

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 4th day of December 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, Fire Chief Mike Long, Police Chief Greg Smith, EMA Chief Tom Johnston, Community Center Director Diana Rossi, and Village Attorney James Vasselli. Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper was absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Village Clerk Zagone read a Proclamation honoring Chief Thomas Johnston upon his retirement from the Village of Steger after 21 years of Public Service.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to make the Proclamation to Tom Johnston part of the permanent record. 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.

Mayor Peterson concluded by offering thanks to Tom for his service. We have been through a lot together; we've seen a lot in your tenure. You will definitely be missed, but we look forward to your next venture.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes except for Trustees Lopez and Thurmond who abstained because they was absent. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen I have just a couple things, a reminder that our next meeting will be at the Community Center on December 18th. The road projects are done as far as Iroquois Paving is concerned, we have one thing on 227th that we have to back fill some dirt, but that is complete. Trustee Thurmond requested on Friday an update on the well which we gave a couple weeks ago. It is fine and pumping at capacity. The engineers are working on bid packets to go out for our drainage project. We hope to get the packets out on the 9th of January, but we are still working on some details with the project. The lead pipe project, we have 10 addresses that we still need to confirm for our records. We will be giving reports on our projects at the second board meeting of each month unless something changes drastically.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Chief Michael Long I want to thank everyone for coming out to support our Pancake Breakfast with Santa. Everyone seemed to have a good time.

Police Chief Greg Smith No report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi Just want to remind you that our Christmas Party for the Community Center is December 14th at noon. Would love to see you all there.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No report.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer Reviewed numbers from the latest financial report for the Village. Revenues and expenses have been right in line with budgeted numbers.

MAYORS REPORT No report.

VILLAGE CLERK Thanked everyone who worked on the Miracle on 34th Street event. It was beautiful, great work by everyone who contributed.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond:

I wanted to say what a great event the trees on the boulevard and winter wonderland is. The trees look amazing. This is truly one of the most exciting events for us and would like to thank all who are involved. The contributions from everyone made this amazing.

I would like to say thank you to the fire department for serving a great pancake breakfast, last Sunday. It was good to see all the tables full of people enjoying a great breakfast and sharing each other's company.

Trustee Trotier:

November 9, 2023

I participated in the *SSMMA & **MORe Symposium at Idlewild Country Club, Flossmoor, IL. The topic was Build a Better Block.

The symposium shared what other towns have done in the past to promote new business and engage community.

I look forward to discussing ideas with the Village of Steger.

November 28, 2023

The Park & Recreation Board had a meeting at the Louis Sherman Community Center (LSCC).

Volleyball registration is underway and the deadline for registration is nearing. Please reach out to Steve Zeman via the LSCC at 708-709-0288.

Volleyball "may" be offered for adults as an open gym in January 2024. Stay tuned for details. The Board is also working with the Village of Steger to add a link for participants to register via the Village of Steger Official website. The P/R Board will be offering a "Gift Wrapping" Fundraiser on Dec. 16th & 17th. Plans are underway. If you don't enjoy wrapping presents and are short on time, please reach out to support them via the Louis Sherman Community Center.

Mayor Peterson invited Trustee Perchinski to add a few comments: Trustee Perchinski spoke on behalf of Alicia's House. First, I want to thank School District 194 for letting us use their facilities for our Special Needs dinner. We hosted over 100 Special Needs kids and about 300 people total. Trustee Thurmond was kind enough to come donate his time to that. I would also like to thank our First Responders for Sunday's event, which was Shop with a First Responder. It was a great event. The kids all had a great time, both our Chiefs were there. I can't thank you guys enough. Also, thank you to Trustee Stewart and Mayor Peterson for your donations to that event.

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay all bills as listed when funds become available. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Thurmond was not questioning the bills, but the need to pay Excel Electric every year to shield an electrical wire that hangs where we put the tent each year for our event on the Boulevard. He questioned the possibility of relocating or burying the wire to alleviate the need to do this each year. Mayor Peterson pointed out plans for improvements in that area that could include moving the wire. It will be kept in mind.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1305: THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK COUNTY AND WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023. Trustee Joyce 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 Lopez made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1306: AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE LEVY OF TAXES RELATED TO GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2018 FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, 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.

After discussion regarding planned improvements, Village Administrator Seehausen will gather information not available tonight.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table RESOLUTION NO. 1181: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO THE RENEWAL OF A COOK COUNTY CLASS 6B REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3024 LOUIS SHERMAN DRIVE (AKA HOLMAN DRIVE), STEGER, ILLINOIS AND HAVING ASSIGNED PROPERTY INDEX NUMBERS: 32-33-307-034 through 040. 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.

Jaime Carrasco, owner of Top Notch Muffler and new owner of 3308 Union Ave., came before the board to explain the business he plans to operate at the location.

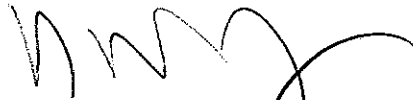
Trustee Perchinski a motion to approve the new business license for Top Notch Muffler & Brakes at 3308 Union Ave., Steger, Illinois. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Minutes December 4, 2023, page 5

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

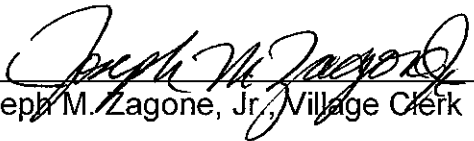
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk