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 April 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.

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: Fire Chief Nowell Fillion. Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper and EMA Chief Tom Johnston were present via ZOOM. Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen and Community Center Director Diana Rossi were absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing held on March 15th as well as the minutes of the March 15th regular meeting as written. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mark Lion approached the board regarding a business license application he had recently left with the Village for his automotive repair business. Based on information available, it was determined that a motion could be made to allow the initial inspections to take place.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to authorize inspections for Lion Automotive at 3310 Loverock in Steger, Illinois pending inspections and for a business license to be ratified at a later meeting. 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.

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No Report.

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Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No Report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion Reminded everyone to vote tomorrow in support of the Fire Department Referendum.

Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy No Report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston Reported on a meeting being set up to discuss detection systems for the Village.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No Report.

Village Attorney No Report.

Treasurer Trustee Buxton reported on information from Zillow that shows Home Values in Steger have increased about 13% over the past year. Currently there are 47 homes for sale in the Village and 12 have recently sold.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton I hope everyone gets out and votes tomorrow.

Trustee Skrezyna Thanked Mayor Peterson for his efforts to make COVID Vaccines available to residents in the Village. The process went really well and I would like to thank everyone who helped out that day. I would also like to recognize Police Chief Shaughnessy as well as the Police Department for aiding a local homeless man and bringing him to the shelter in Joliet. Hopefully he finds the help that he needs. Finally, branch and leaf pick-up begin this week. Yard waste stickers for receptacles are available at Village Hall.

Mayor Peterson added that it was a great effort by everyone who contributed to pulling together so quickly the Vaccine event and thanked Jewel-Osco for providing the vaccine and the personnel to administer the shots.

Trustee Lopez No Report.

Trustee Kozy No Report.

Trustee Perchinski Would like to see everybody get out and vote tomorrow. The Fire Department Referendum is a huge issue for us. It is a public safety issue. Just today we needed mutual aid to provide service in Steger because our crew was aiding another community. Please get out and support this effort.

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Trustee Joyce No Report.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

MAYORS REPORT No further report.

<u>BILLS</u>

Trustee Perchinski asked to withhold payment to Van Drunen Ford pending discussion with Insurance Coverage that may cover part of this bill.

Trustee Skrezyna made a motion to approve the bills listed minus payment of \$621.45 to Van Drunen Ford. 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 approve ORDINANCE No.1255: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY MARKETING SERVICES BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND THE STEGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COPORATION, NFP., FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK/WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. 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.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve RESOLUTION No. 1154: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CERTAIN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHICAGO HEIGHTS, AND PARTICIPATING AGENCIES OF THE LARAWAY COMMUNICATION CENTER RADIO GROUP FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER,

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ILLINOIS. 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.

Resolution No. 1154 relates to acquiring proper radios for communication with dispatch and other municipalities within the Laraway Communication Center Radio Group. Costs will be offset by Firefighters Regional Grant Program. Fire Chief Nowell Fillion further explained the need for the new radios and how the Village will only pay 10 percent of the costs.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request from the Joyce Family for their Family Reunion. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Buxton made a motion to table consideration of a business license for Super JJ Fish, Chicken & Ribs located at 3144 Chicago Road as no representatives were present and more information was needed for consideration. Trustee Skrezyna seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Joseph M. Zagone Jr Village Clerk