

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 4th day of March 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: Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Mike Long, EMA Chief Jason Stevenson, Community Center Director Diana Rossi, and Village Attorney James Vasselli. Police Chief Greg Smith was absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 20th Village Board meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Matt Polanski of 3221 Butler Ave. came before the board with questions regarding postcards residents have received regarding identifying homes with lead water pipes leading to their houses. Mayor Peterson explained that these were efforts to identify all homes with lead water pipes. The cost of doing this is lowered through homeowner assistance. Grants have been acquired to help with the cost to replace existing lead water lines. Mr. Polanski advised that he has assisted several neighbors in doing this. Mayor Peterson thanked him for his help.

Gloria White, candidate for State Representative in the 29th District came before the board to ask for support in her challenge of Representative Thaddeus Jones.

Nancy Galbreath of 22754 Miller Rd. came before the board of trustees regarding a home in her neighborhood that had 15 cars parked in the yard. The cars have been moved over the past week, but her concern is that they bring more in the future. She mentioned several other properties in the area that also have a lot of "junk" in the yards. Mayor Peterson stated that our new code enforcement officer is working very hard and

citing residences that are not within Village Ordinances. Mrs. Galbreath was told she should contact Village Hall at any time to request the ordinance officer to investigate any issue she thinks might warrant his attention.

Julie Stone of 3301 Hopkins St. came before the board to get a follow-up regarding plans for drainage improvement in the Village. Dave Toepper explained that the plans are just getting finalized at which time the project will go out for bid. He explained that the physical start of the project will be determined by bid process and the timeline of the contractor winning the bid.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Chief Michael Long No report.

Police Chief Greg Smith No report. Trustee Perchinski did announce that the Flock Camera has been installed at Union Ave and Steger Road.

EMA Chief Jason Stevenson No report.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi No report.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer Just finalizing year to date information, working with Village Administrator Seehausen and the finance team in regard to some questions I have.

MAYORS REPORT For my report, I would like to make the following appointments:

Lisa Conner to the Police Pension Board
William Barr to the Planning and Zoning Board
Mary Jo Seehausen as the TIF Administrator
Todd Ragusin as the Village Treasurer

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the appointments made by Mayor Peterson. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

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VILLAGE CLERK No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Trotier: We have secured Saturday, September 28th for Steger's Recycle Event. Additional details to follow.

Next, Steger's Earth Day has been confirmed for Saturday, April 20th. Additional details also to follow.

We have had a great response the last couple of years. We look forward to our residents and organizations to continue their strong support for our community events.

In addition, I recently heard exciting news from Coach Matt who is leads our youth basketball program. Plans are underway for an All-Star Basketball Tournament. The tournament will highlight a 3-point shooting contest, dribbling, and more. The top players will be from the Village of Steger, the City of Chicago Heights, and the Village of Lansing. The tournament will be held at the Louis Sherman Community Center on Saturday, March 9, 2024. The doors open at 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.00. The Village of Steger Athletic Program will be sharing more information on social media.

In closing, our Ladies of Steger Wrestling Team made Steger history by hosting the FIRST ever wrestling event. The first event consisted of 55 participants and the second event had 75 participants. The teams were from Frankfort, Tinley Park, Orland Park, just to name a few.

Thank you to all the coaches, players, volunteers, families, and sponsors who support the programs. You do an amazing job!

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

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1314: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF WILL FOR ACCESS TO ITS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Joyce 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 Joyce made a motion to approve a work order between the Village of Steger and ComEd for the water tower project. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

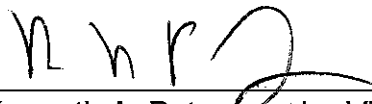
Discussion: Village Administrator Seehausen explained that ComEd electrical lines are in the way for restoring our water tower. In the bidding process it was going to be very costly to the Village to move these lines. Determining that the water tower was there first, ComEd has agreed to move these lines and absorb the cost. This agreement guarantees to ComEd that the Village will perform the restoration of the water tower.

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

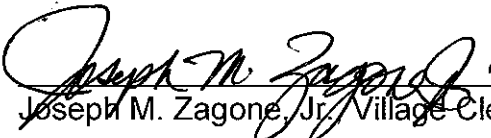
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk