

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 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2020 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger and 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, Buxton and Mayor Peterson. Trustee Skrezyna was present via ZOOM.

Also present: Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion and Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy. EMA Chief Tom Johnston was present via ZOOM.

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Appointment of Part-Time Police Officers:  
Clerk Zagone gave the Oath of Office to Lou Luna and Michael Pena as new Part-Time Police Officers for the Village of Steger.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting as written. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Cindy Trotier following up on information regarding the 2020 Placement Grant that the Village received. The grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 was used to update lighting around our Gazebo behind the Veteran's Memorial on Halsted Blvd. and to make improvements to the landscaping. Ms. Trotier questioned why the event has not been publicized more on social media as getting this information to the public can have a positive impact on our community. Social Media for the Village has been affected by the death of the person who handled this technology for the Village. When this vacated position is filled, this and other events in the Village will certainly be highlighted. Mayor Peterson thanked Ms. Trotier for her efforts in bringing this grant to the Village as well as the organizations that financed the grant.

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** No report.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** Reported that the new roof is complete on the Community Center.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** The Fire Department has received the two new heart monitors for the Ambulances and are being placed in service. He also announced that residents have been very generous this year in their donation of food and toys for the needy in our community.

**Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy** Thanked the Village for their assistance in new hires for the Department. I would also like to thank County and State Agencies for their help assisting the Village in ongoing investigations. New Evidence Technician has also been hired and has applied for grants to assist with this process.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** No report.

**Village Attorney** Sent a memo in regards to Roberts Rules of Order

**Treasurer** No report.

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** No report.

**Trustee Skrezyna** No report.

**Trustee Lopez** No report.

**Trustee Kozy** No report.

**Trustee Perchinski** Raised some questions regarding lighting around town.

**Trustee Joyce** Mentioned issues with the roof and Fire Station #2

**VILLAGE CLERK** Holiday Hours for Christmas (for all non-essential services)  
Closed Thursday December 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 25<sup>th</sup>

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** No report.

**BILLS**

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the bills listed. 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve ORDINANCE No. 1250: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING OF AND CONSENTING TO AN APPLICATION BY PPFAM, LLC/ PHILLIP PANOZZO FOR A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION PURSUANT TO THE COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Perchinski 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 Buxton made a motion to approve ORDINANCE No. 1251: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK COUNTY AND WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020. Trustee Perchinski 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 approve ORDINANCE No. 1252: AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE LEVY OF TAXES RELATED TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2018 FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. 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.

Following discussion:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the upgrade of our Mobile Water Reading System to Neptune 360. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Following discussion:

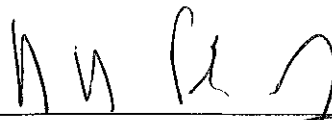
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Upgrading the Building Codes and Related Fire Codes to 2018 International Code Series. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski requested discussion regarding the length of the contract with AZAVAR. Having asked for a legal opinion from Village Attorneys, Trustee Perchinski was hoping to delay signing the contract with AZAVAR. Miscommunication between the attorneys and Mayor Peterson delayed this process. While Trustee Perchinski and others hoped a second bid could be sought, Mayor Peterson in his search was unable to locate other firms that provide this service. The contract has already been signed following the vote that approved it. The contract is only good through the end of current administrations term. Trustee Buxton stated that the Village has the option to opt out of the contract if not satisfied with the service. Additionally, AZAVAR will be reviewing our water billing at no charge to verify that previous errors have been corrected.

There being no further business,

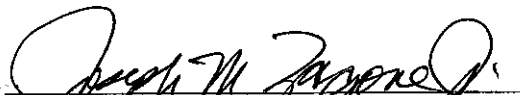
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk