# 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 20th day of September 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, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present. Trustee Lopez was absent

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

### AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

# <u>MINUTES</u>

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting as written. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Maureen Lopez came before the board to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the Steger Historical Society presentation at the Community Center yesterday. She offered special thanks to Diane Rossi and her staff and the Steger Public Works crew for all their help. We could not have done it without them. Thanks also to Cindy Trotier for her help.

Mayor Peterson responded, thanking Mrs. Lopez for such a wonderful event. I thank you for all your time and efforts and for your work and creativity creating our 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday Cake that was used at the parade and again yesterday at the Historical Society Event.

## Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No Report.

Trustee Perchinski stated that he had been asking for information on the number of vehicles that are registered in the village. It's been months, can you give me that information? Village Administrator Seehausen replied yes.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No Report.

Assistant Fire Chief Mike Long No Report.

Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy No Report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No Report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No Report.

Village Attorney No Report.

Treasurer

**MAYORS REPORT** Mayor Peterson appointed Brittany Stone to the Police and Fire Board.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the appointment of Brittany Stone to the Police and Fire Board for the Village of Steger. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Stone will be sworn in at a later date.

Mayor Peterson announced his appointments of Trustee Liaisons:

Mark Kozy: Recreation

Tim Perchinski: Fire, Police and Emergency Management

Ernie Lopez: Human Resources and Treasury

Steve Thurmond: Water Department

William Joyce: Public Works

Cindy Trotier: Housing, Public Events and Communications

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Mayoral Appointments of Trustee Liaisons. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

<u>VILLAGE CLERK</u> Clerk Zagone stated that he would be out of town Thursday through Monday to attend his nieces wedding. Finally, extended condolences to the family of former Village Trustee Ed Grollemond who recently passed away.

## TRUSTEES' REPORTS

**Trustee Thurmond I** completed Security Awareness Training. Also, I don't think it's too much to overstate how well yesterday's event was. I think Barb and Maureen did an awesome job. A lot of time and effort went into presenting this to our community. It was a well-received Historical Event for us. I also want to thank the Public Works guys for the numerous watermain breaks they dealt with this week. I just wanted to make sure they get recognized.

Trustee Trotier Just want to say a Thank You to everyone involved in the Historical Society event at the Lou Sherman Community Center. There are many who participated and helped in their own way, especially Maureen and Barb. I hope Barb is doing well. Beverly and some of the other ladies along with Public Works, it's too hard to mention everyone by name. It was a great event and I was proud to be part of it. Thank you.

**Trustee Joyce** Still working on the beautification project. I have almost all the information together. Once I have the presentation put together I will send it to all trustees to review. Then we will prepare to present it to the public.

Trustee Lopez No Report.

Trustee Perchinski I would like to thank some of our Trustees, Trustee Joyce and Trustee Lopez and Trustee Thurmond for supporting the Alicia's House Golf Outing and also Mayor Peterson for sponsoring a hole. It was a great event and helped raise a lot of money to feed a lot of hungry people. Also, I spoke to the developer for K-Mart, he is expecting the contract this week and after some title searches and environmental studies, he hopefully will get it closed in the next few weeks.

Trustee Kozy No report.

# 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, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE** None

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

## Following discussion:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the 2021 MFT Projects Bid to Iroquois Paving provided the bid includes repairs to sub surface. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson then asked for a motion to award the bid to Iroquois Paving to allow Village Administrator Seehausen the ability to move forward with the project. This award needs to be done within 8 days.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to award the 2021 MFT Projects Bid to Iroquois Paving. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

#### Following discussion:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to renew the contract with Absolute Best Cleaning Service. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve a new business license for Space 225, LLC at 3201 Union Ave, pending inspections. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President

Jøseph M. Zagone Ar Willage Clerk