

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 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:

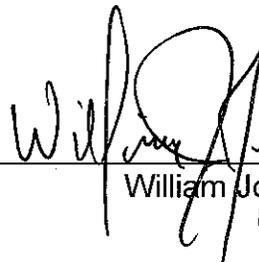
Trustee Thurmond made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the Steger Village Board. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond and Trotier. Motion carried.

Being no further business:

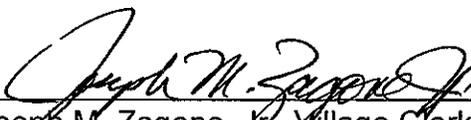
Trustee Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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