

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 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.

The roll was called. The following Trustees were present; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present. Trustees Trotier and Joyce were absent.

Also present: Fire Chief Michael Long, Police Chief Greg Smith, EMA Chief Tom Johnston and Community Center Director Diana Rossi. Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen and Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper were absent.

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

None

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE**

None

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** No Report.

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

**Fire Chief Michael Long** We have a new EMT as of yesterday, Joselyn Jennings passed her National Exam. We also have four graduating Fire Academy next week, so we have four more firefighters in the next week. I will have two more going in next year. I also want to thank everyone who came out last week for our Pancake Breakfast and Raffle.

**Police Chief Greg Smith** We have John Darge back with waivers, so he is back part time. Officer D'Anna is back to work as well.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** I am waiting to hear back from Will County. I am hoping to take Training the Trainer Course for Traffic Management which is required by the IDOT. I also want to thank Steve from Emergency Vehicle Technologies for donating light bars and other equipment for our new squad.

**Community Center Director Diana Rossi** We had about 550 people through the Community Center the past two weeks. Our Senior Luncheon is this Friday at Noon. Let me know if any of you can make it.

**Village Attorney** No report.

**Treasurer** No report.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

**VILLAGE CLERK** No Report.

### **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

**Trustee Joyce** No Report.

**Trustee Trotier** No Report.

**Trustee Lopez** No Report.

**Trustee Thurmond** I attended the last school board meeting. I try to attend every now and again. They are emphasizing an honor they have been bestowed the last couple of years with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act where thousands of districts submit in hopes of being allowed to speak at these events. School District 194 has been lucky enough to speak at the conference in San Diego this past April and again in Chicago in November. They were also chosen to speak at next year's national convention in Tampa, Florida in April. Speakers discuss how this Homeless Act is working for them, getting jobs and housing for the homeless.

**Trustee Stewart** Thank you all for the appointment of Dave Mendez. He is doing a great job pulling the volunteers together for our Steger Youth Programs meeting last week. It was a great success; we had a big turnout of over 20 volunteers. I have Shared with Diane Rossi letting her know that our football program is now going to be the president of the league that they play in. So we will host all the monthly meetings here in Steger. Great honor for the volunteers that have made the program a success. We are still having sign-ups for basketball and volleyball, so it's not too late.

**Trustee Perchinski** I want to thank the Police Department, the Fire Department, our EMA, School District 194, Chief Smith, Mayor Peterson, Clerk Zagone, Trustee Trotier and Trustee Lopez for helping donate and facilitate the Shop with a First Responder Event. The Community Center did a wonderful job setting up for us. We had about 20 kids, we also partnered with South Chicago Heights. It was a great event and the kids had a blast. Then, Saturday and Sunday we did a special needs dinner. Special thanks to School District 194 for allowing the use of their cafeteria. We served over 100 Special Needs Children and their families. About 270 people. We also have another event coming up this Saturday at the Bloom Township Garage. It is our Santa Claus Event serving about 800 under privileged kids who give us their wish lists. People donate and wrap the gifts for the kids. Anyone who would like to help with that are welcome. Mayor Peterson stated that Alicia's house complimented our efforts in being so organized. Mayor Peterson thanked Trustee Perchinski for his efforts, and Trustee Perchinski thanked Melissa Kunha for her part in the success of these events.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay all bills as listed when funds become available. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Trustees received a Christmas Card from the Steger Police Department.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was extensive discussion regarding Ordinance No. 1285 and its tax reduction on one property. Trustee Perchinski wants to know how this reduction on one property affects the homeowners in the Village. Following discussion:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table ORDINANCE NO. 1285: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND CONSENTING TO AN APPLICATION BY 3300 HOLEMAN, LLC AND JDM COATINGS, INC. FOR A CLASS 6B DESIGNATION UNDER THE COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1286: THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK COUNTY AND WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1287: AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE LEVY OF TAXES RELATED TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2018 FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1288: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Discussion regarding 2023 Liability and Workman's Comp Insurance:

In making his motion, Trustee Perchinski recommends that we go out for bid next year as some of the rates seem high and it has premium modification of 50%. There is justification, but I think we have to shop a bit next year.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to ratify the 2023 Liability and Workman's Compensation Insurance. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried


Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve 2023 Village Board Meeting Dates. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business:

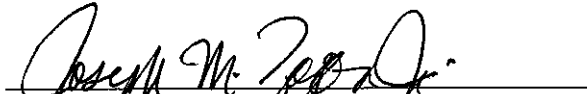
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk