

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
VILLAGE OF STEGER, WILL & COOK  
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

The Board of Trustees convened in special session at 7:00 P.M. on this 12th day of February, 2019 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with the Village Clerk Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. attending and Village President Kenneth A. Peterson 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, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyrna and Buxton. Trustee Perchinski was absent.

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

**Public Comment** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Reconsideration of Ordinance No. 1209 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING/DENYING (CIRCLE ONE) A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A SOLAR FARM IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER ILLINOIS.

Mayor Peterson stated the Board has considered this Ordinance the last two meetings and that it has the approval of the zoning board. It was tabled due to concerns on how it would affect Steger's ability to develop the land by Rt 394.

Mayor Peterson spoke with the Village's economic consultant and was informed the land that the solar farm would be built on will not impede any economic growth along that corridor.

A representative of the Solar Farm provided the following points regarding the Solar Farm; They solar farm has been placed as far North on the property as possible and behind the pipeline that runs on the property, leaving approximately 40 acres for development.

There is little to no maintenance. They monitor them remotely. Pollinator vegetation. Will have a fence and low light cameras to guard against vandalism. Low noise. Panels get warm, but not so hot that they cannot be touched. Panels will be put in on an East/West basis, so should not be a reflection problem to Rt 394 going North/South. Credits will be allocated to institutions such as schools leaving availability to approximately 400 homes on a first come first serve basis through an advertising campaign.

In Com Ed territory approximately 375 facilities being proposed. About 100 will be selected through a lottery in March/April 2019 and will be given approval to build. In May a program called Solar For All will be initiated, choosing a few facilities to be built with the designation solely for low income. If not chosen in either of these, would remain on a wait list until 2020 for possible approval to build. Approximately 3 months to build.

After brief discussion, Trustee Joyce made the motion to agree with the zoning board of appeals, pending that within 24 months if they have not moved forward they need to reapply to the board. Seconded by Trustee Lopez. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

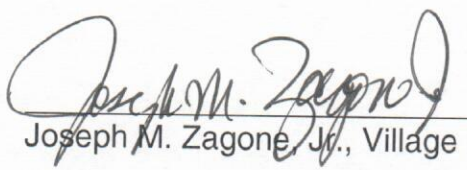
Trustee Lopez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 pm**



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk