

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 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; Lopez, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Trustee Thurmond was present via ZOOM. Mayor Peterson was present. Trustee Stewart was absent.

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 Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** In discussion with Mayor Peterson, the Village has received approval for our liability insurance. The information has been emailed to Trustee Perchinski to review. The premium has gone down. The policy is set to expire on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Peterson asked to get approval to negotiate the new policy before it expires and to ratify at our next meeting.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to negotiate the new insurance liability policy to be ratified at our next board meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**Fire Chief Michael Long** We are ready to go for the parade on Saturday and reminder for everyone to come out on Sunday Morning for Pancake Breakfast. Mayor Peterson

confirmed that the Santa Claus parade and food collection would begin at 9 am starting on the West side of town moving East. The pancake breakfast is scheduled to run from 7 am until Noon.

**Police Chief Greg Smith** Announced that the Steger Police Department received a Unit Citation Award from the South Suburban Association Chiefs of Police for their efforts in investigating and making an arrest of a 27-year-old man involved in the abduction of a 13-year-old female on April 6, 2022.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** We are ready for the parade also. Last Friday I picked up the new squad car from the Village of Monee. We will begin preparing it for service.

**Community Center Director Diana Rossi** December 9<sup>th</sup> we are having our annual Senior Luncheon. It will begin at noon and run until about 3 pm. Board members are welcome to attend. Also, we have had about 640 people through the Community Center the past two weeks.

**Village Attorney** No report.

**Treasurer** No report.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

**VILLAGE CLERK** Village Hall will be closed November 24 and November 25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

**Trustee Joyce** I would like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. See you on Saturday.

**Trustee Trotier** Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. I attended the Sauk Village presentation for the bike path. It was an open house highlighting the different options for the planned path. Crossing Rt. 394 looks like it could be a challenge. It reminds us to give thought to find options for bike paths in Steger. Any sponsors or grants towards this would be great. EMA Chief Johnson recommended reaching out to Will County Forest Preserve that is working on similar projects.

**Trustee Lopez** I would like to wish everyone a blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

**Trustee Thurmond** I would like to wish Mayor Peterson, the board and all a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Trustee Stewart** No report.

**Trustee Perchinski** Thank you to Dave and Roy for picking up food and helping coordinate the collection of food. We have Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street this Saturday with the tree lighting at 6 pm. Food Baskets will be going out on December 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at about 10 am. Alicia's House is also doing Shop with a Cop on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This will also involve members of our Fire Department and EMA. Alicia's House will be at Bloom Township Garage giving out presents to about 800 kids. Sponsors for this event are welcomed. Happy Thanksgiving everybody!

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was extensive discussion regarding the contract for collecting fines and citations that was turned down at our last meeting. The revised proposal showed an increase for the first year with the following years the same as the first proposal. It was discussed seeking other options. The costs could be more, there would be need for new software, training in the new software, and potential loss of history with a company that has served the Village well in the past. Trustee Thurmond confirmed that the price we pay is based on the size of our community and is standard for all municipalities the size of Steger. Former Steger Police Chief Pat Rossi expressed benefits of keeping this system to the Village's benefit. The program used is better in some areas than that used by the State of Illinois which helps the Village to have better information. In addition, local rep has helped with software issues when they occurred which you might not find with another company. Trustee Lopez thanked Mr. Rossi for his insight.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the MSI Amendment #1 asking the Village Administrator request MSI to revert to original proposal regarding the first year. Trustee

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

After discussion with an Oak Ridge representative, the address confusion was explained that this ordinance is in reference to 3045 Holman Ave. (Louis Sherman Drive)

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1284: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND CONSENTING TO AN APPLICATION BY OAK RIDGE DEVELOPMENT, LLC FOR A CLASS 8 DESIGNATION PURSUANT TO THE COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion.

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

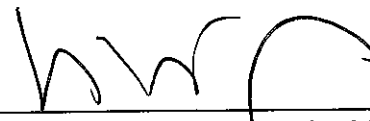
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a new business license for Rong Jia Wu of Wu & Law Yong Fa, Inc. DBA China Garden Chinese Restaurant at 8 E 33<sup>rd</sup> PI, Plaza 4A. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

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

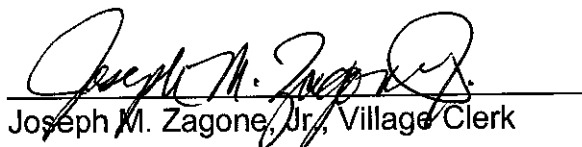
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk