

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 15th day of August, 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.

Mayor Peterson called for 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, Police Chief Greg Smith, Fire Chief Michael Long, EMA Chief Tom Johnston and Community Center Director Diana Rossi.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Fire Chief Michael Long introduced Todd Ragusin as his appointee for Assistant Fire Chief.

Clerk Zagone gave the Oath of Office, installing Todd Ragusin as Steger's new Assistant Fire Chief.

Police Chief Greg Smith introduced Mitchell Hosman as his appointee for Part-Time Police Officer.

Clerk Zagone gave the Oath of Office, installing Mitchell Hosman as Steger's newest Part-Time Police Officer.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1st meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

David Mendez of 1850 W 235th St introduced himself and the program he has developed call Dragon Sports. The program promotes and supports travel sports teams for the youth in Steger and surrounding communities. He is seeking Village support for his programs that include soccer, baseball, softball, basketball and others. Mayor Peterson explained that all requests regarding recreational programs go first through the Steger Rec Board who then bring the needs to the Village Board for approval. Trust Perchinski commended Mr. Mendez for his efforts in this endeavor and offered to donate \$500.00 to help with buying equipment. Trustee Lopez thanked Mr. Mendez for his efforts in trying

to grow these programs for the kids. Trustee Thurmond also commended Mr. Mendez on his program.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen Just a few notes on some items on tonight's agenda, I am asking to rescind Resolution No.1167 because IDOT requires different paperwork.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Code enforcement has 55 - 48 hour notices they have written in the past couple of weeks and they issued 24 citation for various AO offences. We have word from Gallagher Asphalt that work will be completed on Steger Road this week. We are currently setting up for Steger Day of Music.

Fire Chief Michael Long The Assistant Chief and I have completed the informational display in the lobby. We have two new hires this week that have finished physicals and are completing their paperwork. We have four going to Fire Academy next.

Police Chief Greg Smith My weekly report went out earlier today. I want to thank everyone for the National Night Out. It was definitely a group effort. I want to thank Administrator Seehausen, all Department Heads and staff for their efforts. Thanks to the Mayor and Village Board for coming out. Thank you to Barb Dorman for some of the raffle prizes. Hopefully we can build on this for next year. Our Body Cameras have come in, so the officers will be getting trained in the next week or two.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston We had 6 calls for service since the last meeting, 3 were accident calls, 1 was a fire call and we had 2 calls for the light truck for investigations and we are just getting ready for Saturday's event.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi Last week we had 653 people through the Community Center last week.

Village Attorney

Treasurer No Report, but trustees have all received the most recent financial statements to review. I will report on these at our next meeting.

MAYORS REPORT I want to remind everyone about the Steger Day of Music this coming Saturday. There are a lot of things going on so I hope to see everyone out there.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Trotier A lot of good things going on. Steger Day of Music, I know it is going to be successful, I believe we have a ballgame that Steve Thurmond is coordinating with different departments. Trying to find some ways to bring something of value to our town. Thanks also to all the sports teams and volunteers especially, so I appreciate everyone who volunteers. Thank you.

Trustee Lopez I want to give a special thanks out to State Rep Anthony DeLuca and his team coming out for the National Night Out. He is again our State Rep and it is already paying big dividends. I just want to acknowledge that.

Trustee Thurmond I want to encourage everyone to come to the softball game and cheer on the Steger Fire Department, the Steger Police Department, the Southside Spartans and the Village of Steger Guardians. We are starting at 11 am and time will dictate how we are going to play. The decorating the welcome signs is still on for Sunday, I am looking for a few more volunteers. The scouts have a pre-engagement that will keep them from helping. Then I am just questioning Town & Country Motors placing cars on property before improved for this use. Dave Toepper is going to drive by.

Trustee Joyce No Report.

Trustee Perchinski I just want to express my condolences to Jimmy Baine and his family on the loss of their son Cody.

Trustee Kozy No Report.

BILLS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the bills listed when funds are available.

Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Trustee Thurmond questioned some legal fees for reviewing contracts regarding a variance granted on Wentworth Ave for a larger garage. He questioned if these expenses are covered by permit fees. Administrator Seehausen stated that these expenses are recovered in the application fee.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

A Thank You note was read from the family of Cody Baine for the expression of sympathy extended by the Village.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to ratify the Special Event Liquor License for the Steger Day of Music event on 8/20/22 12 pm until 11:59 pm. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 Service Agreement with Andy Frain. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Trustee Lopez pointed out that the amounts allotted for this expense are covered in the current budget for all days needed. Trustee Perchinski also stated that there is language in the agreement that allows us not to use Andy Frain if we back out of the agreement. 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. 1169: A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 1167 REGARDING MAINTENANCE UNDER THE HIGHWAY FOR CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF 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 Joyce made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1170: A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING STREETS UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE MFT. 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 Perchinski made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1171: A RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING STREETS UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE MFT (REBUILD IL). 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.

Discussion and possible approval of cancelling the Tuesday September 6th Board meeting. Mayor Peterson stated that he suggested the meeting be cancelled since both he and Administrator Seehausen would be missing this meeting. Everyone else stated

they would be available. Trustee Perchinski stated his concern of not having another meeting for 4 weeks. It was decided that the meeting will take place as scheduled.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a request from the Steger Fire Department to host their annual family picnic on Saturday September 17, 2022 from noon until 6 pm at Veterans Park and permission to have alcohol at the park during their picnic. 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.

At 7:33 pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(1) Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

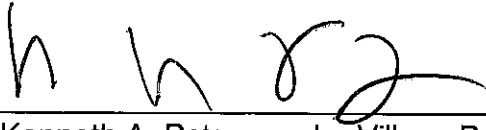
At 8:12 pm

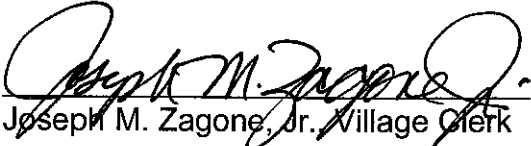
Trustee Joyce made a motion to reconvene Open Board Meeting. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.


Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President


Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk