

**VILLAGE OF STEGER
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Committee of The Whole Meeting Agenda
Steger Village Hall – 3320 Lewis Avenue, Steger, IL 60475**

**Monday, July 21, 2025 – Immediately following the 7:00 PM Village of
Steger Board of Trustees Regular Meeting**

I. Call to Order

- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Minutes of June 16, 2025 Committee of The Whole Meeting

II. Discussion Items

Discussion on Liscore Cycle at 3722 Union Ave

Public Commit
Motion to Move

Discussion on Discount Vape and Tobacco at 3345 Chicago Road Unit A

Public Comment
Motion to Move

Discussion on Hollywood Convenience Store Inc at 3345 Chicago Road Unit B

Public Comment
Motion to Move

Discussion on Windy City New Beginnings Llc at 3732 Chicago Road

Public Comment
Motion to Move

III. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING FOR THE
VILLAGE OF STEGER, WILL & COOK
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

The Board of Trustees convened in Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:56 P.M. on this 16th day of June 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; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Mayor Joyce was present.

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, Community Center Director Diana Rossi and Village Attorney.

Mayor Joyce opened the meeting asking for approval of the minute of the May 19th meeting.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee pointed out on the first page it says taxes aren't going up, and that it should read taxes ARE going up. So the motion is to approve with this correction.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on Liquor License Application for MTL12 Dance Studio at 26 E. 33rd Place. Owner Tina Jackson came before the board explained her request for the Liquor License. Along with teaching dances, she hosts family events in the evening where she would like to sell wine and beer. Trustees asked for clarification of hours to be open as well as how children would be handled at these gatherings.

The only public comment questioned presence of children which had already been discussed.

After further discussion it was recommended that Ms. Jackson study further the requirements for holding a liquor license, discuss options with Village Administrator and come back at a later date. No action was taken by the board at this time.

Discussion to go to RFP for garbage contract:

Trustee Perchinski: I think it is a great idea, I'd like to see that the Village no longer has to take care of the billing. I think the garbage company can take care of that themselves. I would also say that our current company has done a great job with the other extra

things they throw in like, bins, street cleaning, branch and leaf pick-up. I would like to see all of this included.

Village Administrator Seehausen: One of my questions is do we want to keep all the services we have currently with our current contractor, is that what you want me to go out for bid for?

Trustee Stewart: I would like to see what our current contract reads so that we can review it then see if we need to add anything to it.

VA Seehausen: It has been in effect for 10 years I am assuming that the current contract is what I would be looking at to go to RFP? Is there something that in the past 10 years that you feel we are missing?

Mayor Joyce: Is there anything we want to add to the current contract or get rid of that we currently do with our contractor?

Trustee Hanus: Electronic recycling, can we get that?

VA Seehausen: Electronic recycling is by request just like when you are allowed one large item per pick-up, but you have to call ahead to let the contractor know that you have a special pick-up.

Trustee Stewart: As far as the Village owned properties, I know they provide dumpsters for the Police Department, the Fire Department, Village Hall and our parks, I would ask that the new RFP include any Village properties that the Village may have under construction.

Mayor Joyce: One of the things I am going to ask is that we have a pre-bid meeting which is where we are going to set all the ground rules of what we are expecting in these bids so that they are all on a level playing field. If any bidder has a question, the answers will be given to all bidders. If any trustees have things they want included, please send those requests to VA Seehausen and copy me on it so we can make it part of the pre-bidding meeting.

Trustee Perchinski: for the record, I want to make sure that it's a legitimate company that has been around and had some track record, and that we don't have to do the billing.

Mayor Joyce: We can ask what the price difference is for how billing is handled.

Audience member questioned if all residents have to use the same company. The answer is yes. Businesses are not required to use the same company, but certainly can do so.

Mayor Joyce: We are going out for bid, not because there is a problem with our current company, they do a fine job. We want to make sure we are getting the best deal for the residents of Steger.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to move approval of going to RFP for garbage contract to the next Village Board Meeting. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Discussion on naming Halsted Blvd. Kenneth A. Peterson Jr. Park

Trustee Perchinski: This is not properly worded. It's not Halsted Blvd. it would not be a name change for Halsted Blvd. The parkland that is the Boulevard would be named Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr. Park. Ken was dedicated to this Village for his entire life, through scouts, Kiwanis, Police and Fire Commission, Trustee and Mayor. He has been a mentor to many of us. I think this would be a fitting tribute to his life and his commitment to this Village.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move the naming of parkland on the Boulevard: Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr. Park to the next regular Village Board Meeting for further consideration.

Further discussion: Trustee Trotier: It is always difficult to make a decision like this. We have a lot of people in this town that have put in many, many years here doing great things in our village. For a few people on this board to make that decision is very difficult. You try to detach and be emotional about it. Are there other options to consider on how to move forward with this. I am not saying yes, and I am not saying no, I am just opening it up to suggestions and thoughts.

Trustee Thurmond: I really don't think it is a hard decision to honor Ken in some sort of way. I really feel that the Halsted Boulevard should stay and maintain as a tribute to our veterans. I really believe there are other suitable places that we can show that support for Ken. There is no name on the park at 32nd and Sandy Ridge. I am just say there is an appropriate way to do this, I just feel the area being discussed should stay a memorial for veterans.

Trustee Perchinski: There is still the memorial there for the Veterans, there is no doubt. But, there is no name for that park either and like I said, Ken was instrumental in turning that into parkland.

Audience participation: One resident asked about naming the street area in front of the Village Hall for Kenneth Peterson.

Another resident: with all due respect to the Peterson Family, I think it is a good idea, however, my understanding is he already has a baseball field dedicated to him. Like one of the trustees said, there are a lot of good people in this town that have put a lot of effort into the town and maybe it should be spread out a little bit more rather than giving one person two or three. Trustee Perchinski pointed out that the baseball field naming was done by Little League and not by the Village board.

Mayor Joyce: what I am going to do at this point, is I am going to create a committee, Tim, I want you on it. If you want to be part of this committee, your findings can be brought back to the Committee of the Whole.

Trustee Perchinski: Why don't we take a vote to try and move this forward. I have already made the motion to move it forward.

Mayor Joyce: There is a motion on the floor. Is there a second?

Trustee Trotier: I agree with the committee that you presented to have a committee for us to vote on this. It's not just us. I think we need others to step up and be a part of the committee. This is your chance to step up also.

Mayor Joyce: I will take this as the motion dies for lack of a second. We will move this to committee and send out more information to the trustees later in the week.

Discussion on Business License application for DeJunk It at 3722 Union Ave.

The owner of DeJunk It came before the board and explained what his business does, how it will operate at its location and fielded questions from both the board and the audience. After further discussion:

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to move approval of a business license for DeJunk It to the next Village Board Meeting. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on a new business license for Crowned and Confident Hair at 3412 Chicago Road.

The business owner was not able to attend the meeting, the building owner was present and gave an assessment of the business. The shop will operate one chair.

Trustee Stewart made a motion to move approval of a business license for Crowned and Confident Hair to the next Village Board Meeting. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Being no further business:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Trustee Stewart seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

William Joyce, Village President

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk