

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 5th day of October, 2020 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger and via Teleconference that was made available to all residents. Mayor Peterson attending via Zoom, 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, Skrezyna, and Buxton. Mayor Peterson and Trustee Perchinski were present via Zoom.

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

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as written. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Resident Connie Lundin spoke on behalf of Steger Citizens asking the status of the Community Center and when the Village planned to reopen the facility. Mayor Peterson stated that the ongoing affects of the pandemic and its economic effect on the Village would keep the Community Center closed until the first of the year. While the current plan is for the facility to reopen on January 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2021, the details and a final decision for this to happen is yet to be made and depending on how the pandemic progresses, this could change. The Village needs to make sure that it has all the safety measures in place to be able to open up safely and that it is financially viable to do so.

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** Announced that the Village will start advertising for our second Movie Night on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Additionally she announced the passing of Former Police Chief Patrick Rossi's mother Audrey Rossi.

Arrangements will be announced as soon as it is available. Please keep Pat and his family in your thoughts.

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

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** We have sent in the purchase order and are awaiting the arrival of two new heart monitors for Ambulance 37 and 38. We have also completed paperwork for reimbursement that the department gets. We are currently working on four grants to help replace equipment including new AED's for the Village. Currently we are helping assist South Holland Fire Department who lost a member in a training accident.

**Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy** The Police Department hosted a Retirement Open House for former Police Chief Patrick Rossi. It was very well attended and Pat was very appreciative of the showing on his behalf. Deputy Chief Jerry Ruff did a great job on the event.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** This past weekend we had the lights truck out to help students from Bloom Trail High School to assist in the repainting of the tank at Veteran's Park. Weather made it impossible to finish, so we will be out there again this weekend so they can complete the job.

**Village Attorney** No report.

**Treasurer** Ryan Buxton gave an overview of the financial report for eight months ending August 31<sup>st</sup>. Overall our key revenue drivers are down \$88,0000 year to date. Our cash on hand is very comparable to last year because of cut backs taken during the pandemic. Mayor Peterson added that while this is not too bad, some of our income will not be affected until next year. We will need to continue to monitor this closely as it will continue to affect us for a while.

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Buxton** Offered his condolences to Pat Rossi and his family and also to the South Holland Firefighter and his family who are dealing with his death.

**Trustee Skrezyna** Offered condolences to the Rossi Family.

**Trustee Lopez** I too would like to extend my condolences to the Rossi Family.

**Trustee Kozy** I would like to give condolences too.

**Trustee Perchinski** I would also like to pass on my condolences to Pat Rossi and his family on the loss of his mother. I would also like to thank Dave Toepper and the guys

at Public Works, the EMA guys, also Steve Izzo and Jared Madson. They got the Bloom Township Band kids together to start scraping the tank. They also weeded the gardens at Veterans Park and planted mums. They put up a sign and repainted the Veteran's Park sign. Mrs Madson got Behr Paint to donate all the paint. I would like to see this group invited to a future meeting to be recognized.

**Trustee Joyce** No Report

**VILLAGE CLERK** No Report

**PRESIDENT PETERSON** I would like to talk about Halloween. So far the governor has not cancelled Halloween, and this mayor is not going to cancel Halloween. Our plan is to distribute signs for people who want to pass out candy stating that you welcome Trick or Treaters. We will ask parents to respect the homes that choose not to give candy and only go to those who invite children to their doors. The bonfire has been cancelled for this year. Trustee Lopez suggested that we consider moving Trick or Treating up one hour to 2-6 pm instead of 3-7 pm like it has been in the past.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve Trick or Treating in the Village on Halloween between the hours of 2 and 6 PM. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **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 Skrezyna made a motion to approve ORDINANCE No. 1244: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE 248 DORSETSHIRE DRIVE STEGER, IL 60475 BY AND BETWEEN MARK INGALLS,


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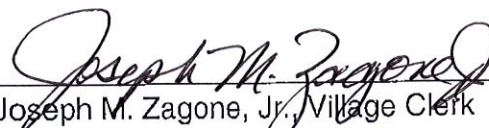
OWNER OF RECORD AND THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT AN IMPROVEMENT OF VILLAGE INFRASTRUCTURE. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

There being no further business,

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Skrezyna 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