

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 September, 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: Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Assistant Fire Chief Todd Ragusin, Community Center Director Diana Rossi, EMA Chief Tom Johnston and Village Attorney James Vasselli. Police Chief Greg Smith was absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 5th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ramona Jones of 493 231st St came before the Board with concerns surrounding a vacant home next door to her property. The unmaintained property has become home for unwanted rodents. A tree on the vacant property fell on to her property. Dave Toepper is going to survey the property and see if there are options the Village can assist with.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen Our road projects are getting back on track as Iroquois has all the information that they need. Dave and I are working with them for when we do the alley behind the Post Office, going to try and find other parking for them during construction. The water tower project went out for bid, so they are having a pre-bid meeting later this week, and then they will have another three weeks to submit bids before they come back to us. We have had an issue with Well #3 that is probably about 2 weeks from being finished because the company is waiting on a pipe and the rebuild of the pump. Citgo project is moving along, they are starting to frame the

inside. They are hopeful for November completion. Octoberfest is October 1st from Noon to 6 at Veteran's Park. We have Kiwanis doing their Chile Cook Off and we will have a few vendors out there. Halloween hours this year are 3-7 pm on the 31st. I am also working with Anthony DeLuca's office for an E-Recycling Day to be held on October 18th, either 11-1 or Noon – 2 and we will hold it at 3231 Chicago Road. Mayor Peterson added that there will be a Halloween House Decorating Contest. The information should be posted soon.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Since my last report we have had 19 building permits issued and 5 water main breaks.

Fire Chief Michael Long Assistant Fire Chief Todd Ragusin reported on behalf of Chief Long: For the month of August, the Steger Fire Department ran a total of 162 calls for service. 145 medical, 17 fire and 47 of our calls were Mutual Aid to surrounding communities. On September 8th we participated in the annual Steger Storm Bonfire and this Saturday the 23rd we will be staffing a first aid table at the Physical Fitness event at Bloom Trail.

Police Chief Greg Smith No report

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston We are still working with a company regarding a siren for the new vehicle. They are waiting on a previous project, but hopefully will get it done before the end of the year. We are still working on that. We are also getting ready to get three of our vehicles to be put out for bid.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No Report.

MAYORS REPORT No Report.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Steve Thurmond:

I attended Alicia's house golf outing and Steger was well represented. Thank Mayor Peterson, Dave Toepper, trustees Perchinski and Trotier. Through this event and others Alicia's House provides food, clothing, and toys to the southland area for those in need. A big thank you to trustee Perchinski for all the hard work you do for the Alicia's House cause.

I'd like to give a special recognition to Steger American legion post 521 for hosting a Bag tournament, Raffle event to benefit Steger's rec programs.

I plan on attending this year's IML conference.

Following up on a question regarding vehicle stickers, the Chief has reported that there have been 97 tickets issued to date.

Trustee Joyce added: This weekend at Bloom Trail is the 13th Annual Danielle Dennis-Towne Memorial PT Meet. It is open to the public if anyone would like to stop in. They usually have about 18 different High School ROTC programs participating in physical fitness. Starts at 8 in the morning and runs until about 1.

Mayor Peterson added his thanks to the American Legion for hosting the bag tournament on behalf of Steger Rec, but I also want to thank Matt Meyers because he put in a lot of time and effort into pulling that all together for our sports program. He heads our basketball program.

BILLS

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

Discussion: Trustee Thurmond asked about RMN Carpenter service for the Rec Center repair, should that have been listed under maintenance rather than new equipment? Village Administrator Seehausen asked him to email the concern and she will make the necessary adjustment.

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 Joyce made a motion to approve the purchase of a New Lucas 3 Chest Compression System. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Perchinski asked Assistant Chief Ragusin to give a description of this potential life saving device. AC Ragusin explained the benefits and the positive results shown when tested in the field with our ambulance personnel.

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 purchase of two (2) F250 Plow Trucks for a total of \$126,550.00. 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 Perchinski made a motion to approve a contract with Hera Property Registry, LLC, to provide property registration services for the Village of Steger.

Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Thurmond questioned how this was handled before. Mayor Peterson explained that we had a company doing this for us that went out of business.

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:

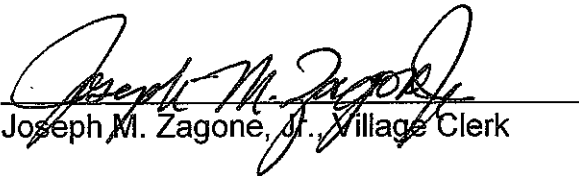
Trustee Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk