

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 January, 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 and Joyce. Mayor Peterson was present. Trustee Perchinski was present via ZOOM.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest for 2021 were announced by Chairperson Alice Peterson. The winning entries were:

1st Place: 3220 Peoria Street
2nd Place: 3316 Butler Avenue
3rd Place: 3147 Morgan Street

Police Chief Greg Smith announced the promotion of Officer Jordan Lane to Police Sergeant for the Village of Steger Police Department. Sergeant Lane was sworn in by Clerk Zagone. Mayor Peterson commended Sgt. Lane stating that it is rare for me to see someone who is born and raised in Steger come through and serve our community and our country. Congratulations on how you are giving back to our community.

MINUTES

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3rd Regular Meeting with amendment to section under New Business regarding lead water pipe replacement study and his question of the need to ratify this vote at a future meeting. Corrections were made per recording. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Resident Mark Gerrity of the Royal Oak Subdivision approached the board with continuing concerns for the condition of the streets that are in bad shape and the need for the street to be finished. It will be considered in the upcoming budget for road repairs.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen Stated that she is in talks with Finance regarding the preliminary budget, the plan is to schedule February 3rd for budget discussions with all departments. Invitations will be sent out for specific times on that day.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No Report.

Deputy Fire Chief James Baines Stated that the Christmas Tree burn went well.

Police Chief Greg Smith No Report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston The past few weeks we had approximately 5 accidents we assisted on and thankfully no fire calls. I also want to say that it is a very proud day for our department with Sgt. Lane's promotion. We now have two sergeants that came from our department along with other Steger officers that have moved on.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No Report.

Village Attorney

Treasurer Just working on the budget.

MAYORS REPORT No Report.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond Wished everyone a belated Happy New Year. Also, is it possible to get the agenda packet on Wednesday instead of Friday. Mayor Peterson said we have tried it in the past, but then you delay business. Mayor Peterson stated that a preliminary could be ready by Thursday, but there could be changes.

Trustee Thurmond asked if there were updates on the K-mart Project. He also asked if any Village Events are planned yet. Mayor Peterson stated that there are some preliminary plans, but nothing can be set until budget talks are complete. He then asked about a pothole in the alley on Wallace...can stone be put in? Dave Toepper will follow up. He then stated he saw the billing come through for Iroquois Paving. I want to applaud the project, its timing and its completion under budget.

Trustee Trotier No Report.

Trustee Joyce Continuing to work on the inventory. There have been quite a few water-main breaks that were repaired.

Trustee Lopez Just a reminder that we are scheduled for regular garbage pick-up this week.

Trustee Perchinski Stated that regarding alleys, there is a bad one by Dollar General. Dave Toepper stated that alley is private property maintained by Dollar General. Reminded Trustees Thurmond and Joyce that we need to discuss the lighting ordinance. Hoping to know tomorrow about a closing date for the K-Mart building sale.

Trustee Kozy We have 9 volleyball teams with sponsors. Banners are being made and practice starts this week. Reported also on basketball teams. There are 97 participants in all age brackets. Assessments have been held.

BILLS

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

Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Trustee Thurmond questioned bills for tree removal. It was confirmed that all trees removed were on Village property.

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

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1267: 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.

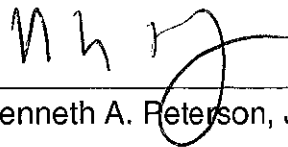
Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Demonstration of Flock Cameras was presented by a representative of the company. As he started, it was pointed out that there is already private interest in assisting with the installation of these cameras which have become invaluable to local police departments in crime prevention and the apprehension of suspects. The cameras provide license plate numbers, color and make of vehicles and provide timelines for crime investigation. The cameras are self-sufficient and require no electrical hook-up. The program allows for free sharing of information with surrounding communities that also use Flock. Images stay on the system for 30 days, and if not saved by a department, they are purged after that time. The Village does not buy the cameras, just the data they provide. Cameras are mounted on existing utility poles. If no poles are available, Flock provides a 12' Pole on which to install the cameras. Cost of camera is \$2,500.00 per camera per year with a one-time installation of \$350.00 on non IDOT roads and \$750 on IDOT roads. Flock handles installation and maintenance and owns the cameras. The Village is paying for the information provided by these cameras and those of other communities using them. Chief Smith described some recent incidents that were solved through the use of Flock in surrounding communities. The presentation concluded. The Village will research how the system can be used in our community and how it might be financed.

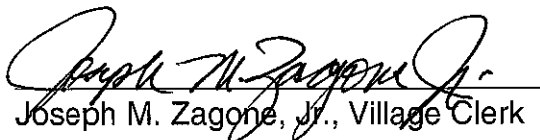
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk