

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 4th day of October 2021 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.

Mayor Peterson called for the roll. The following Trustees were present, Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present.

Also present: Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Deputy Fire Chief James Baines, EMA Chief Tom Johnston and Community Center Director Diana Rossi. Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy was present via ZOOM.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Sheri Domele was appointed Deputy Village Clerk. Clerk Zagone administered the oath of office to Ms. Domele.

Brittany Stone took the oath of office for her recent appointment to the Village Police and Fire Board.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20th Regular Meeting as written. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen I have an update on the street light upgrade program with ComEd. We have gotten state approval, however the lights are stuck in customs right now and don't expect to have them until November 11th. The grant was due to expire, but ComEd has agreed to extend the program for us due to these unforeseen circumstances. We hope to have all the lights replaced by the middle of December. This should help with the outages occurring on 34th street. Iroquois Paving has turned in all of their bond paperwork, we're just waiting for IDOT to return them to us and then we can sign off on it and do the legislation so that we can ratify it as I was instructed to do, and then we can schedule the work and notify residents. All issues regarding substrate repairs are covered in the bid.

Trustee Perchinski questioned the vehicle registration list. Village Administrator Seehausen explained that there are multiple entities that need to bring information together to produce this list, it could take up to 30 days for all this to come together at which time I can resubmit it. Because of privacy issues, there are many processes necessary for this to be provided. Trustee Perchinski asked if we can go through MSI to bill the people who haven't purchased Village Stickers. Administrator Seehausen responded that you can send out second notices to purchase Village Stickers, but you cannot send a bill. Tickets can be issued, but would involve substantial man power. Any information derived from this process will always be out of date because of turnover within the village. People moving, cars sold etc. There are approximately 2700 stickers sold, there could be 7000 cars or more within the Village. It is hope that better relations with the new owners of the Colonies Apartment Complex will help in getting residents there to purchase their Village Stickers. Trustee Lopez suggested perhaps a flat rate for homes could be a solution to getting Village Stickers on every car.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No Report other than to let everyone know that we started putting signs out today for flushing fire hydrants.

Deputy Fire Chief James Baines No Report.

Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy There is an intergovernmental agreement between the Villages of Crete, Monee and Steger for the purchase of software for the forensic examination of cell phones. In policing today there is an expectation from the State's Attorney to do a thorough and comprehensive look at phone records, photos, text messages, emails and there are a few places that can do this, however by incorporating a partnership with our neighbors we are able to have our investigations in house. This is the agreement that will be discussed later in the meeting.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No Report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No Report.

Village Attorney No Report.

Treasurer No Report

MAYORS REPORT Mayor Peterson appointed Heather Kunkes and Brianna Foster to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the appointments of Heather Kunkes and Brianna Foster to the Planning and Zoning Board. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Kunkes and Ms. Foster will be sworn in at a later date.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond First I want to ask the board to say a prayer for my aunt, Luanne Thurmond who is quite ill. I too attended the IML Conference, it was very educational, a lot of material was covered. It was very helpful and there are a lot of positive things that I took away from the conference. One of the things I found shocking was how little small municipalities get as far as state aid. I am meeting with Mr. Cruz tomorrow to look into further help with our beautification of our new welcome to Steger signs. As soon as I have more information, I will bring it back to the next board meeting. The rain storm we had yesterday brought a lot of complaints about flooding. A lot of it was that our infrastructure is smaller and not enough to carry it all. We are working on programs to help make this go away. But, some things that residents can do to help ease the problem would certainly be to help make sure the storm drains are not blocked by leaves and refuse when Public Works is not available. Also, when you have an exterior water backup from storms catching too much, and it comes in to the lower basements, they do have a check valve that you can put in that drain that could eliminate the back-up. And once the water recedes, the check-valve will release and water will once again flow out. I did not realize we have three street sweepings a year, I thought there were only two. The second was just conducted last week. The third one is going to be scheduled once the leaves are down. The last thing I have is regarding Village Board Executive session. It is not meant to hide information from the public; it's meant to protect any employee or topic discussed. I find it a little disheartening that residents are coming to me asking about appointments with names before I even know. I just want to remind all that we conduct that in a professional manner.

Trustee Trotier We had a wonderful Octoberfest. We are building and growing and looking forward to other people joining us in the future. Looking for volunteers for the following year. If interested in helping build our community please contact Village Hall. September 23-25th trustees and our mayor attended the Illinois Municipal League conference. This was my first time attending and I want to thank everyone for the privilege of being able to participate. It covered several issues such as FOIA's. There was much discussion on several issues during COVID.

Trustee Joyce No report.

Trustee Lopez Just a couple things, I too attended the IML Conference, networking with other individuals in training classes and learning things I need to know in my new roll as Treasurer. I should have a report for you at the next meeting. As for my work with HR, the new office staff are showing great strides in getting on board. I appreciate their due diligence.

Trustee Perchinski I want to thank everyone who participated in the Octoberfest and the Chili Cooking Contest. Congratulations to Ken and Alice Peterson and Jen Voigts for tying for third place. Ken and Melissa Mobley took second place and Tim Glass took first place. We dealt with rain, but the tent held up well. Thanks for a great job to Dave Toepper and his crew. I saw Pete Fajman out clearing storm drains. On the K-Mart property, the owners have finally gotten back to the developer with the contract, so it is being reviewed right now, there is some due diligence with title searches and environmental studies, but hoping to close in the next 2-3 weeks.

Trustee Kozy No report.

BILLS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the bills listed when funds available. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1161: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AN INDUCEMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND KEITH'S POWER EQUIPMENT, INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER FOR 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; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1162: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AN INDUCEMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND POST 8283 STEGER HONOR 11 POST (STEGER VFW POST 8283) IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER FOR 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; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

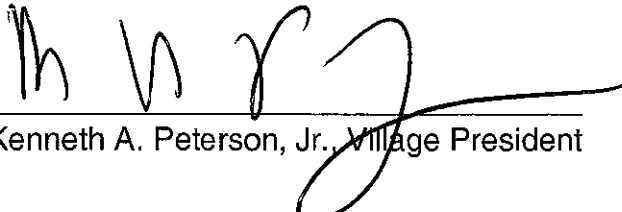
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1261: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF CRETE AND THE VILLAGE OF MONEE, FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

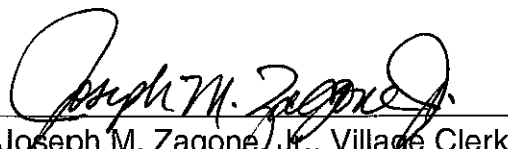
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table consideration of a new business license for National Barber League, LLC at 35 E 34th St. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.


Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President


Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk