

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 September, 2022 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger and via Teleconference that was made available to all residents. Trustee Lopez led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The roll was called. The following Trustees were present; Thurmond, Lopez, Trotier and Joyce. Trustee Perchinski was present via zoom. Mayor Peterson and Trustee Kozy were absent.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to name Trustee Lopez Chairman Pro-tem. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Also present: Police Chief Greg Smith, Fire Chief Michael Long, 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

None.

MINUTES

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve the minutes of August 15th meeting as amended, as all members have copies. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kevin Hasemeyer came before the board regarding his application for a block party and request for picnic tables. The request had not been put before the board as of yet. There was some confusion on the date of the request. Clerk Zagone was going to have office staff investigate on Wednesday and get back to Mr. Hasemeyer.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to tentatively approve a request from Kevin Hasemeyer to conduct his block party so long as all Department Heads sign off on the request, to be ratified at the next board meeting. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Fire Chief Michael Long No report.

Police Chief Greg Smith reminded everyone that there will be a ceremony honoring those who died on 9/11. The event, sponsored by the Steger Police and Fire Departments, will take place at the Veteran's Memorial on the Boulevard on Sunday September 11, 2022 at Noon.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi Last week we had about 800 people through the Community Center last week.

Village Attorney

Treasurer No Report, but will review the recent financial reports at the next meeting when all are present.

MAYORS REPORT No Report.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Trotier I believe we had a great day for Steger Day of Music on August 20th despite the rain. We are not surprised because we had rain, we deal with it. There were conflicting events in neighboring towns that may have affected our attendance, the numbers would have been increased, but we could not help that. Thank you, Steve Thurmond, and all who assisted in the softball games. Trustee Thurmond mentioned all proceeds go to Alicia's House. Alicia's house generously supports the Village of Steger Holiday Food Baskets. Thanks to all the food vendors who participated. If anyone has a vendor who would like to participate in the future, please contact our Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen. Bingo was well attended. Glad to see our residents out there especially Mr. Armellino. The bands and the DJ were very entertaining as well as the children's events with the Bouncy Houses and Rock Climbing. Our next event is October 16th, keep note that Oktoberfest will be moving to Veteran's Park. Parking will be more easily accessible for all. One remark in regard to parking is the dropping off and picking up of people especially handicapped. Trustee Trotier will discuss further options with EMA Chief Johnston. EMA Chief Johnston explained that he would not recommend

opening 36th Street during such events, but has his crew available at the barricades providing access to those who need handicap drop-off. It was recommended by Trustee Lopez that these concerns be presented to the committee's planning these events to make such arrangements. Trustee Perchinski agreed that it should be discussed by event planners. Trustee Trotier further recommended more signage for directing visitor's to our events at Steger Road and Union Avenue entry points. Again, Event Planners can consider these suggestions. Additionally, I am tag teaming with Village Administrator Seehausen researching grants, if anyone is looking for anything in particular, let us know, there may be funds we can pursue.

Trustee Lopez No report.

Trustee Thurmond I want to thank everyone for coming out for Steger Day of Music. It was a mild success. The Charity Softball Game was beneficial to Alicia's House, outside a mishap. All in all, it was a good event for everybody. The stonework around the welcome signs is delayed. I got some direction from the scouts in doing their community service projects and we will meet at a later date to iron that out. Desiderio has been more than accommodating in the delays.

Trustee Joyce Reported that our Garbage Pick-up is delayed one day this week due to the Labor Day Holiday. In August there were 6 water main breaks. Five were fixed in house and one was fixed by a contractor. Shortly, the summer season is ending and winter prep is going to be starting for Public Works. Usually this needs to be done before the end of October.

Trustee Perchinski Reminded all that the 19th Annual Alicia's House Celebrity Golf Outing, Auction and Dinner will be this Saturday the 10th. Golf starts at Noon and includes dinner for \$100. Dinner starts at 5 and is \$45 if you are not golfing.

Trustee Kozy No Report.

BILLS

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

Discussion:

Trustee Perchinski questioned some amounts that he believed had to do with Steger Day of Music. The amounts in question will be verified with Village Administrator Seehausen when she returns.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

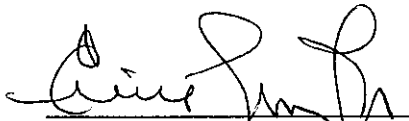
NEW BUSINESS:

None


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 7:20 pm.



Ernie Lopez, Jr. Chairman Pro-tem



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk

*Deputy Village
Clerk*