

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 4th day of May, 2020 via Teleconference that was made available to all residents. Mayor 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, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Police Chief Patrick Rossi, EMA Chief Tom Johnston and Fire Chief Nowell Fillion.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16th regular meeting, the March 16th special meeting, the March 27th Public Hearing and the March 27th special meeting as written since everyone had copies. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Reilly Mike and I would like to help the Steger Area in some way. Is there a food bank that we should donate to or how can we help the residents here? Mayor Peterson pointed out Alicia's House as a local food bank that we work closely with. There will be information available on our website soon indicated where this type of help can be directed. Clerk Zagone also pointed out that the Outreach Program at St. Liborius Church is continuing to provide meals and groceries during the COVID crisis.

Lu Ann Thurmond Offered thanks to all of our First Responders, all of our officers, everyone in town who has to be out there helping during this trying time. Thank you!

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion Thanked the Mayor, Administrator Seehausen, the board and the Police and EMA and all our departments for doing a great job helping each other out through all this. It has kept us all safe and to date we have no illness throughout our Village in these departments. So thank you all. We have transported three confirmed patients; we have transported four that are under investigation That is our total for transporting in our Village. Our PPE supplies are holding up well, thanks to Cook and Will Counties that have helped supply us. We so far have plenty of gowns, gloves, masks and caps. Firefighter Anderson is looking into a grant that will help with disinfectant equipment like foggers and PPE for the Village. Steger got a stimulus payment for EMS and I am working with Finance and Administrator to see how we want to move forward. It is money that is set aside specifically for COVID-19. Working with Village Administrator regarding hiring two new paramedics. Thank you for all your help.

Police Chief Patrick Rossi Echoed Chief Fillion's comments of thanks. We have received a lot of PPE from different sources as well as from the community. Cook and Will Counties have also provided needed supplies.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston Echoed reports from both Chief Fillion and Chief Rossi that we have all been working really well. We have been on patrol every week, so that hasn't changed. Communication has been maintained and all vehicles are being sterilized twice a week. Also want to remind residents that storm season is here and stay aware.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No financial report, but thank you to all First Responders and our Village Staff for all they are doing during the Pandemic.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton.

Trustee Skrezyna Thanks to everyone in the community for everything that they do. Thanks also to all First Responders across the Nation.

Trustee Lopez Thank you to everyone for all that is being done for our community. Thank you also for the Code Red today, it is very informative.

Trustee Kozy Thank the First Responders for doing a fantastic job.

Trustee Perchinski Thank all of our First Responders, our Village Staff; as the Code Red said, we did have to furlough some people because of loss of revenue, but we will get through it. Also want to thank our residents who have been making sure that they stay safe and keeping our First Responders safe. Thank you!

Trustee Joyce Thank you to everyone, especially the Village Staff and understanding from those more affected than others. Thank you to Nowell, Pat and Tom for all the extra work you are doing. I am looking into video streaming for our Village Board Meetings in the future. Hopefully have more to share in the next week or so.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

PRESIDENT PETERSON Reiterate what has already been said as well as what I shared in the Code Red today. We have an anticipated 18% decline in revenue and as a result had to make some tough decisions regarding lay offs and furloughs. Our commitment is to continue to make critical services available to our residents. Village Hall will be closed on Wednesdays and will have skeleton crew on infrastructure. Hope the residents will be understanding. I appreciate everyone's patience through this difficult time.

BILLS

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the bills listed dated April 22, 2020. 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.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the bills listed dated May 8, 2020. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve ORDINANCE No.1237: AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE DURATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 1236 FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Finance Director David Gonzalez was introduced to explain the next item on the agenda. This resolution is a clean up that goes back to 2016 and 2017. Expenditures were being paid from the General Fund to cover expenses not being cover by the Water Department. The Village at that time was not charging enough for water to cover the expenses incurred to maintain the system. Since that time, water rates have been increased to make the Water Department self-sufficient. This resolution simplifies the corrections needed to pay the bills during 2016 and 2017.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve RESOLUTION No.1148: A RESOLUTION FORGIVING A CERTAIN INTERFUND DEBT 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.

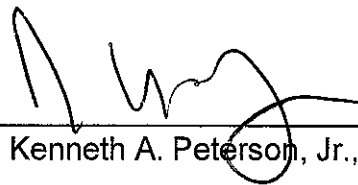
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to have Administrator Seehausen and Attorney Viselli pursue further information regarding the street in Gabriella Estates. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to table a request by Donna Davis to sell masks outside Party Liquors. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

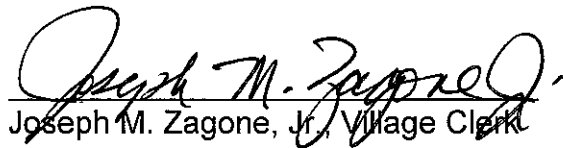
There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk