

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 16th day of October, 2023 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger, Illinois. Trustee 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, Trotier and Joyce. Mayor Peterson and Trustee Perchinski were absent.

Village Clerk Zagone asked for a motion to name pro-tem chairperson. Trustee Joyce made a motion to name Trustee Lopez as Chairman Pro-tem for the meeting. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier and Joyce. Motion carried.

Also present: Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Mike Long, Deputy Police Chief Pete Fajman, Community Center Director Diana Rossi, and Village Attorney James Vasselli. Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen and EMA Chief Tom Johnston were absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 2nd meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Matt Polanski of 3221 Butler Ave. came before the board to ask about surveying taking place on his block. Dave Toepper stated that they are surveying for drainage work that is going to be done.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper They are putting well #3 back together; we are scheduled to have it back up on Wednesday. Trustee Lopez added that

we are still due for some street cleaning, Dave Toepper said yes, but we are waiting for more leaves to fall.

Fire Chief Michael Long For the month of September the Fire Department ran a total of 178 calls, 157 medical and 21 fire with 41 of those as mutual aid to surrounding communities. On October 7th we received a call for an unresponsive subject that turned into a full cardiac arrest. DC Fajman, if you could pass along thanks to Sargent Lane and Officers Velasquez and Cabazos, they were able to get their AED put on and help save a life. Thank you for all their help. Our 2nd annual Coloring Contest is underway and we will be drawing 3 winners on the 21st for a ride to school in the Fire Engine. Our Pancake Breakfast with Santa is coming up on November 26th and raffle tickets for that event should be going out in the mail in the coming weeks. Our floor drain project is well underway. Next Monday they will begin the process of applying the epoxy coating to the entire bay area. The Steger Fire Department would like extend our deepest condolences to the Muirhead family on the loss of James Muirhead. Chief Muirhead was the sitting fire chief for the Crete Fire Department and passed away suddenly, leaving his wife and two young children. His services were last Monday and Tuesday and were a fitting tribute to a man who gave 35 years to the Fire Service. He touched the lives of everyone he met and will be greatly missed.

Deputy Police Chief Pete Fajman Chief Smith submitted his report to the board. What we have to add is: We will have extra patrols for Halloween, we also started our in-service training at the Police Department for our yearly mandates. Right now, they are mandating that we have a certain number of hours for hand down training. We started now with hand-cuffing and use of force issues.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi Just a reminder that we have our annual Halloween Party this Friday from 6 to 8 pm. It is for kids in kindergarten through 4th grade. The last two weeks we have had 960 people come through the Community Center.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No report.

Village Attorney Gav

Treasurer No Report.

MAYORS REPORT No report.

VILLAGE CLERK Reminded all that he will be out of the office October 18-20 returning Monday October 23rd.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Joyce reminded all that the Halloween Hours this year are 3-7 pm on October 31st. The bonfire will be held at Veteran's Park from 6-8 pm. Hot Dogs and soda or water

will be provided by Steger Kiwanis Club, The Steger Area Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion.

BILLS

Trustee Stewart made a motion to pay all bills as listed when funds become available. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier and Joyce. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

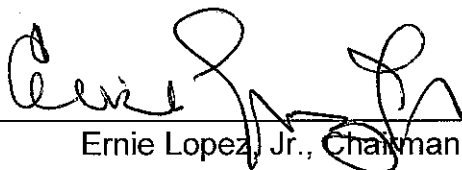
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm.


Ernie Lopez, Jr., Chairman Pro-Tem


Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Village Clerk