

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 3rd day of March 2025 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger, Illinois. Village Clerk Zagone 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.

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

Clerk Zagone: In the absence of a chair, is there any objection to me proceeding with this process as I have in the past?

With no objection:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to table this action until the first meeting in April.

Trustee Perchinski: Why not just....

Trustee Joyce: Because unless something has changed,

Attorney Vasselli: Do you mean having a chair to run the board meeting?

Trustee Joyce: No, just this action to select interim Mayor.

Attorney Vasselli: That you can do.

Trustee Perchinski: Why don't you amend it to "When we have a regular Mayor", because this is a waste of everybody's time.

Trustee Joyce: I will amend it to the first meeting in May.

Clerk Zagone: We could just have no nominations tonight. When I call your name, you say "no nomination".

Attorney Vasselli: I think a couple things. I think Mr. Joyce's inference is that there will be an election, and after that election there will be results, and after those results, you just settle on whoever the victorious person is, would then be the mayor thereafter. It has always been the prerogative of this board as to how the chairman is selected pursuant to both Robert's Rules and the laws of the State of Illinois. So, however you guys want to do it is fine. Normally when you amend a motion, you would have the chair ask to see if anyone consents to the motion that is up there, but this motion was not even seconded so, let's not even go there. So, Mr. Joyce, will you restate your motion.

Trustee Joyce made a motion that we table this action until the first meeting of May.

Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Trotier: So, if they table, are you tabling who is Pro-tem?

Clerk Zagone: No, just the choosing of interim mayor.

Trustee Joyce: Just the filling of this position, and if someone at a future meeting wants to change it, you can always motion to reconsider and put on the next agenda after this.

Attorney Vasselli: And, you can pull it off the table through a motion as well. You can make a motion to take something off the table. I don't want to overelaborate this.

Clerk Zagone: Well, are we just tabling it for tonight in which case when I bring it up next meeting, you table it again. Attorney Vasselli: It would be for a Chairman Pro-tem in leu of how it's read in Item C, it would be a Chairman Pro-tem.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Stewart, Joyce and Perchinski. Trustees Lopez and Trotier voted no. Motion carried.

Clerk Zagone: With that I will entertain a motion for Chairman Pro-tem.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to appoint Trustee Tim Perchinski Chairman Pro-tem for the meeting. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Trustee Thurmond voted no. Motion passed.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

MINUTES

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3rd meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18th. Trustee Stewart: You can't make a motion to approve minutes if you were not at the meeting. Trustee Joyce rescinded his motion to approve.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Lopez, Trotier and Perchinski. Trustees Thurmond, Stewart and Joyce were not in attendance. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Diane Heft of 3242 Hopkins came before the board for a second time regarding issues with a loose dog. We have the same issue in our neighborhood with a dog TTS Granite has, that has been getting out. We have called them, talked to him personally. The dog has gotten out at least 4 times since I talked to him. My dog is going crazy at 1:30 in the morning because this dog has gotten out again and is at my front door. It does it's

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business in our yard. I need to know what to do about this. It's well documented that this dog is getting out. Dave Toepper: I will get together with the Police Chief and we will try to get some results.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen I just have a couple of things. The American Legion will be doing Poppies Friday May 23rd through Monday May 26th for their fundraiser. First Apostolic Church will have their Day of Prayer on Saturday June 7th at the Gazebo and will begin setting up on Friday June 6th. Also, we are having a fundraiser, the park has been rented by Dave Huerta on June 7th for a Car Show. He is doing a fundraiser for a couple different entities. So, I have notified the Rec Board and everyone that the area will be in use there from 9-6, the event runs from 11-4. Your staff and I have worked out anything that needs to be done.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper A couple of updates: We have started the drainage improvements in the Susan Park area. We dredged the existing ditches that were out there. The next step will be to replace some of the concrete pipes leading up to Barbara. Then, going on to the south side of Barbara. So, that will be ongoing. ComEd is scheduled to start this week to move the power lines around the water tower for that project. We have a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, the painter that is doing the work next week, so we will have a better idea when he will be able to start. I think ComEd expects to be done this month with their share of the work. The lead service line project is moving along. They have gone down Morgan and back up Sangamon and getting ready to turn the corner and start heading down Peoria.

Village Administrator Seehausen added: I was asked about boring versus trenching for the ComEd work, they had originally went with boring, but they did update it to trenching. So, just so you are aware.

Fire Chief Mike 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 No Report.

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VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Thurmond: before we move on sir, if you don't mind.

Pro-tem Perchinski: Do you have a report?

Trustee Thurmond: I have a report, yes. Thank you.

Pro-tem Perchinski: This is not on the agenda, is it?

Trustee Thurmond: it is not a trustee report. It is a Water Committee report.

Pro-tem Perchinski: What does this have to do with, Steve?

Trustee Thurmond: On the legitimacy of the Water Committee was put in question.

Pro-tem Perchinski: You'll have to put that on the next agenda. We will move on to paying of the bills.

Trustee Thurmond: Counsel?

Attorney Vasselli: We have policy that you did adopt that all reports be in writing and be sent in...

Trustee Thurmond: to be considered. I don't want the board to consider this. I just want to report on something.

Attorney Vasselli: the consideration was for it to go through. I think there is an ordinance on that, I thought we passed it about two years ago. And, it was that all reports would be in writing before the board meeting, submitted by a certain time to go on the agenda. That does not mean that somebody can't make a public comment if they want to. You can re-open Public Comment if that were to purview. But I believe the Ordinance says that reports from Trustees have to be submitted in writing before the board meeting. I thought those were the rules that this body adopted. That does not mean you cannot put it on for next meeting. It doesn't mean you couldn't make a public comment, but, I thought the ordinance said that. It does not mean you cannot do it in another way at another time in accordance with the Village Code.

BILLS

Trustee Lopez made a motion to ratify the bills paid on February 21, 2025. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to pay all bills for March 3, 2025 when funds become available. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier and Perchinski. Trustee Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve a Rebuild letter to the buyers of 3006 Peoria St. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion.

Discussion: Village Administrator Seehausen: These rebuild letters were for these residents, I want to make sure that we are going to approve them in case their buyers have changed, that it still will be concurrent to be able to approve them.

Trustee Joyce amended his motion to include any new buyer.

Trustee Stewart seconded the amended motion.

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

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve a Rebuild letter to the buyers of 3117 Chicago Rd and if the buyer falls through, for the second purchaser as well. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve a new business license application for QS Bling Spa and Salon, Inc. at 3620 Chicago Rd. Pending inspections. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to approve a new business license application for Smile Foot Spa at 22 E. 33rd Pl. Pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve a new business license application for Dogz on the run at 34 W. 34th St. Pending inspections. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

At 7:20 pm:

Trustee Joyce 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, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

At 7:30 pm:

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Trustee Joyce made a motion to reconvene the regular session of the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

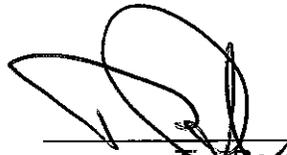
The roll was called. The following Trustees were present; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski.

Trustee Joyce made a motion to allow the creation of Laboror 3 within the Public Works Department. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried

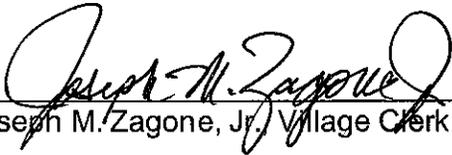
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.



Tim Perchinski Chairman Pro-tem



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Village Clerk