

**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 August 2025 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger, Illinois. Mayor Joyce led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The roll was called. The following Trustees were present; Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Mayor Joyce was present. Trustee Hanus was absent.

Also present: Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Mike Long, Police Chief Greg Smith, EMA Chief Jason Stevenson and Village Attorney Vlado Vranjes. Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen was absent.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 4th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion.
Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen No report.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Fire Chief Mike Long For the month of July, we had a total of 157 calls. 126 for ambulance, 31 for fire and 35 mutual aid to surrounding communities. Our generator of 20 years died on us, so the Miller Wood Fire Protection District is donating a \$40,000.00 generator to the Fire Department, we should have that installed toward the end of September. A big Thank You to them for their generosity.

Police Chief Greg Smith Deputy Chief Fajman and I attended the Midwest Security & Police Conference; we also met with ILETB Representative. Officer Velazquez and I met with the Library Director, Jessica Rodriguez to discuss training the library staff. Our monthly training was: "Autism-Informed Law Enforcement".

Special events: We assisted with Special Needs & First Responder Meet and Greet Event at Veterans Park. We also assisted with the Community Unity Parade.

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For July we issued: 68 Warning Citations, 38 State Tickets, 106 Local Ordinance Citations, 6 Misdemeanor arrests, 5 felony arrests, 77 case reports, 9 traffic accidents and we just passed 1,000 case reports.

Trustee Thurmond: I would like to add, I would like to thank the Police Department, the Fire Department, EMA and Public Works Department for their stellar job on the parade route. They did an awesome job coordinating it. Thank you.

EMA Chief Jason Stevenson Last month we had 6 emergency call outs, 2 assists to other agencies, the parade did go well, we had all hands-on deck. We survived the last couple of storms pretty well. There is some nasty ones coming through today, with wind and flooding, stay aware.

Community Center Director No report.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No Report.

MAYORS REPORT Mayor Joyce announced four of his 2025 Department Head Appointments.

Director of Public Infrastructure: Dave Toepper

Fire Chief: Michael Long

Police Chief: Gregory Smith

ESDA Chief: Jason Stevenson

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointments. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

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

Village Clerk Zagone administered the Oath of Office to the four appointees.

VILLAGE CLERK Read a Thank You note from the Family of Ernest Lopez Sr.

VILLAGE ENGINEER No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

None.

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BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay all bills as listed when funds become available. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Clerk Zagone read Proclamation of America250

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt Proclamation for America250. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion.

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

The owner of Color Me Beautiful came before the board to describe her ongoing business in Steger.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the new business license application for Color Me Beautiful at 35 E 34th St; pending inspections Trustee Trotier seconded the motion.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Matt Polanski of 3221 Butler Ave. to let the board know that it is often difficult to hear what is being said at the meetings and asked that we speak a little bit louder.

Robert Parker of 216 Crystal Lane came before the board with two concerns, the water and roads. There are a lot of potholes on Crystal Lane leading to Richton Road. Is there any way that any of that can be addressed?

Mayor Joyce: So, currently the Village of Steger has applied for two 1.5 million dollar grants to work on local roads. Kings Road is currently being funded, but is under funded
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and IDOT will not release the funds as of yet to repair that. We can look at the potholes, we should be able to get those repaired. As far as resurfacing, I don't know how soon that can happen. We'll take a look at it this week.

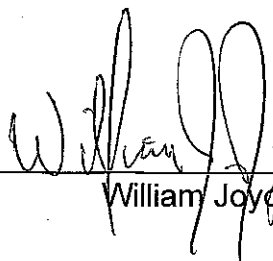
Natalia Moore of Calumet City: I am running for Judge in the 17th Sub-District.

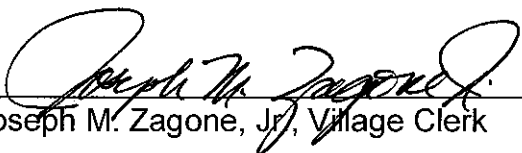
Felesa Melvin of South Holland: I am running for the 6th District Cook County Commissioner. I will be running against Donna Miller.

Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.



William Joyce, Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk