

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 18th day of April, 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, Deputy Fire Chief James Baine and EMA Chief Tom Johnston. Community Center Director Diana Rossi was absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of April 4th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Erica N. Longo-Womack of 3419 Susan Ln, Steger addressed the board regarding the issuing of tickets on streets surrounding the former Colonies Apartment complex where parking is restricted to resident parking only. The police department is going to look into the tickets issued to residents and how to alleviate the problem. The Village will also revisit the issue and determine if the radius now restricted needs to be adjusted. The ordinance was never meant to punish homeowners, rather keep the street available for residents to use for parking.

Mary Laws of 3457 Jennifer Ct. addressed the board questioned the bad potholes on her street. Dave Toepper is going to look in to repairs on Jennifer Ct. She also stated that her block has restricted parking because of overflow from the apartments. She wants the restrictions to remain in place on her street.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen The Village received a donation of \$250 from the Village of South Chicago Heights to offset costs of the Summer Band Program. Our renewal for health insurance on July 1st will reflect increases of 3.1% on our PPO policy and .4% decrease on our HMO policy. Finally, we have not yet heard from the Secretary of State regarding car registrations in the Village.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Reported 22 tickets in the last two weeks, 18 reoccupancy inspections, issued 17 new building permits, one for a new home on Crystal, work is being done on Citgo station, we had 3 water main breaks and B&K will be out this week to start inspections on the water tower.

Deputy Fire Chief James Baine So far this year we have had 551 calls, up a little from last year. The Easter Egg Hunt went well, we had over 111 kids take part. On a personal note I want to thank the Village, EMA and everyone involved for the condolences and every thing that was done for my family. Special thanks to Assistant Chief Long, Lt. Ragsin and the entire department for stepping up so I could be with my family.

Police Chief Greg Smith Last year at this time we had 3943 calls. Already this year we have had 4622. This is on average with past years as there was a decrease last year.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No Report

Community Center Director Diana Rossi Trustee Kozy reported the softball 12U team won their tournament. No update on football. Volleyball season ended, thanks to Steve and Christine Zemon for doing a great job with the kids. Also thanks to custodian Justin for all his efforts at the school, and thanks to the School District 194 for having us there.

Village Attorney

Treasurer

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Peterson made the following appointments to the Steger Economic Development Corporation:

Allie Peterson

Mary Jo Seehausen

Maureen Lopez

David Toepper

Tim Glass

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the mayor's appointments as listed to the Steger Economic Development Corporation. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Thurmond stated that he is not aware of what the Economic Development Corporation is. Trustee Thurmond asked if it could be tabled so he could get further information about the corporation documents and description of duties. Mayor Peterson stated that part of the process is to appoint them so they can create those documents and duties. The ordinance is already adopted and in place. The intent of the EDC is to help the Village with economic development here in town. That will include managing Village owned properties, since they don't have the same restrictions as the Village, they can better dispose of properties held by the Village. We need to get these properties back on the Tax Rolls and out from under the maintenance of the Village. This is the best way to do that. The intent of the EDC is to work closely with this board to help with economic development. They will also help market the Village of Steger all through this board. All businesses would still all come through the Village Board. With the Mayor's explanation the motion to table was not pursued.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustees Thurmond and Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

Additionally: Mayor Peterson appointed Trustee Tim Perchinski as the Trustee Liaison to the Steger Economic Development Corporation.

Bloom Township will be giving out \$50 gasoline gift cards starting tomorrow morning at the Bloom Township Center on Halsted Street in Chicago Heights.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond Asked if there is an expected finish date for the Steger Road reconstruction project. Village Administrator Seehausen stated that the project is slated to run through October. Trustee Thurmonds concern is for the Steger Little League parade scheduled for April 30th. Tom Johnson stated that EMA is working with Little League to run the parade safely. Still in discussion with Desiderio regarding designs for the new Welcome Signs. I have spoken with Jason about having the scouts participate. Finally, Trustee Thurmond questioned missing bills. Village Administrator stated that the only bills to be paid are the ones on the list.

Trustee Trotier Still working with Trustee Lopez for our April 23rd Earth Day Cleanup. Everyone is invited. There will be a rain barrel raffle. Trustee Lopez is preparing handouts.

Trustee Joyce No Report.

Trustee Lopez Regarding Earth Day Cleanup, even if you can't come out and help in the community, we encourage you to clean up around your home. Hope to see everybody there.

Trustee Perchinski No Report.

Trustee Kozy No Report.

BILLS

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1268: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY MARKETING SERVICES CONCERNING THE PARCEL OF LAND LOCATED AT 3222 KEENEY AVENUE, STEGER, IL 60475, BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND THE STEGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NFP., FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK/WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Thurmond asked if the Village Recoups any expenses when the property is moved to the EDC. The mayor stated that we do not know because each property is different. The key is to get it back on the tax rolls.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1269: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY MARKETING SERVICES CONCERNING THE PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 670 E. SAUK TRAIL BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND THE STEGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NFP., FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK/WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Thurmond asked if this includes the fish pond property. There are numerous PIN properties there. This is just one that is on Sauk Trail.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Lopez, Kozy, Trotier and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustees Thurmond and Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1270: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A CONTRACT FOR PROPERTY MARKETING SERVICES CONCERNING THE PARCEL OF REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 3301 UNION AVENUE BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND THE STEGER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, NFP., FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK/WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Trotier questioned if this is an empty lot on Union Avenue. Mayor Peterson stated that this like other Village acquired properties were acquired either because of back taxes, or like this one, the house was torn down by the Village as no family was left and it was acquired through the county.

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 a Business License for Pawtastic Spa & Resort at 3218 Chicago Rd, Suite B. 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 Business License for Kaylee Lynn Photography at 3201 Union Ave. 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 Business License for Chico Construction LLC at 3044 Chicago Rd. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Trotier asked if the Village Property to be used for parking will be for business purpose only, whether this would be a mixed-use property with residents. While the property is zoned B-2, it will not be a mixed-use property. The building does not qualify for mixed use. Trustee Thurmond asked if the limited two parking spaces be waived? The Mayor stated that by approving the license we are waiving the two parking space issue.

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 approve a Business License for Smoke Up BBQ at 34 W. 34th Street. 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 approve a Special Events License for St. Liborius Parish Summer Picnic on Halsted Boulevard on July 24th. 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 Special Events License for Steger American Legion Bean Bag League every Tues, Wed, Thurs 5/3-10/30 at 34 W. 34th St. 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 Special Events License for Steger American Legion live music event June 25, 2022 from 6:30-10:30 pm at 34 W. 34th St. 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 Special Events License for Steger American Legion live music event July 16, 2022 from 6:30-10:30 pm at 34 W. 34th St. 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 Special Events License for Steger American Legion live music event August 27, 2022 from 6:30-10:30 pm at 34 W. 34th St. 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 Joyce made a motion to approve a Special Events License for Steger American Legion live music event September 9, 2022 from 6:30-10:30 pm at 34 W. 34th St. 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.

Discussion was begun regarding Village Sticker Fees for the 2023-2024 sticker year. Trustee Perchinski stated that we did not yet have the information from the Secretary of State to move forward with this discussion. Trustee Thurmond distributed a list of proposed increases and late fees based on research of surrounding communities. Mayor Peterson recommended that the board study this and compare to current fees so that a future decision can be made.

Discussion was begun on Village Sticker late fees. Trustees Joyce and Perchinski agree that late fees should be double the original fee. Trustee Thurmond stated that in his research, none of the municipalities do less than double the base cost. Trustee Thurmond said he would prefer to eliminate village stickers and charge a maintenance

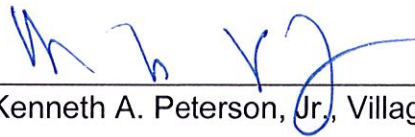
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fee to all homeowners for street maintenance. A request to raise the late fees for Village Stickers will be on a future agenda for the purpose of being voted upon.

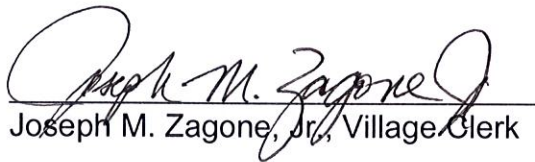
Being no further business:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Joyce 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