

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 17th day of January, 2023 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger and via Teleconference that was made available to all residents. Trustee Ernie Lopez led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The roll was called. The following Trustees were present; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Joyce and Perchinski. Trustee Trotier was present via ZOOM. Mayor Peterson was absent.

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to name Trustee Ernie Lopez Chairman Pro-tem for the meeting. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Village Clerk Zagone read Resolution No. 1174: A RESOLUTION HONORING JAMES BAINE FOR 30 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1174. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Michael Long presented Deputy Chief Baine a placque honoring his 30 years of exemplary service.

MINUTES

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 3rd meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE

None

REPORTS

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Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Fire Chief Michael Long No report.

Police Chief Greg Smith Reported on a possible child abduction that had been put out to the public, the investigation reported that the juvenile recanted her allegations. A no time was anyone in danger, nor was there an attempt to kidnap anyone. We are required to do our due diligence an investigate the claim. It was unfounded.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No report.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No report.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer Trustee Lopez reported that we are working on a couple items in regards to the 2023 budget. They should be ready for all to view shortly. We just have to iron our a couple things so we are in line with our budget to be fully approved at the end of February meeting.

MAYORS REPORT No report.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Trotier Congratulations to James Baine for 30 years of dedication. Thank you very much for your service and dedication. Second, congratulations to State Representative DeLuca for being re-elected. Small business grants are available at USGrants.org. Go to the US Grants website for more information and to sign-up. Like Trustee Lopez said, we are having Earth Day on April 22nd. We focused on clean-up last year and it helped the town out a lot. We had great volunteers and we hope to see everyone out there again this year. Residents, organizations and clubs are welcomed. Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast is coming up on March 5th at the VFW Hall. Also, Representative DeLuca's Reform of the Municipal Audit of Public Utilities Process passed, so that is Senate Bill 1794 which affects municipalities that owed money from utility companies. So the focus is instead of using attorneys that can cost a lot of money, this bill helps municipalities collect these funds.

Trustee Joyce Normal garbage pick-up is this week. I would like to mention that former Village Trustee Richard Porter passed away on December 27th. Visitation is this Saturday at Steger Memorial Chapel from 10 am til Noon. Anyone interested in talking to Administrator Seehausen or Dave Toepper regarding Raise Grants which is "Rebuilding

America” Federal Capital Grants, the deadline is February 28th. Hoping we can apply these. For residents in Will County, if you are applying for exemptions for your home, Crete Township has announced that they are helping residents and seniors. That paperwork is due by April 1st.

Trustee Lopez No Report.

Trustee Thurmond use caution out there, there have been a couple water main breaks and some are in the middle of the road, so be careful especially when they are out there working. Once, again, thank you Mr. Baine. Congratulations, you are appreciated.

Trustee Stewart I would also like to thank Deputy Chief Baine for your services helping out our town all these years. Our youth programs are in full swing now as far as volleyball and basketball. Practices started last week at the schools; basketball program started their games this past Saturday. Looking to have a good season.

Trustee Perchinski I want to congratulate Jimmy Baine again for 30 years. Also, I have been working with a local business and the Illinois Urban and Community Forestry Committee. They are going to provide us with some trees for the boulevard and they are also willing to give us some training for Public Works regarding trees and tree care. We should be setting a date for that in the Spring.

Trustee Lopez added that our annual Clean-up Day, Earth Day will take place on April 22nd. We will be looking for volunteers. Information will be available on the village website.

BILLS

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1285: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND CONSENTING TO AN APPLICATION BY 3300 HOLEMAN, LLC AND JDM COATINGS, INC. FOR A CLASS 6B DESIGNATION UNDER THE COOK COUNTY REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CLASSIFICATION ORDINANCE, AS

AMENDED, FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Perchinski stated that this business was asked to bring forward some tax forms because this was being requested on account of the business losing money due to COVID. Administrator Seehausen and I were able to review these documents and they have indeed lost quite a bit of revenue. There are other businesses that have asked for this, but they were either bringing in a new business or improving on their current business. I think they are a good candidate for this.

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

NEW BUSINESS:


None

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 7:16 pm.


Ernest Lopez, Jr. Chairman Pro-tem


Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk