

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 18th day of December 2023 in the Louis Sherman Community Center Gym in 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

Police Chief Greg Smith introduced new Full-Time Officer Edgar Herrera. Officer Herrera was given his Oath of Office by Fire and Police Board Chairman Patrick Rossi.

Mayor Peterson announced his appointment of Jason Stevenson as new Chief of Emergency Management Services effective January 1, 2024.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointment of Jason Stevenson as new Chief of Emergency Management Services, effective January 1, 2024. 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.

Village Clerk Zagone gave the Oath of Office to new Emergency Management Services Chief Jason Stevenson, effective January 1, 2024.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen I just want to thank everyone that joined in and did all the hard work on the food baskets on Saturday. It is always a very humbling experience to be able to be there and get all the baskets delivered to the residents here in Steger and also some in South Chicago Heights. It was very humbling and all the hard work that goes into it is just very overwhelming. Thank you to everyone. I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Chief Michael Long For the month of November the Fire Department ran a total of 190 calls for service: So far, our wreath outside has stayed red, we want to remind residents to water those natural Christmas trees. Happy Holidays.

Police Chief Greg Smith We hosted a class titled Sun Tzu: The Art of War. It was taught by the president of the International Chaplains. It was very well attended as well as by surrounding towns. Deputy Chief Fajman and Detective attended the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force meeting. Officer Jason Sanfillipo will graduate Police Academy this Friday after 16 weeks. I will be going down for his graduation.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston I just want to say it has been a great 21 years serving you all. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for making a good decision appointing Jason Stevenson. God bless you all; have a safe holiday and a Happy New Year.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No report. Happy Holiday to all and a prosperous New Year.

MAYORS REPORT I also want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and prosperous Holiday Season. I also want to thank everyone who helped with the Holiday Baskets. It truly was a great event.

VILLAGE CLERK I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and remind everyone that Village Hall will be closed on Friday December 22nd and Monday December 25th for Christmas.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond: After attending this past weekend's Alicia's House event I could not help but notice how well organized it was. I'd like to recognize all who made the event possible. Just so I don't miss anyone or organization, I'd like to thank all who had a hand in the event. Steger, So. Chicago Heights, and Chicago Heights were well represented.

Alicia's House welcomed over 600 kids this Christmas with presents, gift stockings, coats, hats, gloves, blankets, and a special visit from Santa.

To help replace the depleted Coat supply in coordination with Alicia's house I will be organizing a coat drive this coming New Year. More information will be available in the next few weeks.

I'd like to offer my thoughts of gratitude for all of Steger's organizations for all they do for the residents and village of Steger. Without these organizations, the Village of Steger would not be able to offer programs, Events, or charitable assistance, THANK YOU

I attended dist. 194 board meeting 12/14, 2023. To recap, the year has been going well. They continue to work towards behavior goals, they also are continuing to realign the curriculum to meet today's and tomorrow's challenges, the district's financial forecast looks good, the new playgrounds at the Primary and intermediate centers are near completion, there was discussion regarding the holiday senior dinner and how successful it was and that the seniors look forward to this event. They closed wishing good health and the happiest of holidays to all.

The end of the year closes with the holiday season in full swing. We often reflect on the years past and offer encouraging thoughts for the New Year. To the Village Board, Administration, our first responders and residents of the village of Steger, I wish you all the Happiest and healthiest Christmas and New Year.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt 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 Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1307: AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE ILLINOIS PAID LEAVE FOR ALL WORKERS ACT FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER. 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.

Trustee Stewart made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1182: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND CONSENTING TO THE RENEWAL OF A COOK COUNTY CLASS 6B REAL PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT DESIGNATION FOR THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE 3300 BLOCK OF HOLMAN AVENUE, STEGER, ILLINOIS AND HAVING ASSIGNED PROPERTY INDEX NUMBERS: 32-33-331-030 THROUGH 038. 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 Lopez made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1183: 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 3321 HOLMAN AVENUE, STEGER, ILLINOIS AND HAVING ASSIGNED PROPERTY INDEX NUMBER: 32-33-412-053. 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.

Mayor Peterson asked for a motion to make the Proclamation honoring Robert A. "Bobby" Joyce Sr part of the permanent record.

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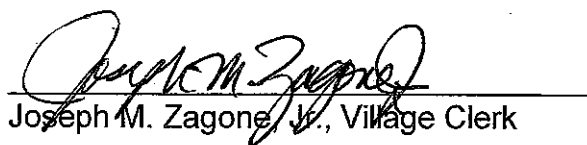
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk