

**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 16th day of February 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, Kozy, Lopez and Mayor Peterson. Trustees Perchinski and Buxton were present via Zoom. Trustee Skrezyina was absent.

Also present: Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Long were present. Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy and EMA Chief Tom Johnston were present via ZOOM.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mark Daniels of Guaranteed Technical Services and Consultants gave a presentation for moving the Village from coax to fiber optic connection for its internet needs and for adding GTSAC Managed Services Agreement for keeping our internet secure and reliable. GTSAC has been IT provider to the Village of Steger for the last decade. The changes being offered today are to help keep our system fast, scalable and reliable. First change would involve the switch from Comcast Broadband Internet to Comcast Fiber. Comcast offers a very compelling Fiber Optic product called Metropolitan Ethernet. It is a service level agreement and is 99.999% reliable. Fiber optic will offer far more reliability and faster speeds than our current broadband system. The proposal from Comcast will centralize our internet system at the Police Department and distribute it to our locations throughout the Village. The updated systems and backup at the new Police Station make it the perfect location for this. Comcast would securely distribute our internet between our locations via private virtual fiber network. All locations would have protection for sensitive information between locations. There is also discussion regarding back up service that might be provided by AT&T. This would be a low-cost backup for the small chance that Comcast should go down.

The new contract with GTSAC is being updated to provide more safety and security for our information. The new security safeguards will fight against hackers from getting into our systems. Managed Service will contract with a third-party security firm to monitor and maintain the security of our systems. In addition, we are increasing the level of protection through our anti-virus and anti-spyware software. Finally, all email

will be scanned for virus through a cloud-based service to make sure there are no security threats in any incoming messages. Every available option will be used to make sure our system stays safe and protected. Most of these improvements are issues brought to light in recent audits that showed vulnerability in our current system. Finally, GTSAC will replicate all of our critical data to cloud based storage in two separate locations in the event there is a major catastrophe in the Village that would affect our in-house storage. Employee training will be included in these costs to help keep our systems safe.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1st meeting as written. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen The Police and Fire Board has posted the list of applicants for the Police Department. There should be officers to be sworn in soon. The Community Center opened today with restrictions per COVID protocol. Thank you to Dave Toepper and the Department of Public Works for their great job of clearing our streets during the recent snowstorm.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No Report.

Assistant Fire Chief Mike Long Yard Signs in support of the upcoming Referendum to help finance added ambulance personnel are available from the Fire Department. Hydrant clearing has been a challenge with all the recent snowfall. Resident help in clearing hydrants is greatly appreciated.

Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy No Report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No Report.

Village Attorney No Report.

Treasurer No Report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton Thank you to Public Works for the long hours to keep our streets clear.

Trustee Skrezyna No Report.

Trustee Lopez Thanks also to Public Works for their great job. Also, due to the snowstorm, garbage collection will be delayed by one day.

Trustee Kozy Glad to hear the Community Center is back open.

Trustee Perchinski No Report.

Trustee Joyce No Report.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

MAYORS REPORT Offered thanks to Public Works and to our First Responders for their extra efforts during the recent snowstorm. Mayor Peterson also thanked Diana Rossi for her hard work in getting the Community Center ready to reopen.

Trustee Perchinski left the meeting at approximately 7:20 due to technical issues with Zoom.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve ORDINANCE No. 1256: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF STEGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH LAMASTUS DEVELOPMENT, INC. OR ITS NOMINEE TO REDEVELOP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Kozy, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to ratify the Temporary Business License Application from Tall Guy Properties, LLC, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Kozy, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to accept the contract with Comcast for fiber service for a three-year period. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Kozy, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

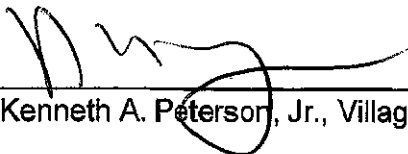
Trustee Joyce made a motion to accept the contract with GTSAC for managed services for three years. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Kozy, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

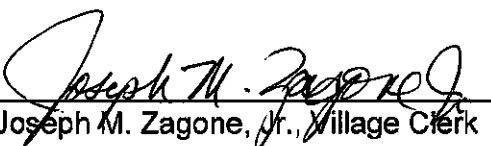
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There being no further business,

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