

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 3rd 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, Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present. Trustee Thurmond was absent.

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 was present via ZOOM. Community Center Director Diana Rossi was absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to amend the agenda to read approval of the minutes of the December 20th Regular Meeting. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 20th Regular Meeting as written. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Resident Mike Schumake thanked Steger First Responders for their quick response to a medical issue with his neighbor. He also thanked Dave Toepper and Tim Glass for addressing issues in his neighborhood.

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen Reported that the preliminary 2022 Budget should be ready on Thursday and then schedule meetings with all departments to complete the process. The Village Tax Levies were filed on time, and the owners of the Citgo gas station are seeking a new General Contractor. They will meet with the Village as soon as one is secured.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No Report.

Deputy Fire Chief James Baines Reported 1,841 calls, the highest we have ever had. 336 were fire related, 1,458 were EMS/Ambulance calls.

Police Chief Greg Smith No Report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No Report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No Report. Trustee Kozy reported that Volleyball sign-ups have ended. There will be two Pee-Wee teams, three J-V teams and 3 Varsity teams. Director Zeman is setting up the coaching. There is no news on Basketball at this time.

Village Attorney

Treasurer No report.

MAYORS REPORT Now that I understand about the agenda, I only reposted the second page, so the first page that was posted had the correct date on the minutes approval.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond No Report.

Trustee Trotier I look forward to opening the time capsule in 25 years. The ceremony to bury the capsule went very well. I am glad I was able to be part of that.

Trustee Joyce No Report.

Trustee Lopez No Report

Trustee Perchinski I met with Robinson Engineering about getting grants for the Boulevard to crown the land, install a walking path and new lighting. Also discussed with them about connecting the bicycle path from Crete to the Cook County path on Western Ave. Trustee Trotier asked to be kept posted on the Boulevard proposal as she may have access to other grants to help with that project.

Trustee Kozy No Report.

BILLS

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski discussed further discussions between Mayor Peterson, Robinson Engineering and himself regarding upcoming grants for replacing lead water service lines from homes to the street in the Village. Robinson would be paid to study the project and apply for the grants. The cost to the Village would be refunded through grant funds received. Mayor Peterson stated that these are limited funds, so the sooner we apply the better chance we have for getting in on this grant.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to enter into an agreement with Robinson Engineering to produce a draft for seeking grant funds to replace lead water pipes in the Village of Steger, Illinois. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Trustee Trotier asked if Robinson is the only firm doing this. Trustee Perchinski stated that he thinks this is the most qualified company to do this. This firm is getting the most money in this area for this type of grant. Mayor Peterson further stated that he sought other firms including our engineering firm, many including ours do not do this type of work. Following further discussion:

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Village Board Meeting Dates for 2022. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

At 7:22 pm:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted aye; Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

At 8:22 pm:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to reconvene in Regular Session. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. The following Trustees voted aye; Lopez, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1266: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING WAGE INCREASES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS AS DISCUSSED WITH THE ATTACHED SHEET WITH CHANGES. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Lopez, Kozy, Trotier and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Perchinski voted no. Motion carried

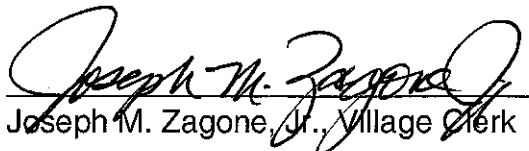
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk