

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 15th day of November 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, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present. Trustee Trotier was absent.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Peterson appointed Gregory D. Smith as the new Police Chief for the Village of Steger.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the appointment of Gregory D. Smith as Chief of Police. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Zagone gave the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Chief Gregory D. Smith.

Mayor Peterson explained the extensive search used to find Greg Smith for Police Chief. Mayor Peterson also thanked Kevin Shaughnessy for his exemplary job as interim Police Chief and for staying longer than originally planned. He thanked him for getting us through this period and for having a positive influence on our community and our police department.

Presentation by Jaemi Jackson from CMAP, CIP Technical Assistant Grant and Marla Kindred of Jacobs Engineering, CMAP Capital Improvement Program. CMAP is the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning. They described the Capital Improvement Program Technical Assistance Program that they have been working with the Village on for the past six months. Their goal was to evaluate the needs of the Village and help direct the Village on priority of needs, how to seek grants to finance these needs and recommendations on investment decisions. Steger is one of six communities that has taken part in this program. The program goals are threefold: 1. To be able to identify Capitol Projects through asset inventories and monetary thresholds. 2. Project Development which includes evaluating and prioritizing those projects. 3. Funding of Capital projects and guiding to grants to help finance these projects. As part of the

project, an Existing Conditions report was created, an initial Capital Project inventory, evaluation standards, a recommendation memo and 10 hours of training for staff and officials. A complete report on the plan and its recommendations will be presented to the Village in December. The plan is to have a complete Capital Improvement Plan in place within the coming year.

Mayor Peterson thanked them for the partnership and for providing valuable information for helping the Village of Steger to move forward.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 1st Regular Meeting as written. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steger resident Erikka English, invited residents to a fundraiser on Sunday November 21st. Her not for profit, My Path, My Purpose has adopted an adult autistic protocol and will be at the Community Center from 3-6. She invited all to come see what her program is all about.

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen Thanked Chief Shaughnessy for the past 13 months, working with you was a pleasure. Also, welcome to Chief Smith, I look forward to working with him. A couple updates: JJ Chicken had one outstanding item on their list of things that needed to be done, the roof will be done by the end of the month. The Citco project has hired L&M Construction to take over as General Contractor and is in the process of getting licensed in the Village to begin continuation of the project. The new contractor will be meeting with Administrator Seehausen and Dave Toepper to go over the action plan to move forward. Plans will be presented to the board in December. We were denied for the 2021 CBDG grant application for Steger roads projects with water mains. We will reapply for 2022. Later in the meeting will be the renewal for the liability and workmen's comp. There are two options, I recommend going with option 1. An update on the rec programs: Communication with Assistant Superintendent Diehl stated that COVID mandates were at issue and a meeting on Thursday will deal with this. The new IGA should be settled soon.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to give Administrator Seehausen authority to approve the new contract with School District 194 within certain parameters with advice from our counsel. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried

Trustee Joyce made a point of order to have this vote ratified at the next Village Board meeting since it was not on this meeting's agenda.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Iroquois Paving is close to being done paving on the street and sidewalk program currently underway. Final yard waste pick up is the end of this month on November 24th and will resume in the Spring. Final street sweeping is being scheduled based on all leaves being down from trees. Should be the first week of December.

Deputy Fire Chief James Baines No Report.

Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy I just want to thank you and the board for the opportunity to lead your police department. I want to thank Mary Jo who I worked very closely with on a daily basis. Pat left the department in good shape and Deputy Chief Ruff has helped in the transition. The Chief shared a story that convinced him that our department is as competent and professional and hardworking as any I have been around or part of. You are in good hands; I know that Chief Smith will do an excellent job and I know you will support him. Thank you again for the opportunity.

EMA Deputy Chief Jason Stevenson No Report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi We will have our annual Senior Holiday Luncheon on Thursday December 16th at 12 noon. We are glad to get things back to normal. We are getting a Kid's Party ready on December 18th that will include lunch with Santa beginning at Noon.

Village Attorney

Treasurer Still working with the audits to be completed. Through July all comparisons year to year seem to be on track. We are lacking on housing taxes, Cook and Will have recently closed and we should be seeing those funds soon.

MAYORS REPORT No Report.

VILLAGE CLERK The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday November 25th and Friday November 26th in observance of Thanksgiving.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond I talked with Jason regarding work on landscaping around the new Steger signs. We will probably have to wait until the Spring based on weather and timing. Also, regarding the school district, I did talk to Eric Diehl about the conflict of the contract negotiations and getting things approved. I encouraged him to get together with the Rec Department to discuss the provisions regarding COVID so we can get the kids in the gyms. Finally, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Trustee Trotier No report.

Trustee Joyce Attended the Municipal Engineering Class at the University of Wisconsin last week. Took part in a class involving Street planning, design maintenance, water system supplies, water distribution, water treatment for ground water and service water. Went over sanitary sewer systems, storm water drainage and control systems and then plan reviews. Going over a lot of the information and will be sharing with Dave Toepper and his staff.

Trustee Lopez Thanked Chief Shaughnessy for his contributions and welcome to Chief Smith.

Trustee Perchinski I would also like to thank Chief Shaughnessy for all your hard work and dedication and leadership. Welcome Chief Smith, we are here to support to you and I think this board is unanimous in support for our Police Department. I also want to congratulate the Lopez family; Trustee Lopez's son Nick has been named head coach of the Marian Catholic High School Football Team. Also, my daughter Abby and the Marian Catholic Marching Band did very well in the National Competition, out of 600 bands, they came in 25th overall and 2nd in their division. Finally, Mayor Peterson and I met with the developer for the K-Mart site. Things are still on track; the developer is being allowed in the building to work on planning. They are anticipating the closing by the end of the year.

Trustee Kozy No Report.

BILLS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the bills listed when funds are available.

Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to deny ORDINANCE NO. 1262: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 2 AND 4 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion.

Trustee Perchinski stated that Ordinance No. 1215 was passed in May of 2019, that I believe addresses this more broadly, but we do need to enforce this. I think too much

work is being done on businesses without getting any approval. I don't know how we convey to the downtown businesses that there are Architectural Standards in place. Trustee Thurmond shared research he had done regarding how other municipalities deal with this same issue. Trustees Joyce, Thurmond and Perchinski will research this issue further and present findings at a future meeting.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the 12/1/21-12/1/22 Liability/Workers Compensation Renewal based on the Village Administrator's recommendation of Option 1. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.

Trustee Perchinski voiced concern about changes in the Village's Real Properties coverages. His concern being that, with increased cost to replace, the stated values may be too low. Concerns also were raised regarding the payroll on which the premium is based for Worker's Comp. Trustee Thurmond questioned the timing of seeing this estimate so close to renewal, and Trustee Perchinski suggested we should have it at least 35 days in advance of renewal going forward.

Trustee Lopez amended his motion to include giving the Village Administrator the authority to ratify the contract but, to let board members know these changes first and do a voice vote to ratify at the next meeting.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Tentative 2021 Tax Levy. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

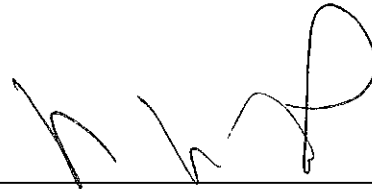
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the new business license for Creative Touch Nail Spa at 3201 Union Ave; pending inspections. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

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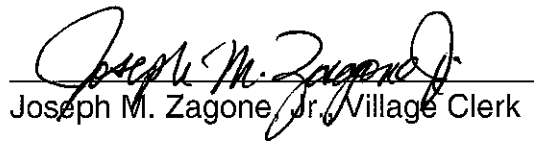
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk