

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 17th day of October, 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; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier and Joyce. Mayor Peterson was present. Trustee Perchinski was present via ZOOM.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Police Chief Greg Smith presented a Certificate of Recognition to Officer Mario Valezquez for his efforts regarding a local homeless person. Through the efforts of Officer Valezquez, the homeless person was relocated to be with family in Springfield, Illinois.

MINUTES

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 3rd meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen Reminded everyone of the agreement with Commonwealth Edison on the streetlight modernization pilot program that will officially start on November 1st. A grant through ComEd has eliminated almost all costs to the Village as originally planned. Fireman's Park work has been completed with WIFI controls still to be finished. Work is beginning on new lights at Veteran's Park. The entire cost to the Village for the parks is \$6,000. The total cost of the program was over \$200,000.

We have begun the process on our iCloud Permit. We have negotiated a \$6,600 decrease in price for the program over 5 years.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper We are continuing to try and get our hydrants flushed in between main breaks. We are about half-way through town, so hopefully in the next two weeks or so we can get it completed.

Fire Chief Michael Long Trustee Perchinski reported that Steger Fire Department Breast Cancer T-shirts are available for \$20 in Village Hall or by contacting the Fire Department. There will be a Pancake Breakfast the Sunday after Thanksgiving.

Police Chief Greg Smith No report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi Just a reminder that the Kids Halloween Party is Friday night from 6-8 pm. We have had a total of 865 people who enjoyed the Community Center over the past two weeks.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer Trustee Lopez reported that as we continue to evaluate our financial stability here in the Village of Steger in regards to banking, interest rates continue to go up so we are doing comparison and finding that our best interest is to stay as we are. We will continue to monitor this.

MAYORS REPORT Thank you to everyone who helped make Octoberfest a great success, I thought it went really well. We had a lot of people in attendance. It was a great event and thank you again for everyone who participated. I also want to remind everyone of the contest between the Police and Fire Departments taking place at Bambino's. We are bringing samples of the two pizzas after the meeting tonight.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Joyce Just continuing to research. Public Works is still working on getting ready for winter in the midst of all the water main breaks.

Trustee Trotier Just a reminder to all small business owners: please review the Source Grant to see if you qualify for the \$10,000 grant Cook County is offering. Please review all the requirements for that. I have asked for this information to be placed on our website. The deadline is October 31st.

As Mayor Peterson mentioned, this weekend was Octoberfest sponsored by the Village and the Steger Kiwanis Club. The Chile Cook-off: First Place Winner was Shirley Rowley, we had nine contestants. The tent was full and the complete list of winners will

be updated later on the Village Website. Want to send a shout out to Bloom Township for donating 30 bags to the kids with Halloween Safety materials. A special shout out to our Football program for stepping up and cooking funnel cakes and fried Oreos. Thank you for all who participated and stopped by. Our next event is the Halloween Decorating Contest. Alice Peterson is chairperson and the judging will take place on Wednesday October 26th. It looks like there is great competition out there, thank you to Alice Peterson for leading this event. Please visit our Village Website for more details.

Trustee Lopez I want to remind everyone that street sweeping will be happening before the end of the month. Trying to save the last one for after most of the leaves are down. Please watch for posting of the dates so you can avoid parking on the streets those days.

Trustee Thurmond I want to thank everyone who came to pay their respects to the Thurmond Family on the passing of Luanne. The family felt the heartfelt wishes of all.

Trustee Stewart Quick update: Football will start the playoffs this weekend, two weekends of first and second round games, and then the Village of Steger will host the Superbowl at Veteran's Park on November 5th. Basketball and Volleyball sign-ups are ongoing at Steger Community Center.

Trustee Perchinski I want to thank all the Department Heads for their participation in the Octoberfest. It was great to see everyone out there and special thanks to Dave Toepper for all his hard work and of course Mary Jo Seehausen for their hard work on the event. From Kiwanis, I want to thank all the participants including Trustee Trotier, Trustee Thurmond and Mayor Peterson and his wife Alice for making Chile. It was a great turn out and I think everybody had a good time. Mayor Peterson thanked Trustee Perchinski for his participation also.

Before the paying of the bills, Mayor Peterson wanted to explain a bill from the previous meeting that was questioned. We had an engineering bill that was questioned. I looked into it with respect to that invoice and that was for MFT services that were provided to the Village. This board approved that fee when they approved the MFT because by law, the engineer gets a percentage, so that is why there was no detail. By law, their fee is already set. Again, if you have questions and you talk to the department head beforehand, details can be explained so we don't have any confusion or issues at the board meeting.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve low bidder Iroquois Paving for the 2022 MFT Road Project. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Trustee Thurmond asked if there were any roads pulled out of the original list of streets to be done. Administrator Seehausen stated that none have been removed. Trustee Thurmond asked if this is what their bid is, Administrator Seehausen responded that is correct.

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the new business license application for Emily Moharam of Poisoned Apple Smokes LLC at 3412 Chicago Road. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table the new business license application for Truth Hookah & Cigars at 3345 Chicago Road. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:20 pm

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(1)

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

At 7:49 pm

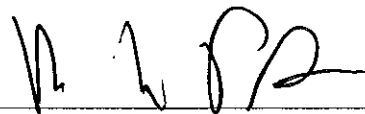
Trustee Joyce made a motion to reconvene Open Board Meeting.

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

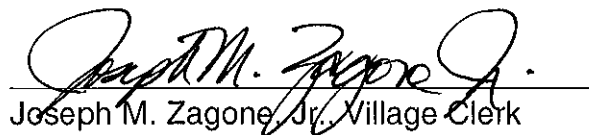
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk