

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 18th 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: 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. Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen was absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4th Regular Meeting as written. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No Report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Reported that Iroquois Paving has started placing signs in areas where curb and pavement work will start this week.

Deputy Fire Chief James Baines No Report.

Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy No Report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston Reported three incidents that EMA assisted with recently. EMA will be on duty with extra people on Halloween.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No Report.

Village Attorney Mayor Peterson announced that he is still in discussion with the attorney regarding the intergovernmental agreement with School District 194 and he will present it to the board as soon as it is ready.

Treasurer Trustee Lopez reported that he will have an updated treasury report soon. Should be up to date by next meeting. Budget packets have been distributed to the department heads. Each will meet with Village Administrator Seehausen then the Finance Committee will put all the numbers together. Budgets will be reviewed in early December. All Trustees are being asked to review and give their opinion on percentages of the budget to be directed to each department.

MAYORS REPORT No report.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond Residents have asked Trustee Thurmond if Code Red Alerts could go out when there are water main breaks in the Village. Dave Toepper replied that any homes affected are usually notified by staff knocking on doors. Depending on the severity of the break a Code Red could be used and sent to affected homes if necessary. Trustee Thurmond completed the Water Assistance Information he has been working on. I will present these findings to the Village Administrator before presenting it to the board for approval to be added to the Village Website. Also, I met with Cruz from Desiderio Landscaping, he will donate material for dressing up the area around the new Welcome signs in town. The Boy Scouts and other youth groups will help in completing the work.

Trustee Trotier Gave a report on the housing market comparing September of 2021 to September of 2020. Trustee Trotier announced that homes were on the market fewer days this year compared to last year with two fewer units on the market. Average home values have gone up and mortgage rates are still relatively low.

Trustee Joyce Will be attending a Municipal Engineering Function in November.

Trustee Lopez No further report.

Trustee Perchinski announced that two of his neighbors have found their water to be noticeably improved since the new flush systems were installed in their neighborhood.

Trustee Perchinski also mentioned that he and Mayor Peterson will be meeting with the developer for the K-Mart building on Monday. They are still finalizing details to the contract to purchase the building. They are anxious to get working on this project.

Trustee Kozy announced that Steger Softball program is playing and finishing well in recent tournaments.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve a Business License application from National Barber League at 35 E. 34th St, pending inspections. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1163: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND ILLINOIS CONVENIENCE & SAFETY CORPORATION RELATED TO TRANSIT ADVERTISING SHELTERS FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion.

This resolution deals with the company that maintains the advertising in the Bus Stop Shelters throughout the Village. Trustee Thurmond asked if this company also owns the shelters. It was pointed out that Pace owns the structures. Trustee Trotier asked if it was possible to place trash cans to help alleviate trash sitting in the structures. Mayor Peterson said we can look in to having this done. Pace rents the property so it would be their property, so maybe we can get garbage cans close by. The Mayor said we will have to see if we can do it near by or on the property and how they will be secured.

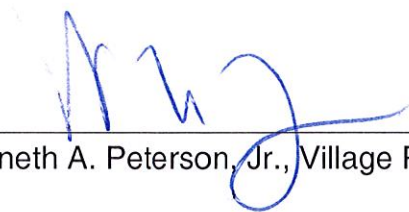
Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1162: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

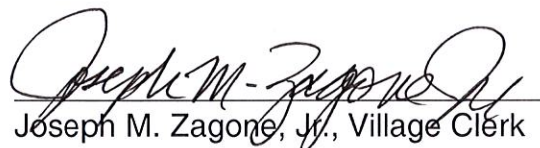
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a Business License application from Scoobie Dukes Toys and Collectibles at 28 E 33rd Place, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk