

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger. 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, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion and Community Development Director Alice Peterson. Community Center Director Diane Rossi was absent.

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion introduced Firefighter Bailey Stevenson and presented her with the Life Saving Pin for her efforts in evacuating residents of a burning house in the Village before the Fire Department had arrived. Firefighter Stevenson was presented with a Lifesaving Achievement Award which the Chief read. Firefighter Todd Ragusin presented her with her Firefighter Pin.

Mayor Peterson announced that Alice Peterson has resigned her position as Housing and Community Development Director that she has held since 2014. Mayor Peterson then read a Proclamation Honoring Alice Peterson on her years of Service to the Village as Housing and Community Development Director.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve THE PROCLAMATION HONORING ALICE PETERSON ON HER YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE AS HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR. 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.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as written. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9<sup>th</sup> Special meeting as written. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jose Pena of 3612 Sangamon St and Dan McHale of 3611 Sangamon approached the board regarding residents they believe to be squatters in a home at 3620 Sangamon St. They offered photos and spoke of many residents and vehicle illegally parked among other issues that are less than neighborly. They described many vehicles parked on the street and other issues affecting neighbors. Efforts will be made to try and contact the property owner in regards to this tenant, and to monitor any offenses to Village Ordinance that may be occurring.

### **REPORTS**

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

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** No report.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** Gave an update on dealing with COVID-19, things we can do to help prevent spread of this virus. Will provide updates as they become available.

**Police Chief Patrick Rossi** Announced an upcoming meeting with the Laraway Communication Center regarding screening calls in light of COVID-19.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** Echoed reports from both Chief Fillion and Chief Rossi in regards to COVID-19 and added to make sure that residents use reliable sources for information, be it Federal, State or Village. There is a lot of misinformation going around.

**Community Center Director Diane Rossi** No report.

**Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson** Thanked everyone for all their support these last six years. Thanks also for the Proclamation and I look forward to the work that lies ahead.

**Village Attorney** No report.

**Treasurer** No financial report tonight, I am expecting we will get a financial update by next month. During our recess we should be able to view numbers as we close out 2019. We have the audit that will be started base on passing the engagement letter with DKD tonight.

**TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton.** Wishing everyone continued good health as we deal with current situation.

**Trustee Skrezyna** Reiterated everything said about COVID-19. We have a lot of information on our website and links to other sites with further information. Stay safe.

**Trustee Lopez** Commended the due diligence on the part of the Mayor, the board and Matt Wenzel in getting information out to our residents. The Code Reds have been very helpful. Reminded all that tomorrow is election day. Get out and vote! Also, Census forms are out, so get on line and fill out your information.

**Trustee Kozy** Reported that all Recreation Programs are on hold during the current health crisis.

**Trustee Perchinski** No report.

**Trustee Joyce** No report.

**VILLAGE CLERK** No report.

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** Reiterated everything that has been said in regard to COVID-19, we are working hard as a Village to try and do what we can, we're not going to stop the virus, we are not immune. There was an incident at School District 194 where an employee was exposed to someone who had the virus, that employee was tested at the University of Illinois and all tests came back negative. All need to do what they can in good practice and social distancing. There will be a Special Meeting following this meeting to declare a Local Emergency so that we can keep track of expenses and get reimbursed for costs connected with COVID-19. Any residents not signed up for CODE RED calls from the Village should do so. This is my best means of communication with residents. I currently plan on cancelling our April meetings, that may change based on if we need to meet, but the governor has given a proclamation easing the Open Meetings Act to make it possible for us to meet under circumstances that are made difficult by COVID-19 either through live streaming or by phone. The Mayor offered many recommendations for dealing with the virus as we move forward.

**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. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve ORDINANCE #1234: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. 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 RESOLUTION #1145: A RESOLUTION OUTLINING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION AND THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, PROGRAMMING FUNDS FOR PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION, STREETScape AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – STEGER ROAD FROM HALSTED STREET TO UNION AVENUE. 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.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to approve RESOLUTION #1146: A RESOLUTION OUTLINING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION AND THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, PROGRAMMING FUNDS FOR PAVEMENT RESURFACING – SAUK TRAIL FROM STATE STREET TO COTTAGE GROVE AND COTTAGE GROVE FROM SAUK TRAIL TO STEGER ROAD. 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 Skrezyna made a motion to approve RESOLUTION #1147: A RESOLUTION OUTLINING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH SUBURBAN MAYORS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION AND THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, PROGRAMMING FUNDS FOR PAVEMENT RESURFACING, STREETScape AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS – UNION AVENUE FROM STEGER ROAD TO RICHTON ROAD. 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 made a motion to approve the BKD Engagement letter for the 2019 Audit. 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.

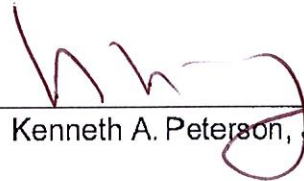
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Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to Trustee Authorize the Payment of Standard and Recurring Village Bills in the Event Meetings of the Village are Cancelled Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business,

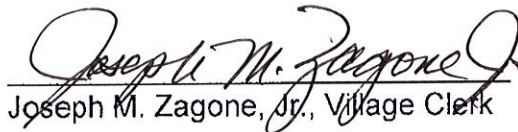
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk