

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 20th day of February 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; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present.

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None.

MINUTES

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 5th Public Hearing as all members have copies. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Scott Franko of Surf Internet introduced himself and offered his company's desire to bring their fiber-optic network to Steger. Mayor Peterson stated that we have a franchise agreement with Comcast but would have to research if it is an exclusive agreement. It was recommended that Mr. Franko make an appointment to meet with Village Administrator Seehausen to explore feasibility of bringing his network to the Village.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Chief Michael Long For January we ran a total of 178 calls: 145 medical, 33 fire and 41 mutual aid calls. As you may have seen, the new ambulance has arrived. After inspections and equipment exchange, it will be put in service.

Police Chief Greg Smith Officer Sanfilippo is progressing in his field training. Officer Herrera is in the Cook County Sheriff's Police Academy. This month the training for the department wide with changes in the 2024 laws. Command staff attended the monthly Will County Chiefs Association meeting. Attended a meeting with the Crisis Center of South Suburbia. We meet with them on a regular basis. They have a lot of good programs for victims of domestic issues. Detective Darge and I attended the Bloom Trail High School meeting that is done once a month. Deputy Chief Fajman attended the SMART reconstruction meeting.

EMA Chief Jason Stevenson No report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi For the month of January we had approximately 1900 people come through the building. In February so far, we have had 1100. Things are really looking up as far as that goes. A lot of the Sports are starting, so we are getting a lot of registrations.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No report.

MAYORS REPORT No report.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond: On January 30, 2024, we had our first water meeting. The members in attendance were me, trustee Joyce, trustee Stewart, Dave Toepper, and Mary Jo Seehausen.

The focus of the meeting was to identify water quality issues and concerns. We also discussed possible solutions to improve our water quality.

We will have more information at our next village board meeting.

BILLS

Trustee Lopez 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, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of a new Warning Siren from Federal Signal. Trustee Thurmond 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 Perchinski made a motion to approve ordering 2 New Police Squads for a total of \$117,787.40. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mayor Peterson stated that this would come back before the board to approve financing for these new vehicles. This motion only approves ordering the vehicles. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

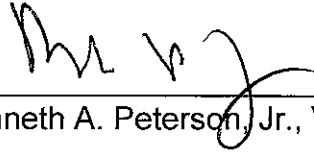
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table discussion and approval of Placer software agreement. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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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 7:10 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk