

**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 20th day of October 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 and Village Attorney Vlado Vranjes.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Village Clerk Zagone read the Proclamation honoring the life of former Village Mayor Kenneth A. Peterson.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt the Proclamation honoring Kenneth A. Peterson, Jr. and keep a permanent record of it. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Voice vote; Ayes: Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Steve Thurmond: I was not able to submit my report in time, so I just wanted to give everyone a report on the Octoberfest Event. The final numbers came in for what the Village expenses were. \$3,513.44. For those who were questioning what the Chamber of Commerce's role was in this, they provided all of the electricity for the event, for the vendors, the band and all the other events.

Trustee Perchinski: When you say provided electricity, can you expand on that?

Mayor Joyce: All electricity came off the meter on the pole that the Chamber pays for.

Trustee Perchinski: What about the power cords, the work we did on the curbs. Is that included in this price, the painting of the Gazebo.

Mayor Joyce: The painting of the Gazebo was maintenance and power cords went to the Community Center where they will using them again for the Halloween Party.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 6th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Hanus seconded the motion.

Voice vote; Ayes: Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Village Administrator No report.

Village Engineer The water tower work progresses. They took a two day stoppage in the work as there was some damage found internally to the water tower that is being addressed tomorrow. Once that decision is made, then they will continue painting. Right now it is on track to be finished before Halloween.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No report.

Fire Chief Mike Long For the month of September we ran a total of 181 calls, 152 of those were medical and 29 were fire. We have our annual Coloring Contest that is underway. All of the coloring books have gone out to the kids in School District 194. We will pick winners on Halloween and the winners of those will win a ride to school on a Firetruck. We will be at Trunk or Treat this Thursday and the Intermediate Center on Friday as we have been asked to be judges for their Red Ribbon Contest. We will see you all at the Bonfire and Fireworks on Halloween.

Police Chief Greg Smith Sgt Lane and Det. Hoppe attended the Homicide Conference to update their certification. For the month we had 43 warning citations, 33 State Citations, 86 local ordinances, 4 misdemeanors, 1 felony, 3 felony warrants issued, 70 case reports and 14 traffic crashes.

Mayor Joyce: Before I ask for the next report, I want to inform everyone here that Roy Stone has been named the Assistant Superintendent of Public Works for the Village of Steger.

Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Roy Stone Since the last meeting, we have had 2 water main breaks, Public Works is continuing day-to-day operations. Maintenance on the plow trucks is still in progress. Out of 4 trucks that we need for plowing and salting, one is ready to go, work will continue on the other three trucks until they are ready. The railroad crossing: there are some signs that need to be changed, paint markings need to be put down and refreshed at 31st and 35th Street crossings to stay in compliance with the Train Quiet Zone.

Community Center Director Christine Meyer reported that the Halloween Party is going well. I have everyone I need to help me. I have all the products; I just need the electrical cords. Everything will be good for the party on Saturday October 25th. Basketball and Volleyball will both be starting soon.

Parks and Recreation No report.

EMA Chief Jason Stevenson We have had 2 assists out of town, we have had 3 patrols in town. I have been working the last couple of days with Cook County Emergency Management. We are working on the multi-jurisdictional hazardous mitigation plan for our annual report which is a continuation of what I worked on with VA Seehausen last year. I am working with them right now, we need to meet and go over some questions I have. This will set us up hopefully for some grants that are out there. Last weekend we finished the first phase of the Command Unit, so we can talk about filling it now.

MAYORS REPORT I want to announce my appointment of Paul E. Myers who has accepted the position of Village Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the appointment of Paul E. Myers to the position of Village Code Enforcement Officer and Building Inspector. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Voice vote; Ayes: Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Zagone gave the Oath of Office to Paul E. Myers as Code Enforcement Officer for the Village of Steger, Illinois.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

None.

BILLS

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to move paying of the bills to after Executive Session to discuss an item on the bill. Trustee Stewart 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

Sandy and Scott Maschmeyer, the owners of Crank's Kitchen introduced themselves and gave a thorough rundown of what they plan to do with their food truck and described many of the dishes that they will make available throughout the Village at events, etc.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve a new Food Truck License for Cranks Kitchen at 20 E. 227th Pl. pending inspections and event approval. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

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

At 7:21:

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 Stewart seconded the motion.

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

At 8:41:

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the bills minus the bills for David Wheeler and any other bills to auto parts stores that he's able to sign the Village's name for.

Discussion: Trustee Perchinski: My reason behind this is not to pick on a guy, but our ordinance says that if you do work for the Village you have to have a license which includes having proper insurance, a bond and to pay for the license. We also paid a bill for gas painting who didn't have a license either. You hired David Wheeler in violation of the hiring policy of the Village of Steger. Mayor Joyce: Let's start with it's a motion that you are either going to pay the bills, or you are not going to pay the bills.

Mayor Joyce asked for a second to the motion. None was made. Motion died.

Mayor Joyce: While we are talking about paying the bills, since we are talking about one specific person, because he is my brother, Mr. Stone, can you please explain what Mr. Wheeler is doing for you and your department.

Roy Stone: So, all four of our plow trucks, salting trucks are in very bad need of a lot of work. He has come a long way with what he has started.

Trustee Perchinski: That's great, but, we have to do it the right way.

Roy Stone: So we really need to continue. I cannot comment on the rest, I am just here to do Village business. If we don't get these trucks fixed, we are going to have major problems.

Mayor Joyce: So, in that, the other places that we do business with to fix our vehicles do not have a Village license. One would be Ray and Wallys in Lynwood. We have another company, R & R comes in to work on the firetrucks in our fire house.

Trustee Perchinski: You also hired them in violation of the hiring policy.

Mayor Joyce: I am not going to disparage anybody that was here before me. I hire a man, and what I said I would do is I would hire anybody whether they were related to me or not if they are qualified for the job they were hired for.

Trustee Perchinski: Then you need to read the policy, because that is not what the policy says.

Mayor Joyce: You should have pointed that out years ago Tim. With lack of a second, there is no motion. The motion dies. Does someone want to make a motion to pay the bills?

Trustee Stewart made a motion to pay the bills as listed when funds become available. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion. Voice vote; Ayes: Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Trotier. Trustee Thurmond voted no. Trustee Perchinski abstained. Motion carried.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1340: An ordinance establishing the position of Program Coordinator. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Perchinski: I would like everyone to look at this position which will have some overlap to another position we need to fill and to combine those two positions to save the Village money. Having a secondary full time employee is an expensive idea in itself, especially when I think a competent person could take care of both of these positions, at a higher rate than either one, but I still feel it is a bet use of Village money. Trustee Trotier: I think in a perfect world, yeah, bring him on, lets get these programs started. We also know that we lack money in different departments, water main breaks, everyone knows that. Evaluating what the program director does versus, what the coordinator does, maybe it's time to re-evaluate the roles of the Community Center Director. When was the last time that was done? We should be open to reviewing that before we spend for another full time person. It's not that I don't think it is a good idea, however, it's a lot of money. Let's go back and look at what we have now, can that person do other jobs also.

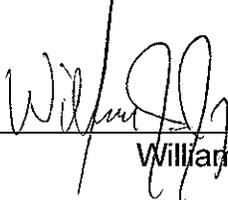
Voice vote; Ayes: Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond. Trustees Trotier and Perchinski voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1341: An Ordinance establishing the salary and wages to be paid to management and non-union employees of the Village of Steger, Counties of Cook and Will in the State of Illinois. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion. Voice vote; Ayes: Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond and Perchinski. Trustee Trotier voted no. Motion carried.

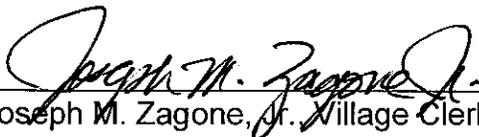
Being no further business:

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 8:55 pm.



William Joyce, Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Village Clerk