

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 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: Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Michael Long, Police Chief Greg Smith, Community Center Director Diana Rossi and Village Attorney James Vasselli. Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen and EMA Chief Tom Johnston were absent.

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

None

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jami Torres of 3113 Carpenter St., Unit 1 came before the board to offer thanks for Village efforts in an ongoing situation.

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** Mayor Peterson spoke on behalf of Village Administrator Seehausen who was unable to attend. She wanted to thank everyone who participated this weekend for Steger's Day of Music. Everything you did made for a very successful event. She also wants to call out the Fire Department because of the 50/50 raffle held to benefit one of our village employees, and also the donation that was made for this employee. She was very grateful for all the hard work because it really was a great event.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** Citgo update: They expect to have the project under roof by the end of the month at which point they will begin on the parking lot and the canopies and the gas pumps. The windows have been measured, so progress has been steady. We pulled well #3 out of the ground last week, we were having some capacity issues. As we pulled the pump out of the ground, we found some holes in the casing that was causing us to lose production. We have also Camera'd the well, we don't have those results yet, but the preliminary results that could be seen was that there are no real issues. We are waiting for the pump to be rebuilt and then it will be installed with all new pipes. Since the last meeting we have had nine main breaks, we have also replaced a valve on Dorsetshire that will help out the people in Lake Hills.

**Fire Chief Michael Long** For the month of July we answered 169 calls for service, 140 were medical and 29 were for fire. Forty-one of those calls were for calls to surrounding communities. Fire Lieutenant Stevenson and Police Sergeant Lane were honored by Steger VFW for their participation in the Memorial Day Event on the Boulevard. Squad 37 is back from getting its lights installed, so it is mostly operational: it is just waiting on some striping.

**Police Chief Greg Smith** Officer Cavasos will be graduating from the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center this Friday. We will also be doing additional CPR class. Officer Velasquez graduated SSERT SWAT School, we attended his graduation. Special events: Steger Day of Music we report no incidents whatsoever, it went very smoothly. Great Crowd. Awards, Honors and Special Recognition: We have two officers that are getting the AIM Award. That would be officers Hoppe and Velasquez. Monthly stats: For July we wrote 56 warning citations, 37 state citations, 104 fines for parking, 9 AO citations, 9 misdemeanor arrests, 1 juvenile arrest, 1 warrant arrest, 91 cases and we had 8 crashes.

**Community Center Director Diana Rossi** No report.

**EMA Chief Tom Johnston** No report.

**Village Attorney** No report.

**Treasurer** I did receive June's financial report, I will go over it in more detail at the next meeting.

**MAYORS REPORT** No report.

**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 Lopez 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO.1178: RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,898.93. 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 Joyce made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO.1179: RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE REBUILD IL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$105,700.68. 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.

After confirming that this is to extend the contract and approve the increase: Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the amendment to the Andy Frain Service Agreement. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following

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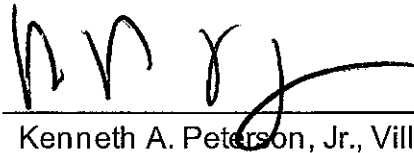
Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve a request for permission to go out to bid the Water Tower Restoration project and that companies previously interested in the job be included. 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.

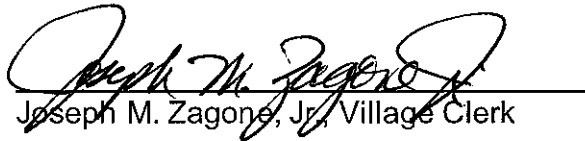
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk