

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 7th day of June 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, Kozy, Trotier, Perchinski, Buxton and Mayor Peterson. Trustee Joyce and Village Clerk Zagone were present via Zoom.

Also present: 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. Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen was absent.

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Knight Engineering representative Clay Shipley presented the results of the Storm Water Drainage Study conducted over the past two years. Mr. Shipley detailed the areas most affected in the Village and described a series of improvements that can be made to the system. The findings showed inadequate lines to carry the water from west to east where our water drains into Thorn Creek to be carried away from the Village. Improvements include additional pipes to carry water to the creek, improvements to the two retention ponds on either side of the railroad tracks and study of Thorn Creeks ability to handle our stormwater. The Village is working with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District for both funding and expertise their system might offer. There are also Federal Funds being sought to help finance the needs our Village faces. Knight Engineering is currently working on developing costs for the projects recommended to ease our drainage issues. A subsequent presentation will be made when this has been completed.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20th Special Meeting as written. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

The resident at 65 W. 34<sup>th</sup> St. came before the Board to discuss issues regarding her sanitary sewer issues at her home. The house was the scene of an auto accident where a car left the roadway and did substantial damage to the front of the

dwelling. Repairs have yet to be done, and the resident states that problems with the sanitary hook up needs to be fixed before doing repairs to the front of the house. Since the hook up is under 34<sup>th</sup> Street, which is a County Road, Dave Toepper is going to reach out to Cook County to see what needs to be done to rectify this issue.

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** No Report

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

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** The Fire Department is continuing its work on the renewal of the Village's ISO rating.

**Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy** No Report.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** No Report.

**Community Center Director Diana Rossi** Reported that the Community Center is preparing to open fully to Children and Adults on June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Village Attorney** No Report.

**Treasurer**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORTS**

**Trustee Thurmond** Thanked former Trustee Ryan Buxton for his kind words when he joined the Village Board. Additionally he thanked Mayor Peterson and Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen for helping him prepare for his new position. Trustee Thurmond will be attending the Workshop for Newly Elected Officials this coming Saturday. He concluded with a reminder that the Steger American Legion is hosting a Steak Fry on Sunday June 13 from noon until 4:00 pm. Tickets are being sold at \$25.00 each.

**Trustee Trotier** Stated that she too will be attending the Workshop for Newly Elected Officials this coming Saturday. Trustee Trotier announced that a substantial contribution has been made to the Steger Fire Department on behalf of the estate of Hilmer Boo. Mr. Boo was a longtime firefighter for the Village of Steger.

**Trustee Joyce** No Report

**Trustee Lopez** No Report



**Trustee Perchinski** Offered special thanks to Firefighter Noella Fillion-Garcia for her years of service to the Village of Steger. He wished her well in her upcoming retirement. Trustee Perchinski also reminded residents that the Steger Fire Department is hosting a raffle for a 2021 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle. Tickets are \$50 and are available by contacting the Fire Department. Finally, he offered thanks to all First Responders of Steger that helped with an accident regarding his step son who was involved with a hit and run driver.

**Trustee Kozy** No Report.

**VILLAGE CLERK** No Report

### **MAYORS REPORT**

### **BILLS**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the bills listed. 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**

Trustees continued conversation regarding Village Stickers for automobiles. Village Stickers have remained unchanged for many years. The current rates were discussed and possible increases considered. Two changes requested were a reduced amount for Military and First Responders. Also, an increased fee for Electric Vehicles was discussed. While some suggested it was a penalty for those choosing Electric for the sake of the environment, others pointed out that our road repairs rely on Village Stickers and Motor Fuel taxes. Since Electric Vehicles do not use petroleum fuel, they do not contribute to maintenance of our streets. Recommended increases will be prepared and presented to the board for approval at a future meeting. Any changes would not go into effect until July 1, 2022.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve ORDINANCE No. 1257: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL

AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH SUBURBAN MAJOR CRIMES TASK FORCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. 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.

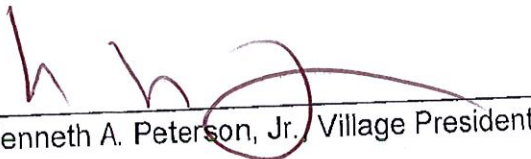
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a request from Steger Storm to hold their tag days on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Steger Road and Chicago Road. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried

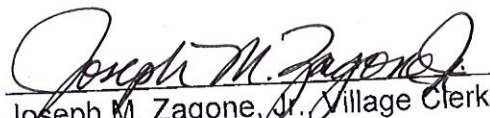
Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the Special Event request from resident Reagan Agbo to have some road closure to host their party safely on Cedarwood Drive. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

  
Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr. Village President

  
Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Village Clerk