

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 18th 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, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson was present. Trustee Trotier was 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 Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 to ask if the Ordinances that are passed are available for public inspection. Mayor Peterson explained that you can file a Freedom of Information request for specific ordinances, however most are available for public inspection on the Village of Steger website. There is a link to municode.com on the village website.

**REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** Little League is having their Easter Egg Hunt on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Fireman's Park between 1:30 and 3 pm. Bloom Township Center is having a Grand Reopening on Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm for the public. Elected officials are invited to come by at 6 pm.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** No report.

**Chief Michael Long** For the month of February we ran a total of 163 calls, 143 medical, 20 fire and 26 to neighboring towns. We had 2 structure fires, we had incredible response to both of them. Only minor injuries in one. We had our Easter Egg hunt yesterday with another great turnout. Everyone seemed to have a good time. We had a surprise leprechaun make an appearance in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

**Deputy Police Chief Pete Fajman** Chief Smith attended the Public Safety Advisory Committee meeting for the 80<sup>th</sup> District at Representative DeLuca's office. Sgt. Bautista and I attended the Will County Chief's police meeting held at Scrementi's. I attended the Suburban Major Accident Reconstruction Team meeting. All of our officers completed their updates. Det. Farkas and Officer Cavazos completed training in Computer Forensics. Det. Darge went to a class on strangulations and a class on Sovereign Citizens. For the month we had 125 warning tickets, 62 State tickets issued, 102 local ordinance tickets, 17 misdemeanor arrests, 1 juvenile arrest, 4 felony arrests, 2 warrants, took 115 reports bringing us to a total for the year of 836 incidents.

**EMA Chief Jason Stevenson** No report.

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

**Village Attorney** No report.

**Treasurer** No report.

**MAYORS REPORT** For my report, Village Administrator Seehausen and I met with SurfNet regarding bringing their service to Steger. Had a really good conversation by zoom. They are going to submit a proposal to show us where they would like to lay out the fiber-optic network. We will meet again after they submit the proposal.

**VILLAGE CLERK** I would like to extend my sympathy to Sean Couch who lost his mom Donna Couch. Donna has been very active in the community and will be missed.

### **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

**Trustee Thurmond:** The water committee has met 3 times already.

We are meeting with the engineer to develop a plan to identify a chronological approach with realistic expectations for resolving our water quality needs.

We are still focused on identifying water quality issues and concerns. We also discussed possible solutions.

We will have more information at future meetings. I wanted to report also that I attended the Easter Egg Hunt and I wanted to thank the Fire Department and all donors for putting on this event.

## **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, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to deny approval of the Placer software agreement. Being no second, the motion dies.

Trustee Thurmond requested a representative from the software firm come and explain how the program works. Trustee Perchinski stated he wants to know what the follow-up is going to be on this. Having the information is one thing, but what we are going to do with the information is what's important to me.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to table discussion and approval of Placer software agreement. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table a presentation from Eric of 7-11 at 3401 Chicago Rd, in support of our police department. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Stewart made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1184: Resolution authorizing the Village of Steger to apply for the 2024 CDBG Capital Improvement/Demolition and Economic Development Project application. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve the request to go to bid for Storm Sewer Improvement Flood Component 2 Phase 1. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Joyce and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Motion carried.

At 7:11 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 Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, and Perchinski. Mayor Peterson voted aye. Trustee Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

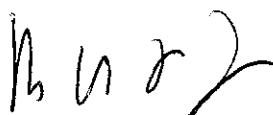
At 7:45 pm

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

Being no further business:

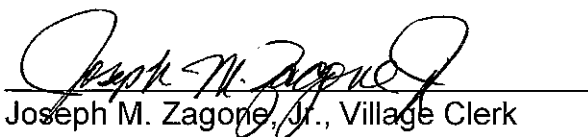
Trustee Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.



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Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr., Village President



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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk