Lopez questioned. Our annual Business/Liquor Licenses go from May to April of next year, so at 52,000, are we going to do a rolling 12? Mayor Peterson stated we will do a rolling 12 this first year.

Resolution 1135:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Resolution No 1135, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF COOK TO SUBMIT A NO CASH BID TO ACQUIRE A TAX CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF TAXES ON 5 UNOCCUPIED PROPERTIES VIA THE COOK COUNTY NO CASH BID PROGRAM. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.

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

Resolution 1136:

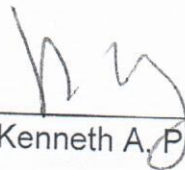
Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to adopt Resolution No 1136, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF COOK TO SUBMIT A NO CASH BID TO ACQUIRE A TAX CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE FOR THE NONPAYMENT OF TAXES ON 3 VACANT LAND PROPERTIES VIA THE COOK COUNTY NO CASH BID PROGRAM. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.

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

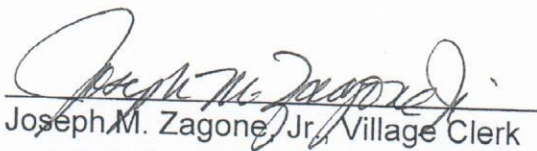
There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk