

**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 16th day of June 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, Community Center Director Diana Rossi and Village Attorney.

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Joyce presented a Proclamation to Community Center Director Diane Rossi on her retirement from the Village. Clerk Zagone read the proclamation. Her retirement begins on July 1st.

Trustee Stewart made a motion to enter the Proclamation for Diane Rossi into the Public Record. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion.

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

Diane Rossi: It has truly been my pleasure to work for everyone here. I have loved my job and loved all the people. I thank you very much for giving me this opportunity all of my life. I can't thank you enough. I am just retiring, I am not leaving.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 2nd meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion.

Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen We are going to be finishing up our Susan Lane project shortly, then we will be closing out that grant. I will be applying for those funds to come back to us as we finish that. Our 33rd and Lewis Street project, we have our final meeting tomorrow morning at 9 am to start that project. It might be a little

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bit delayed as we group in a new engineer. We are also closed on Thursday in observance of Juneteenth. All non-essential departments of the Village will be closed.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper Five-Star Energy has a few houses left to do in phase one, they have moved out of town for a short time, then will be back in a month or so and start phase 2. Surf Internet has been running fibre lines through town. They are starting on the east side of town and working towards the west.

Fire Chief Mike Long For the month of May the Steger Fire Department responded to a total of 169 calls, 130 medical, 39 fire and 34 mutual aid responses to our surrounding communities. Last week we completed our annual inspections and passed without issues. Last week we responded to a structure house fire at 3541 Hopkins where fortunately no injuries were reported. However, there was a delay in alerting occupants due to the lack of working smoke detectors. I want to remind the community about our smoke detector program. If your home does not have working smoke detectors, the Steger Fire Department can provide and install at no cost to homeowners. Contact the Fire Department for more information.

Police Chief Greg Smith Our monthly training was "Reporting Child Abuse & Neglect". Officer Hosman attended the two-week Police Transition class held at Southwestern Illinois Police Academy. Being transitioned from a part-time officer to a full-time officer. Police Department trained in "High Risk Traffic Stops". I attended School district 194 Safety Review.

Police provided extra patrol at Veterans Park for the Chico South Suburban Inc. Car Show. Police participated in the 19th Annual Christ Prayer, provided extra patrol for a House Party (live band) in the 3200 block of Wallace. Police provided security at the School district 194 8th Grade Graduation.

EMA Chief Jason Stevenson We supplied lighting for the fire on Hopkins, we started some of the Summer Patrols, we are currently working on training two new employees and we have the lettering on the new Command Unit that we are working on.

Community Center Director Diana Rossi For the past month, from May 20th to June 16th, we have had approximately 1,350 people come through the door. They have been doing a lot of clubs that we have there. We have a new club, the Cartwheel Club and we are hoping that it will be a good tumbling class for the kids. I just want to say again, thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. Thank you.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No Report.

MAYORS REPORT I went out to the Newly Elected Mayor's Workshop in Lisle, Illinois. We met with DuPage Mayors and Managers, McHenry County Council Government,

Metro West Council Government, Northwest Municipal Conference South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association and the Southwest Conference of Mayors. We went over various subjects and legalities that are facing local governments as we go through. They spoke about the local government distributive fund and how it is not really funded by the state and what we can do to help do that. We also had the opportunity to meet with Marcus Edmunds Jr. who is a State rep. The Mayor of Alsip and Christy from SSMMA went over stuff for Economic Development for the Village of Steger. Later this week I will be meeting with Representative Robin Kelly to go over how she can help Steger.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

None.

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay all bills as listed when funds become available. 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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1335: AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MUNICIPAL MOTOR FUEL TAX IN THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COUNTIES OF COOK AND WILL, STATE OF ILLINOIS. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Mayor Joyce: Just for everyone in the audience, Ordinance No. 1335 was the gasoline tax we talked about at the last Committee of the Whole Meeting and Board Meeting. What this puts in effect is up to 3 cents per gallon.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Mike Long: Up until now, all of our Fire and EMS reporting software was handled through Will County. This was an agreement previously made. Will County covered these costs. At the end of this year, Will County is discontinuing this program. We have gotten together with local communities to come up with a program to use in place of that. We have until January of next year to get everything up and running. There is a chance Will County will be applying for a grant to help with this, but until then it will be worked into the Fire Department budget.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the purchase of new Fire Department Software based on a 5-year contract. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve going out for RFP for website design and mobile application. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

Trustee Perchinski: I asked for this to be put on the Committee of the Whole, it didn't make it. Mayor Joyce: This had already been put in place, so we went out for the RFI, this is the next step. What happens here is when we get the request for proposal for website designers, will come back to the Village, we will set a time to open all the proposals and we'll make a decision from there. This is going out so companies can bid against the costs of what we are looking for. Trustee Perchinski: So, in this bid is it putting in things we'd like to see on it or is it just basic and we have to build it out from there? Mayor Joyce: They will come with their package and we can decide as a group what we want to do with it.

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

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve a pop-up Food Distribution Site in the parking lot at 3231 Chicago Road. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Perchinski reminded everyone that they are naming the Village of Steger as additional insured on their insurance and that they are properly monitoring the cars going in and out. Trustee Thurmond asked what part of the lot is being used. Mayor Joyce stated they will be guided into the back of the lot near the railroad all in the municipal part of the lot. There will be no on-site storage. It will be a once a week pop-up. Trustee Perchinski: I hope we get someone in the K-Mart building. Mayor Joyce: The group doing this pop-up is aware that if the building is redeveloped, they will have to relocate the pop-up.

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

Trustee Trotier made a motion to move the Audience Participation item on the agenda to prior to Executive Session. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mark Gerrity of 314 Royal Oak Drive came before the board stating his previous concern about the notice mailed out for renewal of Village Stickers. I have two cars, I get two envelopes. People with five cars probably get five envelopes. Mr. Gerrity believes money can be saved by consolidating mailings to cut down on postage. Village Administrator Seehausen stated that we can't catch all of them, but when we can, multiple renewals to the same owner are combined.

Reginald and Ramona Jones of 493 231st Street came before the board to compliment the Village officials for being at Columbia Central Graduation. We have issues with the property next to ours and the Village has helped a lot. They are hoping to get more information about the bank that owns the empty property next to them to find out what is going to happen next. The house has been empty for six years now, and I definitely do not want to live next door to that eyesore. Thank you all so much for everything you do and being so open to let us approach you all.

Janet Streck came before the board on behalf of Communities for Christ Prayer Event to say thank you to everyone. Thanks to everyone who participated in the event. This year we had six different churches that participated, and we had a great representation from the Village, the Board of Trustees, we really appreciate that. The police were there, it was just a great time. This was our 19th year. We appreciate the opportunity to get together and pray for Steger and the surrounding communities. We do take it seriously, but we could not do it if we did not have your support. Thank you on behalf of all the participating churches.

Connie Lundin of Cottage Grove Ave. gave thanks again to Diane Rossi for all the years that she let me and Ivan be involved and for allowing us to give back to the community as she has given to us all these years. Thank you for supporting me and my club.

At 7:28 p.m.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session 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 Hanus seconded the motion.

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

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At 7:53 p.m.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to reconvene the general session of the Village Board Meeting. 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 remove Water License requirement from the Laborer 3 job description and to add a stipend to Bi-lingual Village Employees who serve the Village. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

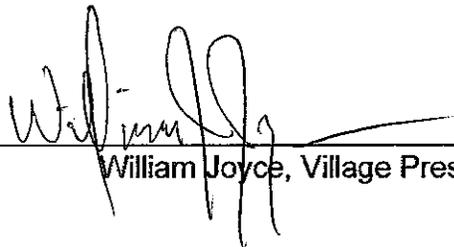
Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Being no further business:

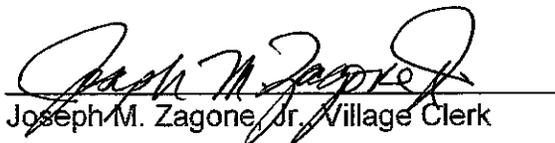
Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.



William Joyce, Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr., Village Clerk