

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 22nd day of February, 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: Police Chief Greg Smith, Deputy Fire Chief James Baine, EMA Chief Tom Johnston and Community Center Director Diana Rossi. Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen and Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper were absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Peterson offered condolences to Deputy Fire Chief James Baine and his family on the passing of his father. Mayor Peterson also offered condolences to the family of Debra Page, District 194 School Board member and active resident, on her sudden passing.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18th Regular Meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen Mayor Peterson read the report from Administrator Seehausen: The Citgo gas station has pulled the necessary permits to begin replacement of fuel storage tanks. The plan is to close the first part of March, and plan to be closed for a couple of months during construction. Contactors are in place and the project should begin to move forward. The tentative budget will be available for viewing in the Clerk's office beginning this Thursday. Administrator Seehausen also asked all to save the dates for the following events: April 23 is Community Clean-Up Day, August 20th for Steger Days and October 16th for Oktoberfest. Fundraising and

vendor applications will be sent out starting the first couple of weeks in March. All info will be distributed through the Southland Chamber of Commerce.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Trustee Joyce stated that there have been quite a few water-main breaks that have been repaired over the past three weeks. Trustee Thurmond added that now that budget discussions are complete, there will be some discussion on some projects.

Deputy Fire Chief James Baine Stated that so far this year, there have been 390 calls. We currently have three members going to EMT school and Fire Academy, and we have one going to Paramedic School. We have 1 current applicant. On a personal note, I would like to thank the Village and the Police Department for flowers and condolences for my dad's funeral. It is greatly appreciated.

Police Chief Greg Smith Referred to his monthly report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston Thank you to Administrator Seehausen for helping keep us in Hazard Mitigation Plan, I have recently sent her the grant opportunities for 2022 for the Mitigation Plan. Also helping out the Police Department whenever needed.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No Report.

Village Attorney

Treasurer Trustee Lopez thanked all Trustees and Department Heads for taking the time needed to meet and work out the details of the new budget.

MAYORS REPORT I have nothing further to report other than to say I know there has been a lot of Police activity, look at their press releases to update the public. Very proud of our department and what they have doing in that regard.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond I would also like to offer condolences to the Page and Baine families. I would like to let you know that we continue to work on rewording the light ordinance. I have suggested a straight forward amendment to the current ordinance that would give clear numbers on wattage for lights. It will be short, to the point and give business owners flexibility. A reminder that we need to continue the work on our Village Sticker program and what we are going to do. Finally, is there any further information on the K-Mart project?

Mayor Peterson stated that there was a conversation today with the developer. They are in the final stages of working out their financing options. They are planning on moving forward.

Trustee Trotier Reported that she participated in a zoom meeting with a Land Bank which helped her to understand exactly what they do and I hope to be able to participate further and help the Village anyway I can. Mayor Peterson stated he would write the letter to get her added to that board. Today I joined in on the Will County Center for Economic Development meeting in Frankfort. Made good contacts and saw opportunities I hope to bring to the Village. Also, I am in the early stages of bringing a blood drive to the Village of Steger, I will keep you updated. Finally, Kerr-Parzygnot Funeral Home donated bingo cards to the Village. A reminder also to reach out to me or Trustee Lopez to help out with Community Clean-Up Day on April 23rd. There will be further information on the website soon.

Trustee Joyce No Report.

Trustee Lopez I would like to give my condolences to the Baine Family as well as to the Page family.

Trustee Perchinski Sorry to hear about Jimmy Baine's dad, condolences and prayers to the Baine family and the Page family. As for the stickers, I would like to ask the staff to get together a list of all registered vehicles in the town, so we can make an informed decision on which direction we are going to go with that. Mayor Peterson mentioned K-Mart, there has been some issues with the illegal mandates with our governor regarding masks and the banks, so they are still working through that. The developer is very interested in continuing the project. Just have to get through the financing issues. Will be meeting with Robinson Engineering in the next couple weeks about the bike path and getting grants for Halsted Blvd for improved grading and lighting on the Boulevard.

Trustee Kozy Softball practices have begun and are ongoing indoors. Football is beginning sign ups; Cheerleading is looking for a coordinator. Sign-up fees are \$150 for football and \$175 for Cheerleading. Volleyball games have started. Community center needs a copy machine. It is not in the budget this year, but Village Hall Copiers are available to sports programs.

BILLS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to ratify the paying of bills dated February 11, 2022. Trustee Lopez 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 the bills listed when funds are available. Trustee Lopez 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

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a Proposal for Professional Engineering Services for Lead Service Line Replacements between the Village and Robinson Engineering, Ltd. Dated January 13, 2022. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Trustee Thurmond questioned Robinson Engineering representative Tom Nagle if he has reference work from other communities they have helped and an estimate on time frame. Mr. Nagle stated that all projects rely on the EPA funding cycle which occurs in March. Therefore, Steger's timeline would be to complete the project plan in the fall so as to be early to the EPA for March consideration. It is too late to get done this year, so we are looking at consideration in March of 2023. Steger qualifies on all three categories for high consideration of funds in this project. The project plan takes 3 to 9 months. Because of the large number of lead service lines to be replaced in the state, the earlier we apply, the better chance we have of getting funds. Mr. Nagle explained also, how lead service lines are determined by when a house is built and on known information provided by Public Works. This keeps additional expenses in finding lead pipes to a minimum.

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 move the March 21, 2022 Village Board Meeting to March 23, 2022. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

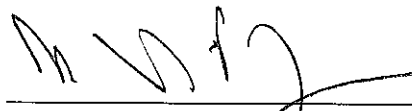
Trustee Joyce made a motion to set a Public Hearing regarding Annual Appropriations Ordinance for Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2022 to be held March 23, 2022 at 6:45

pm in the Steger Village Hall. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

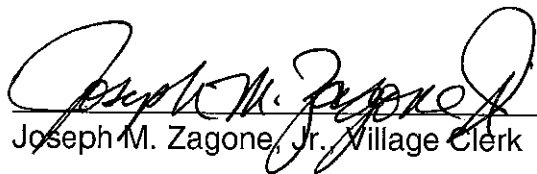
Being no further business:

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.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk