

**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 20th day of November 2023 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger, Illinois. 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, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 6th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes except for Trustees Lopez and Thurmond who abstained because they was absent. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Daniel Perez, owner of Boz Hot Dogs at 3314 Louis Sherman Drive came before the board to explain that Code Enforcement has informed him that flags on his building need to be taken down and he wants to know why. Dave Toepper explained that all businesses with flags that are not up to the Village Sign Code have been asked to take them down. Mr. Perez has asked for a copy of the ordinance so he can more fully understand the rules. Mr. Perez stated he did not understand why after being up for three years, he is now being asked to take them down. Mayor Peterson explained that we have a new Ordinance Officer who is going over issues that his predecessor may have missed. Dave Toepper is going to get a copy of the ordinance for Mr. Perez. Mayor Peterson asked Dave Toepper if there is a way they can get the flags approved. Dave Toepper explained: according to the sign ordinance, the flags are considered a temporary sign which allows them two weeks to have them out. They need to come down after two weeks. Mayor Peterson is going to discuss the issue with the Ordinance Officer and see if there is a solution.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen We have finished most of the paving including the alleyways. I spoke with Trustee Joyce and we have some clean-up to do around some of the alleyways that were done most specifically behind the Post Office, so we will look at that tomorrow and get that done. Our second board meeting of December, we are going to be moving our Village Meeting from Village Hall to the Community Center on December 18 for the dedication.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper We finished flushing fire hydrants last week. The street sweepers are out starting today and tomorrow. They will continue until done.

Chief Michael Long For the Month of October we have answered a total of 177 calls for service. 156 medical and 21 fire, and 46 mutual aid. We picked the winners of our coloring contest: The three winners all received a ride to school in the Fire Truck. The floor project is complete just in time for the Breakfast with Santa Pancake Breakfast this coming Sunday, the 6th of November from 7 am to noon right here in the Firehouse. Tickets are available at the door, \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors and children age 6-12. Under 6 is free. Finally we are ready for the food drive and the Santa Parade this weekend.

Police Chief Greg Smith I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Expecting a lot of vehicles on the road. If you are heading down the road, allow yourself enough time. Besides my report which is on file: getting close to the end of the year, we are actually down 6% for yearly calls for service. As far as calls, we are down 7% for major crimes.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston Santa Parade is Saturday, we will start on the West side and work our way East. We will stop for lunch when we reach Chicago Rd. then continue.

Village Attorney No report. Have a very nice and safe Thanksgiving.

Treasurer No Report. I should have something for the next meeting. I just want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a blessed day. Also, I want to send out my condolences to the Ed Meyers Family. Ed was a long-time employee here and a Trustee for Sauk Village.

MAYORS REPORT We will have the tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, and the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday. If you are donating food for our food baskets, please

place it at the curb on Saturday and we will collect these donations during the Santa Parade.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

No reports.

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay all bills as listed when funds become available. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1304: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Stewart made a motion to approve the awarding of the Water Tower Recoating Project to the low bidder: ERA VALDIVIA CONTRACTORS as recommended by our engineers VEENSTRA & KIMM. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Thurmond asked if we have gotten any confirmation of what the Village responsibility will regarding ComEd? Village Administrator Seehausen stated that at the last board meeting, we discussed this. Right now, ComEd has the ability to switch it off. We will be budgeting for this project for next year is a total of \$750,000.00 in case there are some incidentals with ComEd that we need to address. But as it stands right now, they have the capacity to switch it off and we will be going off generator which is also built in to that \$750,000.00 that we will be allocating for this project. Everyone expressed comfort with the numbers presented. Trustee Thurmond also commented that he had researched other work done by this company and found their work impeccable.

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 approve the 2023-2024 Annual Liability/Workers Compensation Insurance Premium of \$512,052.00 with ICMT. (with a request that ICMT get the premium quote to us 45 days in advance of renewal for the board to review) 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.

Owners of Party Liquors at 20 E. 34th St. came before the board with plans that they have for remodeling their store to include a gaming room. All board members had opportunity to see the plans as they expect to change the store.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve a request from Jigar S. Patel for a Beer and Wine Pour License for Party Liquors located at 20 E. 34th St.

Discussion: Trustee Perchinski asked if they are familiar with the gaming room requirements to have adequate food sales to allow for gaming according to our ordinance. Mr. Patel stated that they plan to serve food also in the store.

Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Thurmond voted no. Motion carried.

Following brief discussion:

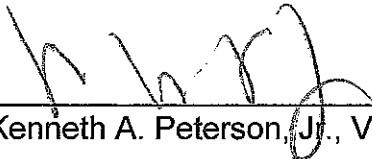
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the 2024 Village Board Meeting Dates. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Peterson stated that before we adjourn, I was given this flyer: There is going to be a fundraiser for the Dreixler Family. They have been a very important family here in Steger. It is going to be on January 13, 2024, from 3-9 pm at Columbia Central School. The meal will be a donation of \$10.00 per person, 3 and under are free. There is information for baskets and donations. Flyers were passed around.

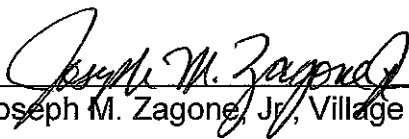
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Alice Peterson announced the winners of the Halloween Decorating Contest for 2023:

1st Place: 3220 Peoria St.

2nd Place: 345 Durham Dr.

3rd Place: 3646 Halsted Blvd.

This year was the biggest turnout we've had with 12 entries. Watch for details for the upcoming Christmas Decorating Contest.

MINUTES

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 16th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; all eyes except for Trustee Perchinski who abstained because he was absent. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen I first want to address a couple of things in the agenda that need to be edited. The business license application that reads 3200 Steger Road, should read 3200 Chicago Road for the muffler shop. In our ordinance for 3620 Green Street, we listed the same pin number twice. It should reflect 036 and 037, so I have made that adjustment as well. In our redevelopment agreement for 3601

Chicago Rd, in the recitals it listed us as a Home Rule Community, we are not, so I have adjusted that to non-Home Rule. The exhibit G listed in a different village, so I adjusted that to be Steger, Illinois. The tax levy, I included the wrong day to be signed on the 5th and have adjusted to read November 6, 2023. I apologize for that.

Thanksgiving this year, we will be closed Thursday and Friday November 23 and 24 for the Village Hall. All of you received your invitation to our Holiday Party to be held on December 15th. I want to let everyone know that we will be changing our Village Hall hours to reflect 8 am to 4:30 pm. I started to do a count a couple months ago when the bank notified us of their hour changes. Obviously, all of the other non EMS services are closed at 4:30 as well. We had few people coming in between 4:30 and 5 daily, but at any given time I would have more than 2 or 3 people waiting in the lobby for 8:30. We will continue to have online payments available as well as the 24 hour drop box in the lobby. This will become effective the first Monday of December. It will be posted online and listed on the water bills as well as on the marquee.

I want to mention that we had the water tower bid opening. I want you to know that we will come before the board for approval of the low bidder. It did come in at \$600,000 for the actual water tower. That will not be the final number because we may have some incidentals, but the actual water tower bid came in at \$600,800. We are waiting to hear what ComEd's involvement will entail, so we are leaning to the high side at \$750,000 but we don't know if we will be spending or not with ComEd.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Chief Michael Long No report.

Police Greg Smith No report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston Read his letter of resignation to be effective January 1, 2024. The letter is attached as part of the official record.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the letter of resignation read by EMA Chief Tom Johnston. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No Report.

MAYORS REPORT No report.

VILLAGE CLERK I have a personal note, I want to put on the record to give my personal thanks and congratulations to Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen who celebrated 30 years of service to the Village of Steger on October 31st.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Trotier:

Village of Steger Athletics Kudos to the coaching staff for helping to create a fighting force out of these Steger dragons. The Village of Steger athletics girls AAU Basketball Steger Dragons took home the victory in the Romeoville tournaments last week.

Volleyball Registration is underway through Dec. 16th. Contact Steve or Christina Zeman at 708.754.5456 or the Louis Sherman Community Center.

Thank you to all the volunteers, sponsors, and participants who support the Village of Steger Athletics. We appreciate you!

Nov 9th – The regular SSMMA meeting has been revised for members to participate in the South Cook Region Municipal Leadership Symposium on Housing & Economic Development sponsored by SSMMA & MORE's (Mainstreet Organization of Realtors – Government Affairs South Committee). The event will take place at Idlewild Country Club in Flossmoor, IL 9 am – 12 pm. The deadline to register was Nov. 1st. However, reach out to Kim McCoy at 630.324.8462 or via email Kim@SucceedWithMORE.com for potential seating. The symposium will feature Andrew Howard from Team Better Block who will facilitate discussion on ways communities can "Build a Better Block." I look forward to attending the event.

As a reminder, Steger's fall and winter events are just around the corner. The time to "Build a Better Block" is now as evidenced recently at the Halloween Bonfire. Thank you to all our organizations and volunteers. SAVE THE DATE for the following events.

Support the Sign Concert is Sat., Nov. 4th. The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library. The event will feature a live band "Great Moments in Vinyl," along with a delicious bake sale. Tickets are still available for \$25. If you wish to purchase a ticket or in becoming a sponsor, please stop by the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library or call 708.755.5040. The Friends of the Library is raising money for a marquee sign.

Veterans Day is Sat., Nov. 11th – The Southland Voice & yours truly is hosting an event to share our appreciation for our service men & women. The entrance fee for veterans is free. The entrance fee for all attendees is \$5. The event will feature the acoustic sounds of the Southland and NWI favorite musicians and local dance artists. Dessert will be served and baked goods are also available for sale. Please reference Facebook and/or the Southland Voice for additional details. The location is Steger's VFW located at 3332 Chicago Rd.

REMINDER

Santa Parade & Food Collection along with Miracle on 34th St. is scheduled for Fri., Nov. 24. Please share your unperishable food items that morning by the curb for easy pick up. The tree lighting will take place later in the evening. Visit the Village of Steger Official

website for more information.

As always, please be sure to share the information with those who are not on social media.

Thank you.

Mayor Peterson added: Along with Miracle on 34th Street, we have the Santa Parade when we will be collecting nonperishable food. Any donations that you would like to make to our food baskets, you can leave them at the curb and collect them during the Santa Parade on November 26th.

Steve Thurmond: All received copies. In his absence, his report will be added to the record.

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay all bills as listed when funds become available. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Stewart, Trotier and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1301: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM (MABAS MASTER AGREEMENT 2022)

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1302: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE STANDARDS REGULATING LOT SIZE, YARD AREA, LOT COVERAGE AND DWELLING STANDARDS TO ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BUILDING AT 3620 GREEN STREET, STEGER, ILLINOIS. Correcting the pin numbers to reflect 036 and 037 upon the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1303: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF STEGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH STEGER STORAGE, LLC FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3601 CHICAGO ROAD WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1180: Village Administrator Seehausen explained that with this is the tax levy package that all trustees received. On record the tax levy increase we are going for is 2.75 percent. It will be on record here for 20 days. We will not be passing the tax levy ordinance until your first board meeting in December. It will be here for anyone to view in the Clerk's office.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1180: A RESOLUTION ESTIMATING THE 2023 TAX LEVY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TRUTH IN TAXATION LAW. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

The owners of Fast Pace Muffler 2 approached the board and explained the business they are bringing to Steger. This will be their second location, the first being established in Chicago Heights for 33 years.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a request for a Business License for Fast Pace Muffler 2, Inc. located at 3200 Chicago Rd. in Steger, Illinois. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Pulkit M Patel came before the board to explain the changes he is seeking to improve his business.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a request from Pulkit M Patel, for PK Pantry of 430 W 34th Street, Steger, IL 60475 for a Beer and Wine Pour License. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Being no further business:

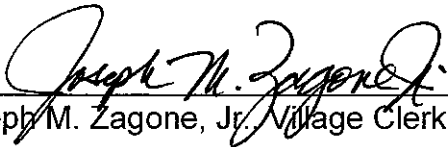
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Stewart 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