# 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 2021 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger and via Teleconference that was made available to all residents. Mayor Peterson (via Zoom) 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, Perchinski, Kozy, Lopez and Skrezyna. Mayor Peterson and Trustee Buxton were present via Zoom. Trustee Joyce was absent. Trustee Joyce joined the meeting via Zoom at 7:08 pm.

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

### AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy presented two candidates for Full-time Police Officers. Members of the Police and Fire Board gave the oath of office to Emmanuel Brambila and Bernard Gromala confirming their appointment as new Full time Police Officers for the Village of Steger, Illinois.

## **MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 16th meeting as written. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Resident Steve Thurmond of Butler Ave. offered thanks to Dave Toepper and Public Works for the fine job done clearing streets after the recent snowstorm.

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** We will schedule a special meeting for appropriations ordinance as soon as all documents are ready after March 5<sup>th</sup>. We have been working on demolition of a couple houses and are just waiting on a timeline to coordinate this with the company doing the work. 3301 Union and 3433 Chicago Rd are the homes set to take down. We are also working with ComEd to replace all of our municipally owned street lights with LED's. This will help reduce

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electric costs for the Village. This is a \$93,000.00 project being done at no cost to the Village through a grant from ComEd. As soon as the fixtures arrive, installation will begin.

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

**Fire Chief Nowell Fillion** Thank you to everyone especially with the upcoming referendum. We will be sending out more information and if anyone has any questions, please reach out to us.

Police Chief Kevin Shaughnessy No Report.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** With Spring fast approaching, this is Severe Weather Preparedness Week. There are links on the Steger Emergency Management facebook page for everyone to check out.

**Community Center Director Diana Rossi** I am very glad to be back, everything is running very smoothly at the Community Center. A lot of our Seniors and Walkers have enjoyed being back in there. We are getting more people everyday.

Village Attorney No Report.

Treasurer No Report.

# TRUSTEES' REPORTS

**Trustee Buxton** I would like to welcome our new Police Officers.

**Trustee Skrezyna** Welcome to our new Police Officers.

Trustee Lopez Welcome back to Diana Rossi and the Community Center.

**Trustee Kozy** Just glad to have Diane back.

**Trustee Perchinski** Please support the Fire Department referendum. We critically need these additional services. We should have numbers this week or next how this will affect taxes on your homes.

**Trustee Joyce** Congratulations to our new Police Officers, Nowell, if you need any more help with referendum please let me know and welcome back Diane.

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VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

MAYORS REPORT No Report.

### **BILLS**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

There being no further business,

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Allage President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk