

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 2nd day of August 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 the roll. The following Trustees were present, Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present.

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

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion presented Life Safety Pin Awards to Lt. Todd Ragusin and Firefighter/EMT Joel Rivera for their quick response rescuing victims of a fire on June 17, 2021 in the Colonies Apartment complex. The chief offered thanks for their hard and heroic efforts, and for going above and beyond the call of duty. Deputy Chief Baine who coordinated the efforts the day of the fire presented the awards to the two recipients. Assistant Chief Long presented each with a plaque highlighting their lifesaving awards.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting as written. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jeff Watson of 3749 Union Ave. approached the board with the issue of his neighbor parking his truck in the parkway, obscuring sight lines when trying to back out of his driveway. He has attempted through conversation with the neighbor to rectify the situation to no avail. He is asking the Village what can be done alleviate this hazard. The "No Parking Sign" previously in the area was removed. Dave Toepper is going to evaluate the situation and consider replacing the No Parking Sign in the area in question.

Chuck Dieringer of 150 Grace Ln in Chicago Heights to discuss efforts being done to help alleviate flooding and sanitary discharge into our tributaries. Mr. Dieringer is retired from the world's largest Sanitary District and I am trained in Engineering and Education.

He announced that the Army Corp of Engineers is having a meeting on August 10<sup>th</sup> about spending a few million dollars on the Calumet River which is where all our drainage goes. We have numerous areas closer to us that also need to be addressed such as damming that is causing our drainage to be slow and for sanitary to be forced into our tributaries like Sauk Lake. Mr. Dieringer wants to encourage MWRD to assist with these efforts in our area. He also offered literature on the water shed and areas that need attention. He thanked the Village for listening and encouraged the Village to participate in upcoming efforts.

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** On August 10<sup>th</sup> we will be holding our Public Hearing regarding the Union Avenue project from 4-7. We also got one of our lighting grants from Cook County which will do Steger Road, but we are still waiting for IDOT to come through with the funds for Chicago Road. This will fund the replacing our streetlights with LED fixtures.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** No Report.

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** 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** No Report.

**VILLAGE CLERK** No Report

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Thurmond** I wanted to thank Dave Toepper for the efforts cleaning up the alley behind Rob's Furniture. It is looking somewhat decent. Also, I am working with Jason Stevenson on some service and youth projects to dress up the new Welcome Signs in town.

**Trustee Trotier** I attended the meeting for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Village. Things are moving along great, so save your money for T-shirts being designed for the event. They can be preordered on the Village Website.

**Trustee Joyce** There is a program in New Orleans and Detroit that allows adopting of areas for beautification purposes. People would adopt an area and be responsible to beautify and maintain the area. I will do more research and return with more information for the next board meeting.

**Trustee Lopez** No Report.

**Trustee Perchinski** No Report.

**Trustee Kozy** No Report.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the bills listed. Trustee Kozy 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**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1258: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 34, SECTION 34-42 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING AMBULANCE RESPONSE CHARGES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. 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 adopt Resolution No. 1158: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CERTAIN THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONNEL SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND METRO PARAMEDIC SERVICES, INC., FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried

A business plan was presented for the redeveloped use of the old K-Mart building. The plans call for a Pub and Grill that would include games and entertainment, a large liquor store, a 24-hour Fitness Center and a proposed Grocery Store that will sit in the prime center spot. The Grocery Store contract is pending architectural renderings and the Village approval for the other businesses. Future discussions will involve TIF funds and real estate tax relief. Tonight's action is necessary for him to continue negotiations to buy the building from K-Mart and to secure a commitment from the Grocery Chain looking to join this venture.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the new business license application for Bevda's Beverage Depot at 3231 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Trustee Trotier voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Liquor License application for Package and Tasting for Bevda's Beverage Depot at 3231 Chicago Road pending any background inspections and the necessary change to our current Liquor License Ordinance. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Trustee Trotier voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the new business license application for Chug A Lug Pub and Grill at 3231-A Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Trustee Trotier voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Liquor License for Chug A Lug at 3231-A Chicago Road pending any background inspections and the necessary change to our current Liquor License Ordinance. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Trustee Trotier voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the new business license application for Boz's Hot Dogs, 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.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the purchase of two MDT's from Communications Direct, Inc. for Fire Department use in ambulances. 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.

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Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the new Lighting Package from Verde Energy Efficiency Experts to replace fixtures in the Fire House Bays and adjoining offices. 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.

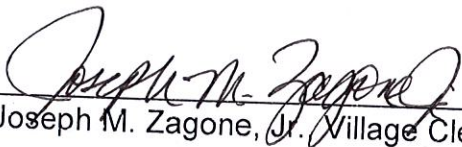
There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Village Clerk