

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 6th day of January 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, Deputy Fire Chief James Baine, Police Chief Greg Smith, Community Center Director Diana Rossi and Village Attorney James Vasselli. EMA Chief Jason Stevenson 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:

I will begin in the absence of a President to ask if any of you have nominations to make for that position. I will start with Trustee Stewart.

Do you have a nomination to make?

Trustee Stewart nominated himself, Gerald Stewart.

Clerk Zagone: Trustee Stewart, do you accept the nomination?

Trustee Stewart: I do.

Trustee Thurmond, do you have a nomination to make?

Trustee Thurmond: William Joyce.

Clerk Zagone: Trustee Joyce, do you accept the nomination?

Trustee Joyce: Yes

Trustee Trotier, do you have a nomination to make?

Trustee Trotier: I do, Ernie Lopez.

Clerk Zagone: Trustee Lopez, do you accept the nomination?

Trustee Lopez: I do.

Trustee Joyce, do you have a nomination to make?

Trustee Joyce: No.

Trustee Perchinski, do you have a nomination to make?

Trustee Perchinski, No.

Trustee Lopez, do you have a nomination?

Trustee Lopez: No.

With that, we will go through the vote process.

When I call your name, tell me who you wish to vote for.

Trustee Stewart:	Gerald Stewart
Trustee Thurmond:	William Joyce
Trustee Trotier:	Ernie Lopez
Trustee Joyce:	William Joyce
Trustee Perchinski:	Ernie Lopez
Trustee Lopez:	Ernie Lopez

Clerk Zagone: we are at a stalemate again.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to appoint Trustee Lopez Chairman Pro-tem for the meeting. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Lopez, Stewart, Trotier and Perchinski. Trustees Thurmond and Joyce voted no. Motion carried.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Police Chief Smith announced that we have several officers up for a Live Saving Award. This resulted from a shooting that occurred on the 20th of December in the 500 block of Richton Road. The officers responded to a 21-year-old subject down on the ground. He was shot 4 different times. The officers stopped the bleeding by putting on a tourniquet, a chest seal and applied pressure. Awards were given to the following officers.

Officer Mario Velazquez

Detective Daniel Hoppe

Officer Jacob Cavazos

Village Clerk Zagone announced the winners of this year's Christmas Decorating Contest. The winners were:

3rd Place: Linda Farley at 3524 Ashland Ave

2nd Place: The Bartucci Family at 3029 Union Ave

1st Place: Armando Rosado at 3646 Halsted Blvd

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of December 16th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Kay Kiarakus of Ashland Ave came before the board to ask for an update on a shooting that took place on her block on January 2nd. Chief Smith explained that it is an ongoing investigation. Further details will be provided when there is more to provide.

Kimberly Clark of 3006 Peoria St came before the board for an update on a zoning variance they have applied for. Dave Toepper explained the the process is in motion and he will talk to them after the meeting for further details.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen I just have two updates: ComEd is getting ready to start their part of the work for the Water Tower Project. They should start by the end of the month; we do not have an exact date. Our part of the project will wait until the weather is appropriate for the work. Also, I know that we will be having our second Open House for our second area. All of these are being done in areas. So, the Open House is not for everyone. It's for the area that is being worked on in regard to lead water pipe replacement.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Deputy Chief James Baine 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.

VILLAGE CLERK No Report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

None

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay all bills when funds become available. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Thurmond, Lopez, Stewart, Trotier, Joyce and Perchinski. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE No. 1329: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF STEGER SCHOOL DISTRICT 194 AND THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Perchinski confirmed that this is just an agreement between the School District and the Village to provide them with a School Resource Officer where the school has agreed to pay 70% of that officers pay. Just so everyone is clear, we need to get an SRO, so we have to get an officer ready for this job.

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

Being no further business:

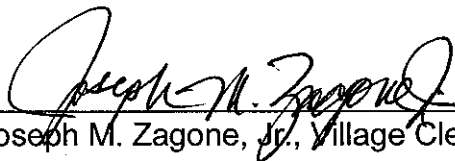
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.



Ernie Lopez, Jr. Chairman Pro-tem



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk