

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 absent.

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

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Steger Police Chief Greg Smith introduced Patrolman Daniel Hoppe. Patrolman Hoppe was sworn in back in January, completed the Academy and is in his 8<sup>th</sup> week of field training.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None

**REPORTS**

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

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

**Assistant Fire Chief Michael Long** Two of our newest hires graduated EMT school and are working on having their licenses in the next 30 days. One of the new hires just came on a couple weeks ago, he is my oldest Cadet. Hope everyone has a safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**Police Chief Greg Smith** Officer Avers has completed his field training and is now on the street on his own.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** No Report.

**Community Center Director Diana Rossi** For the last several weeks the Community Center has picked up a lot. We have had about 1600 people through the building. Things really seem to be coming back together.

**Village Attorney**

**Treasurer** No Report

**MAYORS REPORT** Village Administrator Seehausen has circulated a list of streets that we plan on paving this year. These are streets that we know we are going to do. We are still waiting for funds to be released from the State of Illinois with respect to the rebuild program. So if we can get those funds released in time, we will add to the list. Any questions can be directed to Dave Toepper or Mayor Peterson. Keep in mind that streets that have drainage issues to be addressed, will not be paved until those repairs are made.

**VILLAGE CLERK** No Report.

### **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

**Trustee Trotier** Just want to report that Ernie Lopez and I attended the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association Gala. We made some good connections. Anthony DeLuca was one of the award recipients. We networked on behalf of Steger. I would like to welcome our School Board member Nick Hutchinson. Thanks for attending our meeting. I was able to attend and record parts of this year's Torch Run and our Steger Police Department participants. We had a nice crowd in Steger cheering them on. Thank you again to all the businesses that contributed to the Steger Raffle Basket for the SSMMA. Participants included: Austin Community Tavern, Smoke Up BBQ, Party Liquors, Bambino's, Scrementi's, Brown Onion, James Herr Automotive, Melissa Mobley and Sheila Thurmond. August 2<sup>nd</sup> is National Night Out for the Police Department. August 20<sup>th</sup> is our Steger Music Fest. We are still accepting Vendor applications. Lastly, following up on if we have flags to put out in the community. Dave Toepper stated that we have flags, but because of road construction they have not been put out.

**Trustee Lopez** Trustee Trotier and I did attend the South Suburban Mayors and Managers great event. It was well attended. We stressed the challenges we face in Steger. Hopefully we can reap benefits of our networking through events like this. Talked to Commissioner Miller, she is an advocate for the Village of Steger. I appreciate Trustee Trotier getting the basket put together for the raffle. Thanks to all who participated.

**Trustee Thurmond** The softball game for charity will take place in coordination with the Music Fest. An official flyer will be available soon with times and expectations. There will be a \$25 entry fee and proceeds will go to Alicia's House. I would like to thank School District 194 for inviting us to their graduation. We had several Village Board members in attendance. Spoke extensively with Nick Hutchinson, he is looking forward to working with the Village. I have spoken with Desiderio Landscaping regarding addressing the new "Welcome" signs in town. We have set August 21<sup>st</sup> to do the work on this project to landscape around the new signs. Then, in response to social media, asked Dave Toepper if the sink hole in the street by Raspberry's has been addressed. Dave Toepper indicated that it along with many other water main repairs are on the list with contractors to do final repairs. Some of these repairs have been slowed due to the strike, asphalt availability is limited. Trustee Thurmond then questioned if the flushing valves have been put back in service. Dave Toepper stated that they will be installed as soon as hydrant flushing has completed.

**Trustee Joyce** No Report.

**Trustee Perchinski** No Report.

**Trustee Kozy** Softball has had another player receive a scholarship. 18U softball won the state championship. 10U team came in second in the state. Football has camp July 11-28 three days a week with season starting on August 1<sup>st</sup>. No reports on Volleyball or Basketball.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the bills listed when funds are available. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Clerk Zagone read a thank you note to the Village of Steger in regard to the Annual Communities for Christ Prayer Fest held recently on the Boulevard. All efforts by the Village to help make this event happen are greatly appreciated.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1279: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS.

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

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1166: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AN INDUCEMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND POST 8283 STEGER HONOR 11 POST (STEGER VFW POST 8283) IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mayor Peterson explained that this is in regard to TIF funds within our community. This inducement would be used for badly needed repairs the Steger VFW. The new Commander of the Steger VFW, Mike Crepps introduced himself and presented plans for making improvements to the facility and hopes for working closely with the Village on this and many other projects.

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

Following Discussion:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the purchase of the lots at 3300 Lewis Avenue. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez reminded residents that Village Vehicle Stickers are on sale now, Trustee Joyce added that the fee for these stickers doubles on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Trotier reminded residents of the residential decorating contest for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday is going on and applications are available at Village Hall.

All were reminded that our next Village Board Meeting will be on Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> due the holiday on Monday.

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Being no further business:

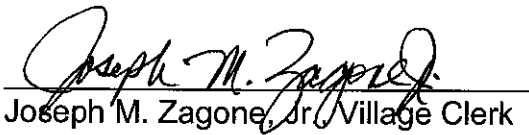
Trustee Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Village Clerk