

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 January 2024 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; Stewart, Trotier and Joyce. Mayor Peterson was present. Trustees Thurmond, Lopez, and Perchinski were absent.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None.

MINUTES

Trustee Joyce made a motion to table approval of the minutes of the January 2nd meeting as Trustees at meeting today were not present at previous meeting. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen Next board meeting we will have a public hearing regarding appropriations at 6:45 on February 5th.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper We got through the first snowfall with no problems and the cold hasn't created any problems yet.

Chief Michael Long For the month of December we ran 166 calls, 152 medical, 14 fire and 32 mutual aid to surrounding communities. We attended the fundraiser for the Dreixler Family on Saturday. It was a large turnout. If anyone didn't make it, there is a Venmo set-up to send donations. We have two new employees will be starting fire academy, so we hope to have three new firefighters in about 3 months. Lt. Stevenson passed her certification for vehicle/machine operations.

Deputy Police Chief Pete Fajman Joanne and I have been doing training for DACRA, the new ticket program that went live today. We still have some tweaking, but we are going to get through those. Myself and Officer Farkas are going to attend the Chief's meeting through the Major Crimes Task Force tomorrow. Sgt. Hillman has been doing his inhouse use of force training which is mandatory. Every officer is to attend four hours of training throughout the month. Officer Herrera has started the Cook County Sheriff's Academy on January 2nd, he is now in his third week and according to the academy he is doing good. Totals for the year, we had 1,598 case reports, and 202 accident reports. Last week on the 11th, we responded to Glass Tap for a burglary. Two suspects entered the business through the rear entrance at 7:14. We got the call at 7:30 am. They stole the ATM. We are working with several other towns that have had similar incidents. Possible suspect was picked up today.

EMA Chief Jason Stevenson We opened up the warming center on Sunday in the Community Center. We had one family come in during the power outage in Miller Woods.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi The month of December and so far this month we had approximately 2,000 come through the community center. It has been busy with a lot of events. We have a lot of interest in a lot of things going on at the Community Center right now as far as exercise classes.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No report.

MAYORS REPORT For my report I would like to form an ADHOC Water Committee and nominate Trustee Thurmond as the Chair, Trustee Joyce, Trustee Stewart, Dave Toepper and Village Administrator Seehausen.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to accept the mayor's appointments to the Water Committee. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Stewart, Trotier and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

VILLAGE CLERK Read a thank you note for the food basket received for the holidays from Janet Allen who lives on Columbia Circle.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1310: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF AN AMBULANCE FOR 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; Stewart, Trotier and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Stewart made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1311: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86, SECTION 86-4 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS REGARDING UTILITY RATES FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion.

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Discussion: Trustee Joyce stated that he had asked to look into possibly changing some of the parameters for minimum charges as it pertains to seniors. I know there is not enough time to get that done now, but I would like it noted that I'd like to revisit this topic at a later time.


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

Being no further business:

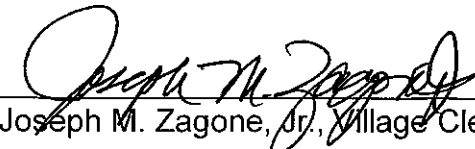
Trustee Trotier made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Stewart 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