

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 3rd day of May 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, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez, Buxton and Mayor Peterson. Trustee Skrezyna was absent.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

MINUTES

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 19th regular meeting as written. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None present or on zoom.

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No Report

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No Report.

Fire Chief Nowell Fillion The Fire Department is working on it's ISO Review, we will be having it the end of May or beginning of June. They might push that back two weeks but that is when we are tentatively scheduled. So right now we are working with all the departments to get their information together, hopefully we can lower our rates some more.

Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy No Report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No Report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No Report.

Village Attorney No Report.

Treasurer Trustee Buxton gave an overview of the Financial Report for January. The annual audit for 2020 is going on, so we don't have final numbers for the end of the year. For January from a key revenue standpoint, we had State shared revenue 8.9% which was driven by State Income Tax Revenue which is up 9.1%. That revenue was \$101,000 versus \$87,000 the previous January. From a cash perspective we ended the month at \$3.4 Million of which we have \$577,000 in our general fund and then from a 2020 standpoint, just give a read on the unaudited view for our key revenue drivers, property tax saw a \$30,000 increase in 2020 over 2019. Sales tax revenue was down \$83,000. Income tax revenue was slightly up. For the year, we were down \$18,000 over the previous year. Considering everything we have gone through this past year; I think we ended up in an outstanding place from a financial standpoint. I think we have a solid foundation for moving forward, and hopefully with some new revenue coming in, we can address some of the issues we have in our town.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Buxton Congratulated our new Trustees, Cindy and Steve. I also want to congratulate Ken and Ernie on being re-elected. I do want to say it has been an honor to serve and I appreciate the opportunity to serve on this board. I want to thank the residents as well for the opportunity to serve them over the last seven years. Finally, I want thank my family for their support. They were there all the way through including the election times. Walking and enjoyed a lot of time together and I appreciate their support. If there are any questions that come up, I will be around and intend to stay involved in the Community. Please feel free to seek me out.

Mayor Peterson went on to say what an honor it has been to serve with Trustee Buxton. The work you did with our Treasury Department and making it transparent, reporting regularly to this board revenues and expenditures. We had never had that before. You influenced that, you changed that, you made it accessible so that our residents could see at any time where we are financially. Your influence has been immeasurable both on me and this board and the community. I hope you do stay involved. I thank you for your service and everything you have done.

Trustee Skrezyna No Report.

Trustee Lopez I too want to congratulate our new Trustees Cindy and Steve. Thank you to Lenny and Ryan for the job well done in the past. Trustee Lopez also entered into the record a Thank You note on behalf of resident Doris C. Jeske. Her note was

in appreciation for the Village efforts in providing COVID vaccinations to residents especially for those who had difficulty getting appointments elsewhere. Finally, I want to talk about LGEF that distributes funds to Municipalities from the State. Municipalities used to get 10% of all sales tax collected, now it is down to 6%. The governor and his team are looking to, in order to balance the budget, to do away with that 6%. I am asking all residents to contact their local state representatives to let them know these funds are needed in our community.

Trustee Kozy No Report.

Trustee Perchinski I would like to thank Ryan and Lenny for all their hard work. It has been a pleasure working with you both. I would also like to congratulate, Ken, Ernie, Joe, Cindy and Steve. Finally, please support the Fire Department. They are having a raffle for a Harley-Davidson Motorcycle. Tickets are \$50 and they are only selling 1,000 tickets.

Trustee Joyce No Report.

VILLAGE CLERK I would like to welcome Cindy and Steve tonight and thank Ryan and Lenny, it has been a pleasure working with the two of you and I look forward to what we have going the next four years.

MAYORS REPORT Congratulations again to Steve and Cindy. Ernie and Joe. I have enjoyed working on this board with Lenny and Ryan. They can be very proud of their accomplishments.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to table further action regarding the Queen of Hearts Raffle at the Brown Onion until our next meeting. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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Trustee Buxton made a motion to ratify a budget of \$3,250.00 for our Summer Band Program. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Joyce, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez and Buxton. Mayor Peterson Voted Aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to ratify the American Legion request to sell Poppies as requested on May 28, 29, 30th and 31st. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials:

Judge Luciano Panici gave the oath of office to:

Village President Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr.
Village Clerk Joseph M. Zagone, Jr.
Village Trustee Ernesto "Ernie" Lopez, Jr.
Village Trustee Steve Thurmond
Village Trustee Cindy Trotier

Mayor Peterson resumed the meeting asking for roll call:

Village Clerk Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. called the roll. The following Trustees were present, Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce, Perchinski, and Mayor Peterson.

Mayor Peterson moved on to appointments. Mayor Peterson appointed Luanne Thurmond and Joe Kaiser to our Police Pension Board.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the appointment of Luanne Thurmond and Joe Kaiser to the Police Pension Board. 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.

Joe Kaiser was not able to attend the meeting. Luanne Thurmond was present on ZOOM. Village Clerk Zagone gave Mrs. Thurmond the Oath of Office via ZOOM.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve ORDINANCE No. 1256: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF STEGER TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THAT CERTAIN REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH

LAMASTUS DEVELOPMENT, INC. FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. On the request of Trustee Thurmond, Mayor Peterson explained that this amendment allows for eligible costs that were over the original agreement, are all TIF eligible and will not affect any other TIF projects. 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 approve RESOLUTION No. 1156: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN MOU WITH THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES DELIVERED BY THE CHICAGO METROPOLITAN AGENCY FOR PLANNING 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 approve a request from Chief Shaughnessy to purchase new Tasers and a 5-year certification for the police department in the amount of \$32,917.50. 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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a request from Chief Shaughnessy to purchase the BEAST Barcoded Evidence Management Software and the hardware needed, in the amount of \$10,397.75. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Trustee Thurmond asked that Mayor Peterson confirm that the money for this purchase would come from Police Seizure funds. Having been confirmed: Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Discussion was held in regard to 4 Hydrant Flushing Stations that would help improve drinking water quality in problem areas. The initial location of the Stations would be 38th and Union, Hereford Drive, Lake Hill Subdivision and 36th and Union. It is our plan to use Federal Grant Money to help complete loops in those areas that have dead end lines. Half of the Grand money is coming this year and the other half next year.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to table discussion of the request from Public Infrastructure Director Toepper to purchase 4 Hydrant Flushing Stations from GASVODA & Associates in the amount of \$9,416.00. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Trotier and

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Joyce. The following Trustees voted no; Lopez, Kozy and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted no. Motion denied.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request from Public Infrastructure Director Toepper to purchase 4 Hydrant Flushing Stations from GASVODA & Associates in the amount of \$9,416.00. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Lopez, Kozy and Perchinski. The following Trustees voted no; Thurmond, Trotier and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding Village Stickers and fees. There were various ideas offered in regard to how much to increase the fees, which fees should be kept the same. Other thoughts included multi-car pricing and discounts for Veterans. It was decided in the discussion that the rates should be re-examined to find fair equitable increases that can help add to our road fund for repairs especially in light of the length of time since our last increase. Rates will be reviewed and offered at a future meeting.

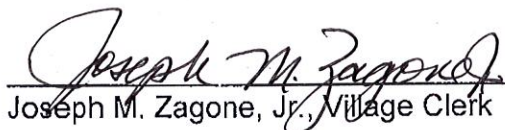
There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk