

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 1st day of December 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: Executive Administrative Assistant DaVanna Terry, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Roy Stone, Fire Chief Mike Long, Police Chief Greg Smith, EMA Chief Jason Stevenson, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Myers, Community Center Director Fay Kiaurakis and Village Attorney Vlado Vranjes.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Joyce introduced new Steger Village Administrator Joseph Wiszowaty. Village Clerk Zagone gave Mr. Wiszowaty the Oath of Office as our new Village Administrator.

Fire Chief Mike Long introduced new Members of the Steger Fire Department: Isaac Gamero, Adriana Nava, Carlos cortes, Michelle Espejo, Melissa Choi, Brandon Purnell, John Ford and Nathan Baine. (Firefighter Baine was not present)

Following their introduction, Village Clerk Zagone gave all their Oath as firefighters.

Steger Fire Chief Mike Long announced the following promotions:
Bailey Stevenson to Captain of Steger Fire Department
Jessica Cartalino to Lieutenant of Steger Fire Department
Zachary Craig to Lieutenant of Steger Fire Department

Following their introduction, Village Clerk Zagone issued the Oath to each.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mark Gerrity of 314 Royal Oak Lane came before the board to discuss parking on Royal Oak Lane. There is a village ordinance of no parking after 2" of snowfall and there is an ordinance that prohibits overnight parking on Royal Oak Lane. There is a commercial trailer that has been parked in front of 318 and 319 Royal Oak for at least a month. It may leave from time to time, but then it comes back. There is also a pile of sand on the street. Mayor Joyce asked Code Enforcement Officer Paul Myer to take a look at the situation.

Matt Polanski of 3221 Butler Avenue came before the board with concerns for what sounds like an animal in distress that he hears at night around 10 or 11 o'clock. Mayor Joyce recommended that he call the police when he hears the distress. They can then follow up with Code Enforcement and if it falls under animal control, we can get someone out.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 17th meeting with noted changes as all members have copies. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Voice vote; All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Village Administrator First of all Mr. Mayor, members of the board, I would like to thank you once again for your confidence in me. I look forward to working with each of you and for the residents of the Village of Steger. I really don't have a formal report tonight, but I look forward to getting in and getting things done. Thank you.

Mayor Joyce asked DaVanna Terry if she had anything to add:
Executive Administrative Assistant DaVanna Terry: I just want to speak about the event that we had on Saturday, the Miracle on 34th Street. Despite the weather, the turnout was actually really good. I wanted to thank everyone who helped make the event successful. A big thank you to Public Works as they had to work double time in preparation for the massive snowstorm we had that day to keep the roads clean and then for their help in keeping the area clean for Miracle on 34th Street. They did a really great job.

Village Engineer No report.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No report.

Fire Chief Mike Long I want to thank everyone for coming out to our Pancake Breakfast on Sunday. Despite the snowstorm we had a really great turnout. Thank you for supporting the Fire Department. Also, one of our outstanding cadets Elijah Wedling, his father was recently diagnosed with cancer, they are holding a fundraiser for him on December 13th at 8 pm at Austins. On behalf of the family, I am inviting everyone to come out and give them a little support. Other than that, we do have cake tonight, so if everyone wants to stick around and meet all of our sworn in firefighters and officers, please do.

Police Chief Greg Smith No report.

Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Roy Stone I want to thank everyone who assisted with the food drive and Santa Parade. Public Works was split with some working the food and others salting and plowing. Five-Star was supposed to resume work today on the lead line replacement for phase 2, but they were shut down due to the weather and snow. They will be here tomorrow to install a line from phase 1 on Stella. Phase 2 will begin on Wednesday December 3rd working from West 33rd Place and Chicago Road moving west to Morgan Street. Cold patching of potholes will resume when the weather cooperates. Currently there is one employee finishing up his training for his CDL License and is scheduled to be done by Monday.

Parks and Recreation Community Center Director Fay Kiaurakis thanked everyone who helped with the event. It was pretty treacherous, all my volunteers stayed home, so did our Marine however, our Mayor stepped up and helped me out a lot. So did Chris. We had a great time, there was a ton of kids. All the gifts we brought went to kids that came to the event. It was very exciting and very fun. We had 150-200 kids show up. At the Community Center we have had about 1630 people this month. We will be doing a food give-a-way hopefully this month, we have to iron out the details. We are hoping for Friday at 1 pm at the Community Center. We are working on getting an Autism Dance for the little guys from 1-3 and the older kids after school from 3-4. We have to decide on a day yet, but it will be coming.

EMA Chief Jason Stevenson I want to thank everyone, the parade went off without a hitch really, even with all the snow. Santa stayed warm most of the trip. We lost Mrs. Claus for a little while, but everyone stayed warm and dry. Thanks for everyone that came out.

Code Enforcement Good evening Mr. Mayor, Code Enforcement so far for November did 90 Re-Occupancy Inspections. We did 40 – 48 Hour Notices for the last 2 weeks and 160 for the month of November. We issued 28 tickets for parking after 2” of snowfall, we did 7 Stop work orders last week and 40 for the month of November. Remember if it is snowing, please do not park on the street.

MAYORS REPORT The Christmas Decoration sign up will start tomorrow in Village Hall. You can sign up until December 22nd. Judging will be done on December 23rd. Winners will be announced in January. Personally, I have a big thank you to the Community Center Staff, the Fire Department, the Police Department, ESDA, Chamber of Commerce, Bambino's, Helsel-Jepperson, St. Liborius Church, the Village Hall Staff, the Board Members but especially the Department of Public Works. There was a lot that went into the Santa Parade, there was a lot that went into setting up for the Trees on the Boulevard, for getting the Miracle on 34th Street ready for the kids. None of that would have been possible without everyone on that list, but especially Public Works. I want to thank Public Works for the fine job they did clearing the streets during the snowstorm and then continuing through the week. They are out again today as we expect up to another 3 inches tonight. I have a special thank you for the residents and the businesses that made donations to the food drive. There was one hitch this year which was the

snow. My wife, Trustee Kaminski, Sheila Thurmond, Rachel Thurmond and Melissa Kuhna from the school district that did a fine job going to the firehouse and empty all the bags of water and snow so that none of the food was ruined. If you are interested in helping with sorting food at the old Fire Station, reach out to Village Hall to find out when they will be there. It is usually in the evenings after 5 pm. Thank you for all those who attended the Pancake Breakfast. It was wonderful event, I was glad to be here and see so many people. I thank the catholic church for cancelling theirs, so this was successful. I want to reiterate that there is no parking on village streets after 2" of snowfall. If it is predicted, don't park on the streets until they are all clear. If you get a ticket, don't call me. I will just refer to follow the directions on the ticket.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the bills as listed when funds become available and they are to ordinance. Trustee Hanus seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Joyce announce that the Executive Session scheduled for this evening as been cancelled as there is nothing to be discussed at this time.

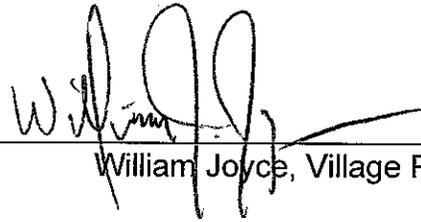
Being no further business:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

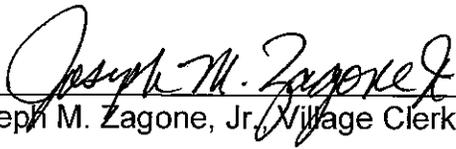
Trustee Stewart seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Joyce", written over a horizontal line.

William Joyce, Village President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph M. Zagone, Jr.", written over a horizontal line.

Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
VILLAGE OF STEGER, WILL & COOK
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

The Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 4:30 P.M. on this 24th day of November 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 and Trotier. Mayor Joyce was present. Trustee Perchinski was absent.

Also present: Executive Administrative Assistant DaVanna Terry

SPECIAL MEETING TO TO ADOPT

RESOLUTION NO. 1200

Mayor Joyce read the resolution:

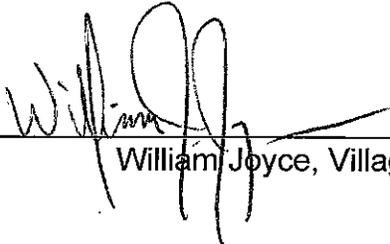
Trustee Thurmond made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1200: A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, ESTIMATING THE AMOUNT OF THE TAX LEVY FOR THE 2025 TAX YEAR IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TRUTH IN TAXATION LAW. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond and Trotier. Motion carried.

Mayor Joyce: Before we adjourn the meeting, in an email today came a copy of the tentative ordinance for the Village of Steger, Cook and Will County. The Annual Tax Levy Ordinance for the Village of Steger. You should all have a copy in your email, and for the public, it will be available to view in the Village Clerk's office. A copy will be available to see in Village Hall downstairs. The Ordinance Number will be determined when we pass it in January.

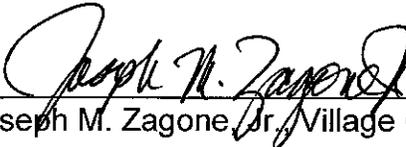
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.



William Joyce, Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk

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 17th day of November 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, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Mayor Joyce was present. Trustee Stewart was absent.

Also present: Executive Administrative Assistant DaVanna Terry, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Roy Stone, Fire Chief Mike Long, Police Chief Greg Smith, EMA Chief Jason Stevenson, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Myers, Community Center Director Fay Kiaurakis and Village Attorney Vlado Vranjes.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Winners of the 2025 Halloween Decorating Contest were announced:

1st Place: Armando Rosato

3646 Halsted Blvd.

2nd Place: Linda Farley

3524 Ashland Ave.

3rd Place: Samantha Alexander

3005 Phillips Ave.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION None

MINUTES

Trustee Kaminski made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3rd meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion.
Discussion: Trustee Perchinski: I noticed on the minutes that we voted on, even though it wasn't on the agenda, nearly \$150,000 for roadwork to come from MFT Funds. Is that correct? Trustee Thurmond: Tentative. Mayor Joyce: It won't be coming from MFT Funds. Trustee Perchinski: Is that because we are not doing the engineering on it? Mayor Joyce: Because we have changed what we are doing. That was asking to move forward with it. Trustee Perchinski: So, what are we doing? Mayor Joyce: We're not doing anything with Kings Rd. at the moment. Trustee Perchinski: What about the 3200 block of Florence? Mayor Joyce: At the moment we're not doing anything until we get clarification from Engineering and the State. Trustee Perchinski: Make sure we have money in the budget for that? Mayor Joyce: We do.

Voice vote; All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Village Administrator No report.

Village Engineer Gave an update on the water tower. The tank rehab was completed at the end of last week. It is my understanding the tank has been filled and sampling is underway. Results should be received later this week. Once the results come back clean, the tank will be put back in service. Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Roy Stone confirmed that the first sample was taken on Friday, the result came back on Saturday, it passed. The second sample was taken today, so as long as we get two consecutive samples that pass, we can put it back online.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer We will have a full report at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Mike Long For the month of October we answered 176 calls for service, 144 Medical, 32 Fire and 24 Mutual Aid Calls. Just a reminder, our Pancake Breakfast with Santa is coming up on November 30th from 7 am to Noon.

Police Chief Greg Smith As far as meetings, conferences and training, Det. Hoppe and I attended the monthly Fire & Police Commission meeting. I attended the Bloom Trail High School First Responder meeting. Steger Police & Cook County Sheriff's Police conducted the yearly K9 search at Bloom Trail. The school did very well. Department wide training was "Racial Profiling, Implicit Bias & Cultural Competency". We have the new Non-Highway Vehicles Ordinance Amendment and copies of Low Speed Electronic Bicycles Brochures and Non-Highway Vehicle Brochures available for review.

Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Roy Stone Public Works continues with day-to-day operations. We had one water-main break since the last meeting. It occurred on the evening of November 9th followed up by the first snow fall of the year. We replaced a fire hydrant at 3322 Emerald which is located at the old Fire Station. Christmas Trees have arrived on the Boulevard. Public Works will be putting up the trees as well as setting up for the other festivities. Public Works will be participating with the Santa Parade and Food Drive. Residents are reminded to leave their non-perishable donations at the curb to be picked up. Volunteers are welcome to assist in picking up donations. I believe we have a 9 am start on November 29th.

Trustee Perchinski: How did the trucks do for the snowstorm? Were they ready?

Roy Stone: So, we did pretty good. About an hour and a half in we lost one. Air intake for the turbo went out. I called the mechanic at 5:30 in the morning, he responded, was able to order the parts which were delivered the next day, so we have it back up and running. If not, we would have had it towed and it would still be sitting.

Trustee Perchinski: We appreciate all your hard work.

Community Center Director Currently we are going to be doing Toys for Tots Donation Drive this year. We will set up boxes for that on Monday at the Community Center. We will have two boxes at the Miracle on 34th Street on November 29th. We will also have U.S. Marines at Miracle on 34th Street event.

Parks and Recreation Program Director Kris Calmese introduced himself and described some of the new programs he hopes to bring to the residents of Steger. He is actively seeking grants to bring these new programs to the community. Hoping to start an after-school program for the kids. The biggest issue is transportation, so we are working on that. We will be extending the hours at the Community Center.

EMA Chief Jason Stevenson We are working on transportation for Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Code Enforcement Good evening Mr. Mayor and Board of Trustees, Village of Steger. At this time from October 30 to November 17 I have written to 29 Stop Work Orders, 35 Re-Occupancy Inspections, 45 Warning Tickets and remember, we are in the winter time, please check your Smoke Detectors and CO Alarms.

MAYORS REPORT I want to remind everyone that there is street sweeping all over town. Hopefully they will hit the Boulevard a couple of times before our event. We ask that you keep your vehicles off the street during the daylight hours so that they can efficiently and safely get through the streets and clean them all. That includes all personal, private and commercial vehicles. There are only 2 more yard waste pick-up dates left. It officially ends on November 30th. Please be reminded that if there is a potential for 2" or more of snow, there is no parking on Village streets. Code Enforcement and the Village Police Department will be issuing tickets aggressively this year for people parked in the streets during snowfall. I spoke with both School District 194 and School District 206 today, for the Trees on the Boulevard that the Chamber is putting on, and the Miracle on 34th Street Event, the Santa Clause House will be moved from the north end of the Boulevard to the south end. It will be on 35th Street between the north and southbound lanes. The cross street there will be closed. I also spoke with St. Liborius and the other church on the boulevard that there will be a detour around it. The tent for Miracle on 34th Street will be on the Boulevard south of 35th Street. There may be other events being added. The Santa Parade will be on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It will start at 9 am and will be going through town. I will be working with the Chief's and Public Works to put out a map of what the route will be. If you have any non-perishable goods that you would like to donate for the food basket program that goes for Christmas. Please put them in a bag and put them out on the curb. Please do not clean out your cabinets and throw all your expired food to the food pantry.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

Trustee Trotier:

Bloom Township

Represented the Village of Steger at Bloom Township's Spook-ta-cular Ske-le-bration on Oct. 29th at Veteran's Park (former Skyline Pool area) – Chicago Heights, IL. The event even included a Haunted House. It was a fun event with just about 300 Trick o' Treaters. See you next time!

Com Ed Grant

Application was submitted in late August 2025 for: Powering Up the Holidays Grant Program

25 municipalities and nonprofit organizations will receive awards of up to \$2,500 to support local holiday light displays and events that bring neighbors together in cultural celebration." Sponsored by Com Ed & the Mayors Caucus

Letters of support were an important part of the requirements. Thank you to all who stepped up to the call.

Jen Voigts, President – Steger Kiwanis Club
Joe "Pep" Najar – Steger SD #194 Board Member
Beth Butkus – Steger SD #194 Board Member
Joseph Zagone – Village of Steger, Clerk
Star Kaminski – Village of Steger, Trustee
Anne Baadar – Village of Steger, Resident
Donald & Laura Kandl – Village of Steger, Resident
Mayor William Joyce – Village of Steger, President

Next, a heart-warming letter to ComEd sharing the Village of Steger's story and the reason (need) for the grant.

Finally, creativity was added by creating a postcard to pull-heart strings. As you know, a picture is worth 1000 words.

If anyone is interested in being on "Stand-By" for letters of support for future grants, please let me know. We would be glad to have you!

Abandon Homes

The South Suburban Land Bank Association (SSLBA) - offers a program to assist towns with abandoned homes. In a nutshell, the SSLBA would:

Clean up the property and that includes
Maintenance of trees, grass, debris, etc.
Remove items from the inside of the property
Pay for the remodeling of the property
Pay for a home to pass inspection

Pay for Attorney fees

The current taxes would be removed from the property

The SSLBA would market the property for sale

The Village of Steger would benefit by collecting the property tax revenue

If the property was not salvageable, the SSLBA would demolish the property.

How would this benefit the Village of Steger?

We would not incur expenses (the property is sold to the SSLBA).

We do not have the manpower and/or funds to do the work.

Our neighborhoods would look attractive with the removal of blighted homes.

The Village of Steger would increase tax revenue.

I recommend exploring this option for our town.

Thank you for your time.

BILLS

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

Discussion: Trustee Perchinski: It is the Village Boards job to keep a balanced budget which is part of the reason we should have new employees and other expenditures brought in front of us before it show up on a warrant list. I know Alan Moross has been doing work for us, but do we have an agreement with him?

Mayor Joyce: Do we have a written agreement with him? We do not.

Trustee Perchinski: So, who decides what he gets paid?

Mayor Joyce: Considering you have to have a responsible Water Operator to run the Village's Water system, or we are in violation of EPA, we can pay our engineering firm which I don't know what the exact cost would be, or we have someone who is and A Class Operator who walks in and takes it over and helps us out. He is charging us \$500 per well which is much cheaper than standard charge other people charge. The village engineer confirmed that \$500 per well per month is a very good price.

Trustee Perchinski: I just think that should go in front of the Village Board.

Mayor Joyce: When an employee walks out on his job with less than two weeks notice.

Trustee Perchinski: He gave you two weeks' notice, you told him to leave.

Mayor Joyce: Would you like to talk about this in private Tim? We have an executive session to talk about employees. We cannot talk about employees in public.

Trustee Perchinski: I am talking about you are paying people without bringing it to the board. Our names are going to be on this budget, and this budget is going to be a mess next year. Mayor Joyce: Tim, your comments are noted; I'll call for roll call.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond and Trotier. Trustee Perchinski voted no.

Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1342-A: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1342 TO CORRECT THE REFERENCE TO THE CREATION OF ARTICLE 18 OF CHAPTER 82 OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

The owner of Fleet Tech Truck Repair and building introduced himself and gave a description of the business he is bringing to the Industrial Park in Steger. Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a new business license for Fleet Tech, Inc. at 3239 Loverock Ave., pending inspections. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Mayor Joyce: In the process of restoring our water tower at 31st Street, it was noted by the engineers and the contractor that over the course of years, the tower had frozen multiple times which caused damage inside the water tower. Along with other measures being taken to improve fighting oxidation inside the tower, the engineers have recommended installing this mixer to prevent future freezing inside the tower. The cost to put this in is \$31,500. They are on site, and it is important that this be done. I felt it was important to come to the board to get this approved while we are finishing up the water tower. Trustee Perchinski confirmed that this price included engineering and have we talked to finance department? Mayor Joyce: We have DECO Grant for Water Tower rehabilitation that covers this, the cathartic protection and gives us some money back from the Tower painting.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the purchase and installation of the Submersible GS9 mixer on the recently restored water tower. Trustee Hanus seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the 2026 Village Board Meeting dates. Trustee Hanus seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

At 7:30:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(5), to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the Village of Steger; 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 Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

At 8:40:

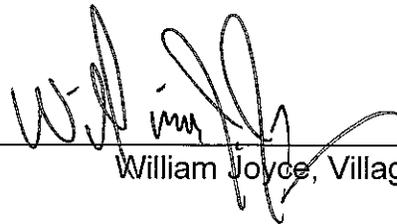
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the Steger Village Board. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to allow Mayor Joyce to finish negotiations for the Village Administrator position with changes discussed in Executive Session. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

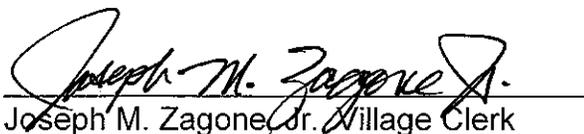
Being no further business:

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 8:41 pm.



William Joyce, Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Village Clerk

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OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
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COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

The Board of Trustees convened in regular session at 7:00 P.M. on this 3rd day of November 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 and Trotier. Mayor Joyce was present. Trustee Perchinski was absent.

Also present: Executive Administrative Assistant DaVanna Terry, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Roy Stone, Fire Chief Mike Long, Police Chief Greg Smith, EMA Chief Jason Stevenson, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Myers and Village Attorney Vlado Vranjes.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Trustee Steve Thurmond: I just want to let everyone know that next Monday the 10th we are going to have our first call back on our Water Committee Meeting. It will be at 6:00 pm right here.

MINUTES

Trustee Trotier made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 20th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion.
Voice vote; All ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Village Administrator No report.

Village Engineer No report.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer Mayor Joyce announced that we do have July and August finance reports that just came out. They were turned over to our Finance Department, so those will be reported on at the next Board meeting.

Fire Chief Mike Long Our Ambulances, thanks to a donation from Silver Cross Hospital are now carrying Ben's Blue Bags, which are filled with items for dealing with Autistic Children. Our Pancake Breakfast is coming up the end of the month, November 30th. It will run from 7 am until Noon. Raffle tickets should be going out in the mail soon.

Police Chief Greg Smith We had a pistol qualification which was a make-up from earlier in the year. Two special events we worked on were St. Liborius Trunk or Treat and the Village Bon fire and Fire Works. We received the Less Lethal Device Grant in the amount of \$17,926.82 due to great work by Deputy Chief Fajman and Sgt. Hillman.

Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Roy Stone Public Works continues with day to day operations which includes: mowing, locates, work orders. We will be out patching pot holes, trimming back as well as repairing some catch basins. Plow truck repairs are ongoing, since the last meeting we have had two water main breaks. The Water tower project should be complete before the next board meeting.

Community Center Director Christine Meyer reported our Halloween Party didn't get quite as big as it has been, but we still made 120 kids happy. We took the leftover food and donated it to Outreach which fed some seniors. I would like to thank Public Works for making me have light. It is bright out there, thank you so much. We have basketball and volleyball coming up. Our Cartwheel Club is starting up again and still going strong.

Parks and Recreation No report.

EMA Chief Jason Stevenson We were out all night for Halloween from 2 pm to the end. Trick or Treating, the bonfire and fireworks all went really well.

Code Enforcement My report for October, for the two weeks I have been here, I have done 35 Re-Occupancy Inspections, 25 Stop Work tickets and 40 warning tickets for grass and weeds, etc.

MAYORS REPORT I want to thank Public Works, the Fire Department, ESDA, Code Enforcement, the Police Department and Village Hall Staff for getting everything together for the Halloween Event last Friday. Trick or Treating went well, we had no reported incidents around town. The event at the park would not have been possible without all those departments that came out. I also want to thank Helsel-Jepperson, We Got You Covered, Dogz on the Run, Bambino's, Frank Elton, the Kiwanis Club, the American Legion for all their support and donations in making it successful. I want to thank Johnny Rockets for taking care of the fireworks for us. I think it was a wonderful display. At last count we were over 900 people in the park and the surrounding areas were completely full. So it was a good event and there were no incidents.

With that, I have a mayoral appointment, we are going to name the Community Center Director. I want to announce my appointment of Fay Kiaurakis as Community Center Director. May I entertain a motion to accept Fay as the Community Center Director?

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Trustee Stewart made a motion to approve the appointment of Fay Kiaurakis as Community Center Director. Trustee Hanus seconded the motion. Voice vote; Ayes: Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond and Trotier. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Zagone gave the Oath of Office to Fay Kiaurakis as Community Center Director for the Village of Steger, Illinois.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

None.

BILLS

Trustee Trotier made a motion to pay the bills as listed when funds become available. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond and Trotier. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1342: AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO REGULATE THE USE OF NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond and Trotier. Motion carried.

Mayor Joyce: So, what this Ordinance is, for the public, this is the Ordinance we were talking about for off road vehicles, mini bikes, E-bikes, golf carts, this ordinance gives the Police Department powers to enforce that they did not have before. It gives powers to impound vehicles and require that whoever is the responsible party has to pay to get them back. It also power to hold the parents responsible for a child's actions. Now that this is passed, this will be printed out in pamphlet form, it will be posted in a local newspaper and after being in the public for 10 days, it will then take affect.

Mayor Joyce: In going through and working with finance, we have multiple roads that are in very poor shape. Some are much worse than others. In going through this, we do have the opportunity to get a couple roads done before this winter. The asphalt plants close in three weeks. Currently we have 18 roads that are on the poor scale that need to be done. We have gotten bids for the 3200 block of Florence which is currently the worst road. The bids came in at \$49,000 with Holland, \$44,000 with D. Anderson and Iroquois Paving for \$42,000. The work will be completed before the end of the season which is in three weeks. The other bid that we got was from Iroquois Paving, they were the low bidder on the other two. We asked for a quote for milling and resurfacing of Kings Road from 35th Street to just south of Richton Road at the Village Limit which came in at \$102,000. I am asking for tentative approval for the Iroquois bid, I will ask the other two for quotes, but it is unlikely they will beat this price. That will be contingent on the STP Funds that were supposed to be used for Kings Road. The paperwork was not completed and the money was not received from those grants in the fiscal year 2024-25. I am going to ask for an extension, but if we are not allowed to get the extension or if the money is gone, I would like to go forward with repaving it before winter. Roy, can you explain the two roads please?

Roy Stone: The 3200 block of Florence, from 32nd Street to 33rd Street, and Kings Road will be from 35th Street across Richton Road past Pagoria's to the Village Limit Line. The Mayor asked for any discussion.

Trustee Trotier: So do we have to get a bond?

Mayor Joyce: We do not. We have money in the Motor Fuel Tax Fund that will cover both of these projects. It will not empty the account.

Mayor Joyce asked the Village Attorney if we are okay to go forward with the Florence Ave. project with 3 bids. Village Attorney: Yes you are.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve the resurfacing of the 3200 block of Florence Ave. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond and Trotier. Motion carried.

Mayor Joyce: Now I am asking for tentative approval, I will get the documentation from the other two asphalt companies to go with the low bidder if the STP Funds are not available to the Village of Steger any longer.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to tentative approval the resurfacing of Kings Rd. from 35th St. south to the Village limit. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond and Trotier. Motion carried.

At 7:15:

Trustee Stewart made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Section 2 (c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act, 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 Thurmond seconded the

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

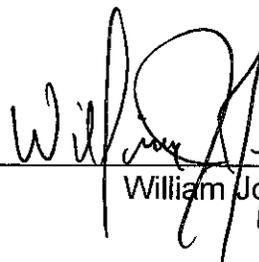
At 7:45:

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the Steger Village Board. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond and Trotier. Motion carried.

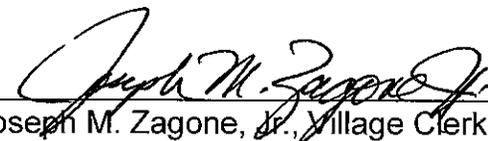
Being no further business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.



William Joyce, Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk