

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 19<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, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present.

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

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

None

**MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Lopez 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** We are out working on a couple water main breaks. Preparing for some coming snow.

**Fire Chief Michael Long** I would like to thank Trustee Perchinski for his hard work putting together a fundraiser for the Firefighters Association. We appreciate all the support. Trustee Perchinski responded that there were a lot of people who made the event successful.

**Police Chief Greg Smith** End of the year report: we will finish with about 16,100 calls. We are up 2,172 from last year. Compared to 2020 we are only up 619.

**Community Center Director Diana Rossi** We had about 780 people who enjoyed the Community Center over the past two weeks. I want to thank everybody that made an effort to come to the Senior Luncheon and make it a success. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** As mentioned earlier, we are anticipating snow later this week, but it is hard to be sure how much we will get until about 24 hours out. I hope everyone has a good Christmas.

**Village Attorney** No report.

**Treasurer** Trustees should all have results from August and September audits. One of the interesting things to notice is Sales Tax improvements. Just a reminder, the real estate tax bills just came out, but they are due December 31<sup>st</sup>. I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season. Be safe.

**MAYORS REPORT** I want to echo everyone here, I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and New Year's. I hope everyone stays safe during this inclement weather. Hopefully it won't be as bad as being predicted.

**VILLAGE CLERK** I am working on communications with resident John Cashman who has disability with his eyesight. He is hoping to get electronic communication from us regarding minutes and agendas. Our IT people are working on a way to get it posted to the website. Mayor Peterson stated that we will find an accommodation.

### **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

**Trustee Joyce** Garbage pick-up will be delayed one day for the next two weeks due to the Christmas and New Years holidays. I hope everyone has a safe and Merry Christmas.

**Trustee Trotier** It is always a wonderful feeling when someone outside our village reaches out to me to say Steger really puts on a great event. This was in reference to the trees on the boulevard. They were happy to be able to participate and see people socializing on the boulevard enjoying the event. Additionally, people who received food baskets were very thankful. We had great volunteers with this event. Reminder, if you are not signed up for Code Red, it's probably a great idea to do so, especially with the inclement weather. If delivers information regarding weather and events in our town. We are planning on more events for 2023. If you ever consider volunteering, bring your organization/group and see how you would like to participate and help our town grow. A date for the April event has yet to be determined. I look forward to our April Event which is Earth Day. Happy Holiday, Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year.

**Trustee Lopez** No Report.

**Trustee Thurmond** I want to remind residents to a little more patient with the Public Works Department during the cold weather and the main breaks. Be a little lenient on complaining about it. It's gonna be a tough winter and I think we have the best guys on the job who can take care of it. I want to thank Mrs Rossi and her crew for the great job that they do.

**Trustee Stewart** Happy Holidays to all! To all our First Responders, Dave and his crews; you guys do a great job keeping our town clean. I really appreciate it. I want to thank Diane Rossi for the great job, the seniors really enjoy it.

**Trustee Perchinski** I want to wish everyone Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year. Thanks for all of our First Responders including Public Works Department for all you guys do keeping us safe. Appreciate you guys.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Joyce 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, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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 Trotier seconded the motion. Voice vote; The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart Trotier and Perchinski. Trustee Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1289: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CERTAIN LAND USE RELIEF (SPECIAL USE PERMIT) FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1485 AND 1521 E. 231<sup>ST</sup> STREET, STEGER, ILLINOIS. As

recommended by the Steger Planning and Zoning Board. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a lease agreement with Proven IT. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Joyce made a motion to table consideration of a new business license application for A-Z Screening LLC at 3121 Chicago Road, Steger, Illinois. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

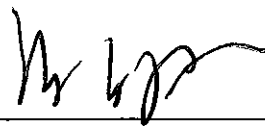
The owners of Crave VR Experience introduced themselves and presented their business plan for their Virtual Reality gaming experience.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a new business license application for Crave VR Experience at 3345 Chicago Road, Steger, Illinois pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business:

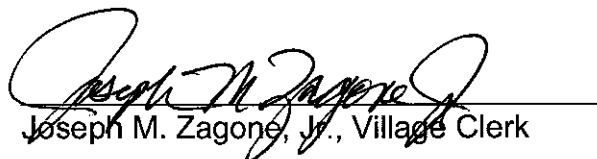
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk