

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of July 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 and Village Attorney Luann Galovich.

**AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to move Mayoral Appointments to this time for those with time restraints. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes.  
Motion carried.

Mayor Joyce announced his appointments for the coming year:

Water Committee: Steve Thurmond, Chair, Gerald Stewart, Allen Maross and Bob Wagner.

Steger USA 250 Committee: Barb Recupito, Tory Recupito, Frank Elton, Cindy Trotier, Star Kaminski, Julie Stone and Lisa Smith.

Police and Fire Board: Patrick Rossi, Chair, Dawn Porter and Brittney Stone.

Police Pension Board: Lisa Smith

Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals: Rusty Brodeur, Chair, Carmen Recupito, Dawn Sveningson, Mike Hickey, William Barr and Giovanni Pacelli.

Business District Development and Redevelopment Commission: Eric Diehl, Chair, James Piacentini, Ralph Gazzillo, Thomas Dreixler, Lisa Rodriguez and Julie Stone.

Corporate Council: DelGaldo Law Group

Adjudicator: Brian Driscoll

Village Engineers: Robinson Engineering

Finance Director: GW and Associates

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the Mayoral Appointments. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

At this time Village Clerk Zagone gave the oath of office to the appointees in attendance.

## **MINUTES**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 7<sup>th</sup> meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

**Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen** All Village Board members who have signed up to attend the Illinois Municipal League Conference in September have been registered. We have been getting a lot of responses from the RFP for the website. As we go through those we will probably have sub-meeting before we ask them to the table so that we can discuss all of the things that you would like. The Mayor and I are finishing up the RFP for the garbage contract, it should go out in the next couple weeks.

Trustee Perchinski: Are you going to send that to us? VA Seehausen: Yes I will.

Trustee Perchinski: I thought we were going to have the website one too? VA

Seehausen: I can send you the website one, but there is not much you could change on it. What you want to add to that is going to be when we put it together because we are asking for all of the things that we need.

**Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper** For the month of June, Code Enforcement has contacted roughly 75 residents. We issued 35-48 hour notices resulting in 19 violations letters or tickets being issued. We have done 9 business license inspections, 54 re-occupancy inspections and Public Works has had 8 water main breaks.

**Fire Chief Mike Long** For the month of June we responded to 162 calls for service. 124 of those were medical, 38 fire and 43 were mutual aid calls to surrounding communities.

**Police Chief Greg Smith** Training for the month was Traffic Law for small Vehicle conveyances. Chief Smith ILETSB Training for Firearm Restraining Order Act. Chief Smith attended the LCC Annual Budget Review meeting as well as the monthly LCC Operations meeting and Chief Smith also participated in the Karina's Law meeting. Chief Smith and D.C. Fajman held Coffee with a Cop at the Community Center. This Wednesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> is Speed Awareness Day. Please do your part and slow down.

**EMA Chief Jason Stevenson** A couple weeks ago we had them out to inspect the Emergency Siren, do a test and maintenance. Everything checked out.

**Community Center Director** No report.

**Village Attorney** No report.

**Treasurer** No Report.

**MAYORS REPORT** In response to request to name things, buildings, parks, streets, etc. I have developed a list of criteria. I am going to ask three of the trustees to work on this, I am going to ask the Village Administrator and a couple residents to work on this. Mayor Joyce then read the criteria which will be attached to these minutes.

**VILLAGE CLERK** No report.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER** Melanie Arnold introduced herself. She represents Robinson Engineering and will be the liaison between the Village of Steger and Robinson Engineering. I anticipate that I will be coming to board meetings and provide reports once I get into the role of it. I will be working directly with the Mayor and Village Administrator. I am excited to be here and will do everything I can to help move the Village of Steger forward. Thank you for the opportunity.

### **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

None.

### **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; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1199: A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER IN SUPPORT OF THE ILLINOIS AMERICA250 COMMEMORATION. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Bob Wagner of 3529 Ashland Ave came before the board to discuss an ongoing issue with motorized, unlicensed bikes, especially by children. It has become more of an issue because they don't seem to want to obey the rules of the road. They are not street legal and fly through stop signs. Police Chief Smith explained laws governing these bikes and how the police department handles these calls. Mayor Joyce explained that there is currently no Ordinance in the Village of Steger or law in the State of Illinois that allows police to impound these bikes. Chief Smith is going to research further what action his department can take to help control this situation throughout the village. Trustee Stewart mentioned having the same issues in his neighborhood. Letting the police know where the bikes are coming from is a start to working on the problem.

At 7:30 p.m.

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.

Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

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

At 8:14 p.m.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to reconvene the general session of the Village Board Meeting. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

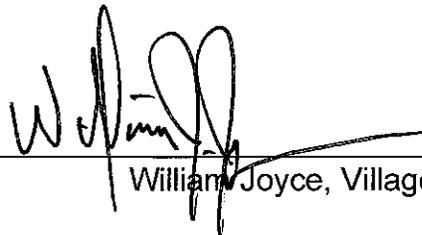
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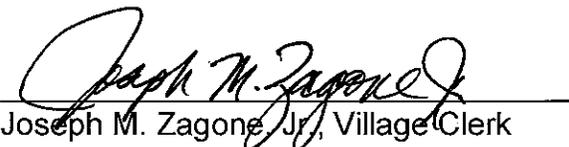
Being no further business:

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 8:14 pm.

  
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William Joyce, Village President

  
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Joseph M. Zagone Jr., Village Clerk