

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 2nd day of September 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, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Mayor Joyce was present. Trustee Stewart was absent.

Also present: Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen, Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper, Fire Chief Mike Long, Police Chief Greg Smith and EMA Chief Jason Stevenson.

At 7:02 pm:

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

Mayor Joyce: At this time, we are going to go into Executive Session. We will be out very shortly.

At 7:34 pm:

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to reconvene to discuss possible action regarding the purchase or lease of real property discussed in executive session. Discuss and possible action of matters related to employee compensation.

Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Village Attorney Vlado Vranjes joined the meeting.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to create the position of Executive Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and Village Administrator at the wage discussed in Executive Session. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to list Lateral for Full-time for our Police Department with compensation as discussed in Executive Session. Trustee Thurmond seconded the Minutes September 2, 2025, page 2

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

AWARDS, HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mayor Joyce: We have a proclamation on the retirement of Mary Jo Seehausen as our Village Administrator. One of the things I would like to say before we read this, is I have had the pleasure of knowing Mary Jo much longer than she has worked for the Village of Steger. It has been a wonderful relationship and friendship, also it has been very contentious at times. She is mean to me sometimes. It has been a pleasure, I do remember the first time I met Mary Jo after she started working here, she was sitting in the back room of Village Hall with Geraldine Seehausen eating her lunch, and when I walked through the door, she started choking on her food because she didn't realize that I worked for the Village as well, for the Fire Department back then. It has been a pleasure to work with you all these years, even through the mean times back and forth. But, I still love you and I wish you the best in your retirement.

Clerk Zagone read a Proclamation honoring Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen on her retirement after over 30 years of service to the Village of Steger.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt the Proclamation honoring Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18th meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Village Administrator Mary Jo Seehausen First off, I would like to thank the board. It has been an honor to serve this Village for more than 30 years. While my time with some of you has been short, some of you have been too long. For the ones that might have been a little too long, it has made me a better person and has enabled me to do my job better. I have loved serving all of you and this community. To all the employees that have come across my path, my command staff and support staff that if we didn't have you we would not be where we are today. But, I'm not really good at good-byes, so I am not going to say them. I am going to say see you later, because I know with the relationships that we have created, even the people who started with me or were here before me in 1994 like Mark Tieri. I am going to see you guys again. I could never have

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been as good as I am without any of you. What you guys bring to this table is far above anything I have ever seen, and I need you to keep doing what you're doing. Because you are all stellar employees. I will miss every one of you.

Director of Public Infrastructure Dave Toepper No report.

Fire Chief Mike Long No report.

Police Chief Greg Smith No report.

EMA Chief Jason Stevenson No report.

Community Center Director No report.

Village Attorney No report.

Treasurer No Report.

MAYORS REPORT No report.

VILLAGE CLERK No report.

VILLAGE ENGINEER No report.

TRUSTEES REPORTS

None.

BILLS

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay all bills as listed when funds become available except for two bills for maintenance of motorized vehicle equipment for Mr. David Wheeler, I would like to discuss these further. Trustee Trotier seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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None

NEW BUSINESS

The owner of Big Blocks R Us came before the board to describe the new business he wants to bring to Steger.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to approve the new business license application for Big Blocks R Us at 3616 Union Ave; pending inspections. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

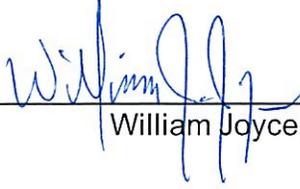
None

Trustee Thurmond: I would like to ask everyone to keep Trustee Stewart in your thoughts and prayers. He is under the weather at the moment, so please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

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 7:45 pm.



William Joyce, Village President



Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Village Clerk