

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 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, Police Chief Greg Smith, EMA Chief Jason Stevenson, Community Center Director Diana Rossi, and Village Attorney James Vasselli.

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

None.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18<sup>th</sup> Village Board meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

David McNeil of 3503 Williams St came before the board to discuss issues with a neighbor on Williams Street. The house is not being maintained and there are dead trees on the property that he fears are a threat to falling on his buildings. Dave Toepper is going to work with our Ordinance Officer to see if the issues can be dealt with.

Harry Hammock of 3222 Florence Ave. spoke to the board regarding changes in the drainage in the alley behind his house and that of numerous neighbors. He understands that the process is beginning to improve our drainage system, but this has developed recently and wondered what might have changed. Dave Toepper is going to look into the drains in the alley.

Raynie Jackson of 4462 Lindenwood Dr. is the owner of Headrest Barber Business Academy. He is planning on opening a branch of his business at Bloom Trail High School to help provide career opportunities to students there. He is currently going through the business license application process and wanted to present his hopes for

making a positive impact on students in our area. There will be a barber shop at the school that will be available for the public to come in for haircuts. More details will follow.

## **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.

**EMA Chief Jason Stevenson** No report.

**Community Center Director Diana Rossi** No report.

**Village Attorney** No report.

**Treasurer** No report.

**MAYORS REPORT** I understand that there has been some confusion with respect to Boy's Baseball. To be clear, the Village of Steger baseball program is not competing with Steger Little League, so we do not offer registration for kids in the younger levels, except for T-ball, which we offered last year. The village of Steger is in discussions with the Chicago Heights Park District to partner with the park district with baseball at the older levels and to partner with them with other sports in order to offer our residents a robust experience with our sports programs and to give our residents more resources that make each of our sports programs successful.

**VILLAGE CLERK** No report.

## **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

**Trustee Trotier:** The Village of Steger Athletic Board (VSA) had a meeting on March 26, 2024.

- Coach Matt Meyers, the All-Star Team, & Cheerleaders, and a combination of volunteers did an excellent job hosting the recent All-Star Basketball Tournament & Skills Competition. The tournament was held at the Louis Sherman Community Center on Saturday, March 9, 2024. It was well attended. The VSA Board sent a special "Thanks" to Diane Rossi & Christine for their assistance with the event.

- AAU tryouts are underway. Contact Coach Matt.

- Football 7 on 7 program led by Coach Erik Mendez is now taking registration. Please contact him for the deadline date (June 1, 2024.)

- Softball/Tee Ball registration has ended. Coach Toni Formentini is ordering uniforms.
- Baseball registration is also underway and ends April 12, 2024. Coach Ash Tolbert/Tre Handy are leading the teams.
- The Volleyball Program, lead by Coach Steve Zeman, will be ending the season soon. Coach Zeman has asked Coach Karjan if the Cheerleaders would perform their routine at one of the final games.
- A special well-deserved “Shout Out” to our Cheerleading Squad and Coaches Karjan, Monica & Emily, and assistants. The squad had only 3-4 days to prepare the routine(s). The cheerleaders delivered an excellent performance!
- The Soccer Program is accepting applications for Coaches and seeking volunteers to assist with the program. If you have ever considered coaching or volunteering, now is the time to step up.

Next, the VSA Board had a presentation by Miguel Morales who shared information regarding grant programs, sponsorships, and websites. The VSA Board will review the information and follow up.

Finally, I am excited to share that members of VSA will be participating in the Village of Steger’s Earth Day scheduled for Sat., April 20, 2024 from 9 am – 12 pm.

Thank you VSA for continuing to do a wonderful job in growing the programs. Keep up the fabulous work!

Finally, I have had compliments on the Community Center and it’s staff.

Trustee Thurmond added: I just wanted to mention that I wanted to thank Jen Voigts for her efforts in making the Village visible on social media. I just wanted her to be recognized for that. Thank you.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

At 7:19 pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (1). Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier and Joyce. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Perchinski voted no. Motion carried.

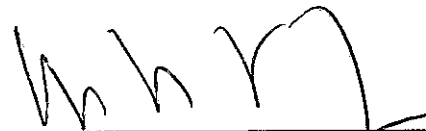
At 7:36 pm

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to reconvene general session of the Village Board meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Joyce was not available. Motion carried.

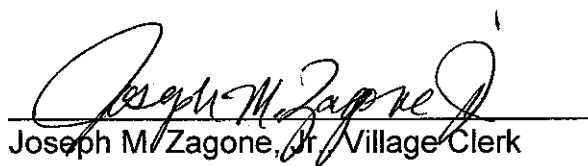
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.



Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk