

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 6th 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; Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present. Trustee Thurmond was present via ZOOM. Trustee Lopez was absent.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of May 16th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

David Galbreath of 22754 Miller Rd approached the board regarding pavement issues where his driveway meets the street. Many problems being created by these issues. Dave Toepper is going to review the issue and see what can be done.

Cheryl Biesboer of 22961 Shagbark Ln presented issues regarding the drainage ditch that is not draining and washes out the gravel on her driveway. Dave Toepper is going to review the issue and seek a solution.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No Report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No Report.

Deputy Fire Chief James Baine Reported that repairs on the roof and gutters on the fire station are to begin next week.

Police Chief Greg Smith Referred to his weekly report and reminds residents that the Police Department will be participating in the National Night Out on August 2nd from 6 to 8 pm at the Community Center. Trustee Trotier asked about the Torch Run. Chief Smith reported that Sgt. Batista is working on updates in regards to the Torch Run.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston Memorial Day and Columbia Central Graduation both went well. Kings Road will be closed south of Norfolk starting June 14th. We do not know how long it will be closed. There is still no updates on the start of the Rt. 1 project south of the viaduct. Trustee Perchinski asked if there was word on the 150 Operators strike. Trustee Joyce stated that they went out on strike. This could extend timelines on street repairs.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No Report.

Village Attorney

Treasurer No Report

MAYORS REPORT No Report.

VILLAGE CLERK Read a note of thanks from the family of Travis Baine for assistance and expressions of sympathy during their time of loss.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Trotier We provided a very nice raffle basket to the SSMMA event. Several local businesses donated gift certificates. Thanks to the Mobly Family for making the nice basket and wreath. Sheila Thurmond donated a table runner. Community Day of Prayer was held on June 4th. There was a nice gathering of people on the Boulevard. Village Administrator Seehausen and I have discussed a property and whether it should go to the land bank or Economic Development Committee. Thank you to Public Works for following up on Hidden Gem vanity removal. Still waiting for furniture to be removed from 32nd and Emerald. Next, I am wondering if Knight Engineering can look into feasibility of including a Nature Center when recommending improvements to the drainage issues at Critter Park. Save the dates: August 2nd for National Night Out, August 20th is our upcoming Music Fest for Steger, October 16th is Octoberfest Chile Cook Off, October 31 is Halloween and November 26th food collection and Tree Lighting Ceremony. I will work to help get these dates on social media.

Trustee Lopez No Report.

Trustee Thurmond No Report.

Trustee Joyce No Report.

Trustee Perchinski Working with South Suburban Mayors and Managers to try and get the development of the old K-Mart building moving. The developer is anxious to get started.

Trustee Kozy Softball programs are up and running. Another girl in the program has received a full college scholarship. Football program will be running camp July 11-28. The season starts August 1st. We are currently seeking a new athletic director as current director is going into the Navy. There are two spring/summer boys basketball teams and two girls teams. Thanks to all the coaches who have volunteered their time. They are looking to have a soccer camp this summer.

BILLS

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve the bills listed when funds are available. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called.

The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk Zagone highlighted a letter from Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District explaining increases to current sewer rates being charged. A copy of the letter is available upon request. These new rates go into effect on July 1, 2022.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Eric Loureiro, owner of 7-Eleven presented plans to add a private video gaming room to his existing store.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to upgrade the Liquor License held by 7-Eleven store owner Eric Loureiro to include a pour license. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion.

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The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Kozy, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski.
Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson pointed out that the Ordinance regarding this new license will be on the next Village Board Meeting Agenda.

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 7:21 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk