

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 2nd day of November, 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, Skrezyna, Buxton and Mayor Peterson.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Winners of the annual Halloween Decorating Contest were announced by Alice Peterson:

1st Place: Paul Leimer
3220 Peoria St.

2nd Place: Courtney Reynolds
3100 Hopkins Ave.

3rd Place: Steven Cano
3724 Chicago Rd.

Mayor Peterson read a Proclamation recognizing the Bloom Township Band, Parents, Students and School representatives for their efforts in restoring the Army Tank and surrounding grounds in Veteran's Park and for placing a plaque on the site.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt the Proclamation as read. 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.

The Band Director expressed his thanks to the Village for allowing his program to be a part of our community and hopes to contribute more in the future.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19th meeting as written. Trustee Buxton seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Lisa Buxton raised a question on behalf of an election judge if Village Hall is used as a polling place. Village Hall is not used as a polling place.

Michael Porter spoke on behalf of Royal Oak Subdivision. He asked if the Village was still keeping in mind covenants set by the Homeowners Association as they relate to issuing permits to property owners in the subdivision. Mayor Peterson is going to check with our legal department to see how we handle these issues should they arise. We need to find out if we as a village can enforce HOA rules. The one thing we can do is make sure anyone applying for a permit within the subdivision has gotten HOA approval first. We will check to see if we can hold up permits based on HOA rules. Any application that meets Village Ordinance would need to be issued.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen The Norway Spruce Tree has been installed by the Police Station. Both polling places in the Village are ready for election day tomorrow. Polls open at 6 am. Knight Engineering will be out working on Union Ave doing a traffic study through Thursday. Knight also said that they had gotten some more mapping in for Miller Woods that has been sent on to Springfield for modelling for the Miller Woods section for our drainage issues. Our movie night was a great success in spite of cold and windy conditions.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No Report

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion No Report

Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy Reported on a tragic auto accident in which a child was killed. This happened Friday night and the investigation continues, and we have a person in custody. It was a traumatic event for our officers who were assisted by surrounding departments including Crete and South Chicago Heights. Counselling has been arranged for any Village employees who need it. Chief Shaughnessy also thanked Village EMAs and Fire Department who worked hand in hand with the Police on this incident. The mayor thanked all who helped including all of our First Responders.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston Condolences to the family involved Friday night and to the family from Steger involved in a fatal accident in Peotone this morning. Thank you to Rich Township EMA for bringing their light truck to help the investigation of the Friday night accident here in town.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer Financial highlights were given for the 9 months ending September 30, 2020. Property tax at 1.1 million is up a little for the same period last year. State shared taxes were down slightly and Utility taxes were down \$26,000.00. Cost cutting among other things have helped maintain our funds on hand for now. We are anticipating income to continue to be affected as the COVID continues to have it's affect on our citizens. As for the Audit Report, we have a little over half a million dollar increase in our general fund balance in 2019. We also had good recommendations for internal control enhancements. Segregation of duties is always one that you look to improve and I think one area that can help is to use Positive Pay. It is a banking utility that we are looking into to assist with payment oversight. Also looking into doing a Capital Asset inventory to help with the process of tracking these assets.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton I hope that everyone will get out and vote tomorrow.

Trustee Skrezyna Miracle on 34th Street will take place on November 28th following our Santa Parade. We will be taking our food collections at the same time. We also will be accepting toy donations; we especially need those geared to young teens.

Trustee Lopez Just want to say how nice the new lighting looks around the Gazebo on the Boulevard. Get out and vote!

Trustee Kozy No report

Trustee Perchinski Announced that all food from Alicia's House for our Christmas Baskets will come to the Village at no cost. I would like to get a donation out to Alicia's House for all that they do for our community. Hoping also that everyone has noticed that our Quiet Zone for trains is now in effect. Get out and vote!

Trustee Joyce No Report

VILLAGE CLERK No Report

PRESIDENT PETERSON Halloween went really well. Did not seem to be as many out, but it was a nice day with no issues.

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

Trustee Joyce made a motion to ratify the purchase of a Norway Spruce Tree in the amount of \$945.00. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve ORDINANCE No. 1247: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. And to authorize Village Administrator Seehausen make all necessary arrangements for this whole process including financing. 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 Perchinski made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Schedule for 2021. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to accept the bid from M&M Roofing to repair and replace the Community Center Roof as described in their quote. 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.

Michael Porter spoke on behalf of the Royal Oak Homeowners Association regarding overnight street parking. This seems to be mainly an issue being caused by unknown guests and visitors, but raising concerns among the other homeowners. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Porter should prepare a petition to get a better sense of Homeowners who favor signage that would prevent overnight parking on the streets in Royal Oak Subdivision. More discussion continued on regulating rentals and Air B&B's within the Village. Our legal department is looking into this, but because we are not Home Rule Municipality, our jurisdiction is limited. We will revisit the parking issue after the petition is presented.

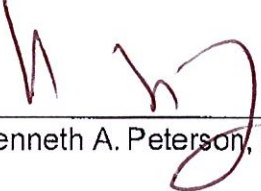
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Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the discussion regarding parking restrictions in Royal Oak Subdivision. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

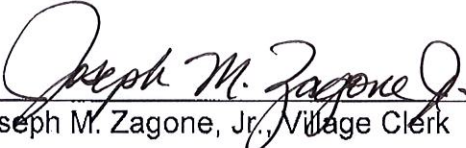
There being no further business,

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.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk