

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 6th day of January, 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, Police Chief Patrick Rossi, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Fire Chief Nowell Fillion, and. Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper and Community Center Director Diane Rossi were absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Winners of the 2019 Christmas Decorating contest were announced:

First, 3029 Union Ave.

Second, 3768 Emerald Ave.

Third, 3009 Peoria St.

Tom Fagan with Azarvar Government Solutions gave a presentation on a program that would assist the Village in collecting Utility Tax collected on behalf of the Village that may not be properly collected at this time. Azarvar collects the lost revenue and the Village gets 55% and Azarvar keeps 45%. If Azarvar collects nothing, the Village pays nothing.

Bruce Hackel gave his annual report on the state of the Real Estate climate in the Village of Steger during 2019. Mr. Hackel presented spreadsheets to the board that spelled out homes on the market in Steger, how long they are on the market before being sold and average prices of homes sold. All numbers show improvement over the past three years. He is very confident that home sales in Steger are healthy and that people buying are staying.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16th meeting as written. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Lisa Buxton spoke regarding Recreational Cannabis Use which takes effect in the State of Illinois on January 1, 2020. Lisa shared an article from Illinois Family Institute that was published in December. It mentioned how state control did not decrease the black market like legalization was intended to do. Many issues created by the legalization of Recreational Cannabis are brought to light through the article she shared. Mrs. Buxton shared her concerns for the community and asked that the board consider opting out of Cannabis sales in Steger.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion

Police Chief Patrick Rossi Expressed his sympathy to the family of Ryan Connell, the young man murdered in Steger on New Years Day. I would like to commend numerous members of the Steger Police Department who assisted the three days of this investigation. These include Sgt. Pete Fajman and Det. Jordan Lane who are here tonight. The Illinois State Police Crime Scene Investigation Unit and the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. These groups worked together to find and charge the accused in this matter. Thanks also to Steger EMA for controlling traffic around the crime scene.

Mayor Peterson offered his thanks to the Police Force and all involved for bringing this to a swift conclusion.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No report.

Community Center Director Diane Rossi No report.

Housing and Community Development Director Alice Peterson No Report

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No report

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton. Wished everyone a Happy New Year

Trustee Skrezyna No report.

Trustee Lopez No report.

Trustee Kozy No report.

Trustee Perchinski No report.

Trustee Joyce Reminded residents that the Christmas Tree Bonfire will be Friday night January 10 at 6 pm. Trees can be dropped off, or call Village Hall for pick-up. Happy New Year!

VILLAGE CLERK Announced Holiday Hours for Martin Luther King Day for all non-essential services. Village Hall will be Closed Monday January 20, 2020 and the next Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday January 21, 2020.

PRESIDENT PETERSON Happy New Year...reminded residents that No Parking on Streets after 2" snowfall is in effect.

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 Perchinski made a motion to table consideration of the contract for professional services as presented by Azavar Government Solutions. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote. All Trustees present voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application from MRM 3 Inc. located at 3620 Union Avenue, pending inspections. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted

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aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Temporary Business License Application from ACG Cutz #3 located at 3416 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Lopez abstained. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to reconvene. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye: Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Skrezyna and Buxton. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

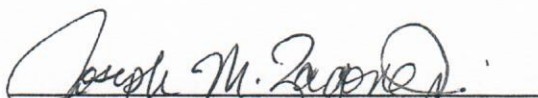
There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk