

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 April, 2023 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger and via Teleconference that was made available to all residents. Mayor Peterson led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

MINUTES

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

James Thomas of 112 Lake Hill Dr. in Steger came before the board with questions regarding which High School district he is in. Mr. Thomas explained that it is his wish for his children to attend Crete-Monee High School as opposed to Bloom Trail. Mayor Peterson explained that those boundaries are determined by the School District and not by the Village you live in. Mayor Peterson recommended that Mr. Thomas reach out to the school district personally to explore his options.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Davis Concrete has been out cutting curbs, they're supposed to finish up this week on the curb cutting and start pulling curbs next week and putting that back down. I got confirmation from Lisa Apprati today that ComEd is able to de-energize the lines around the water tower, so we will be going out for bid shortly for the water tower to be recoated. Friday I am attending a meeting for

SSMMA regarding infrastructure and water main funding. It is a workshop that area Villages have been invited to attend. I have been asked about the Citgo project, I talked to the owner and I reached out to the General Contractor, unsuccessfully today, according to the owner, the hold up is waiting for Flexicore flooring to arrive that needs to be placed before the second story can be begun. They expect delivery the end of this week or the beginning of next week. If I hear anything different from the General Contractor, I will let you know.

Fire Chief Michael Long No report.

Police Chief Greg Smith I want to start by acknowledging Deputy Chief Pete Fajman, he has celebrated 20 years with the department. He is currently finishing 4 more weeks of training. We have officer Velasquez starts SWAT School, two days a month for three months. We have been doing our taser and range recertification. I will attend the Illinois Chief's Conference the end of this week. Finally, been working in conjunction with Public Works to board up a house at 3428 Chicago Rd. Group of teens had been in there partying and other stuff, there had been a fire in the house. It's boarded and tagged.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi In the last couple of weeks we have had about 630 people through the building, not counting sports programs. All Sports programs are going well, hopefully we will have softball back and T-ball and Little League. I think our kids are going to enjoy their summer.

EMA Chief Tom Johnston No report.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No report.

MAYORS REPORT I have been talking to the Village Attorney, and I want to let everyone know that we have been doing things wrong for our agenda. So, we are going to change up the format going forward. For reports, we shouldn't be listing reports unless you submit a written report before the agenda and we will put it on. So, if anyone has anything to report, please submit it to Village Administrator Seehausen by Thursday close of business before the board meeting, and we will put it on. So, we don't have to keep going through, if you don't have anything to report, we don't have to continue taking up the time.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Joyce Just passing on some information for Arbor Day. MWRD is having a webinar for funding trees in our area on Wednesday April 26th from Noon to 1 pm. If

anyone is interested, I will forward you the link for it. Trustee Perchinski asked Dave Toepper if we still have the other grant coming. Mr. Toepper confirmed that he has been in touch with them. Trustee Joyce stated further that he has passed some information on to Dave Toepper that there are couple more grants that the Village might be able to afford. I will share the rest of that with Dave Toepper once we have them and see if they are worth applying for. Mayor Peterson added that we should have trees coming from MWRD for Earth Day.

Trustee Trotier Earth Day volunteers, be sure to register so we can know how many people are going to show up. We appreciate you showing up, but if we have an accurate count as close as possible, we can form teams a little bit easier. I will be attending the IML on the 19th. One more thing, there is a legislative hearing for city and village committees that Representative DeLuca will be hosting Tuesday April 18th at 4 pm. The link isn't shared yet, but it will be available so you can get more insight on what's going on. Thanks.

Trustee Lopez No report.

Trustee Thurmond May 6th, Old Plank Trail is going to sponsor a shred event. See the website for restrictions, it's on a first come, first served basis. When the truck is full, the event ends. So go to the Old Plank Trail website for what's acceptable. I came across some information that might benefit our residents regarding solar power. I would like you to review it and see if it might be worth putting on the website. (gave a copy to Mayor Peterson) Also, I met with Troop 100 regarding Earth Day. I attended one of their meetings and there is a hand full of them that are eager and excited to help with the event. We are going to take direction from Trustee Trotier on what function we are going to participate in. They are looking forward to it. They are also attending a camping event after that. I stopped in at Crave, the new virtual reality business. They are putting the final touches on it, it has been discussed already that they are waiting for some gas to open, they are hopeful for a Grand Opening on May the 4th with some kind of Star Wars tournament that is supposed to happen. They are looking forward to getting going. Finally, the National Junior Honor Society from District 194 is having a Craft Fair on April 29th 10-5. Local vendors include trucks on hand at Columbia-Central School

Trustee Perchinski No report.

Trustee Stewart We are anxious to have access to our Concession Building, I noticed that the lights have been installed. They really look nice, can't wait to see them actually on. We talked a little about the Wrestle Mania that was held, it was a success and they raised over \$1,000. There are some other funds we should be receiving from some online orders where people ordered stuff after the event. This helped raise money for the baseball program. The numbers with Little League are not doing very well and this is the case with many Little League charters. Our Little League program may be looking to step

down and get off the Little League Chapter. We may look to start an inhouse baseball program. We have already started up with girls' softball, so to bring back our inhouse softball. Been working diligently with Anthony Marino where the girls who are more advanced will move up to Velocity Softball. Then the others will be kept at the lower levels to train them and bring them up to speed, so it becomes a feeder program.

BILLS

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1176: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING AN INDUCEMENT TO THE VILLAGE OF STEGER AND CABINET FABRICATIONS INC. IN CONNECTION WITH THE REDEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3100 UNION AVENUE IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1293: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF STEGER TO ENTER INTO A CERTAIN AGREEMENT WITH GD ENTERPRISES, LLC TO REDEVELOP CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1294: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion.

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Drainage Proposal from Veenstra & Kimm. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Thurmond asked if it would be inappropriate to ask for the motion to be tabled for Clay to be here? Trustee Perchinski: first of all, there is discussion. Trustee

Thurmond: I haven't had the chance to review it and go through Knight's proposal that they had back when they did the study in comparison and I just, a \$110,000 is a lot of money. I'm not saying it doesn't need to be done, because this is certainly a component.

Mayor Peterson: Stated it is a part of our budget and staff has gone through it and blessed doing it this way in order to fit in our budget. If you want to delay the drainage which has been delayed way too long in my opinion, you can vote no. Trustee

Thurmond: we had the proposal back in November. Trustee Perchinski: there is a motion on the table. Mayor Peterson: we do need your vote. Trustee Thurmond: I want to motion to table. Mayor Peterson: there is a motion to table, do I have a second. With lack of a second, Clerk Zagone stated that it reverts back to the original motion.

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

The request was made by the American Legion to collect donations for Poppies. Mayor Peterson stated that the VFW has also asked for these dates for Poppies, so I will talk to both to work this out. I know it is the VFW's year to host the Memorial Day Service.

Following this discussion:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the request from the Steger American Legion and/or the Steger VFW to conduct Poppies sales at the four corners of Chicago Road and Steger Road on May 26 through May 29. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried

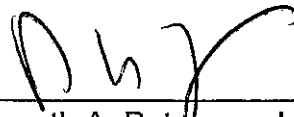
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Being no further business:

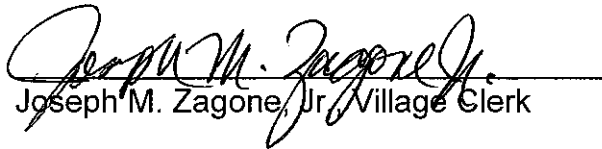
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Village Clerk