

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 4th day of December 2006 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with President Sherman in the Chair and presiding and Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. Also present were Police Chief Richard Stultz, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles, Superintendent William Cox, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers, Village Engineer Joseph A. Schudt, and Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey.

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with as all members have copies and they be accepted as written. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

EMERGENCY PANTRY REPORT

On behalf of the Steger Emergency Pantry, Trustee Honea thanked all the residents who made donations to the Pantry during the Santa Parade on Saturday, November 25th. Trustee Honea also thanked Public Works, the Fire Department, E.S.D.A., the Village Administrator, Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, the Police Department, the Village Board, and the Chamber of Commerce for making the Santa Parade and Food Drive a great event. Trustee Honea reported that three (3) pick-up trucks full of can goods were collected during the parade.

Trustee Honea reported that during the month of November 2006, the Emergency Pantry assisted seven (7) families and donated can goods to the Outreach Program. Trustee Honea further reported that since the parade, Sue and her staff has put in over 100 hours, checking and sorting the can goods received.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Trustee Honea reported that for the month of November 2006, the Fire Department had a total of 126 hours of firefighter training, 106 hours of special training, 15 hours of E.M.S. training, 63 ambulance calls and 26 fire calls for a total of 89 calls for the month.

Trustee Honea congratulated Rich Marino for successfully completing his training at the Police Academy; he is now a certified Arson Investigator.

Trustee Honea made a motion to have the Village Attorney draw up the necessary paperwork to create the position of Arson Investigator. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT (CONT.)

Trustee Honea reported that Noella Garcia successfully completed the Juvenile Fire Setters Intervention Class.

Trustee Honea reported that Pat Rubien successfully completed the Fire Apparatus Engineer Class.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that the December Economic Development Committee meeting has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Trustee Peterson further reported that the next Economic Development Committee meeting would be on January 4, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT

Trustee Kaiser reported that for the month of November 2006, E.S.D.A. worked a total of 862 hours.

Trustee Kaiser reported that the top three (3) units for the month of November 2006 were Unit #705, Tom Ball with 58 hours, Unit #709 Tim Hannigan with 44 hours, and Unit #704, Mark Cooper with 43 hours.

Trustee Kaiser stated that on behalf of E.S.D.A., he would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce for the laptop computer they donated for the E.S.D.A. Bus.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen read the following from the Water Operator's Report for the month of November 2006: Well #2 ran 234 hours and pumped 9,988,000 gallons of water and Well #3 ran 229 hours and pumped 9,407,000 gallons of water for a total of 19,395,000 gallons of water pumped during the month. Trustee Seehausen also reported that all water samples came back satisfactory. Trustee Seehausen also reported that repairs were made to two (2) water mains, one (1) hydrant, and one (1) service line during the month.

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Fajman reported that Chief Stultz and Deputy Chief Rambo attended the Homeland Security Executive Summit in Schaumburg last week and the topics were the Radicalization Process: Understanding Terror Networks and Developing a School Emergency Response Plan.

Trustee Fajman reported that Chief Stultz, Deputy Chief Rambo, Sgt. Rossi, and Sgt. Haskins attended a training seminar in Alsip and the topic of the seminar was Preparing for a Pandemic Response and Pandemic Influenza.

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT (CONT.)

Trustee Fajman reported that the electronic fingerprinting machine "LiveScan" was hooked up this past Wednesday. Trustee Fajman further reported that the Officers would start training on the equipment this week.

Trustee Fajman reported that on November 14th, the Steger Police Department joined with twelve (12) other suburban Police Departments to form a mutual aid agreement for major crash investigations. Officer Ryan Burnett recently completed Advance Accident Reconstruction Investigation and will be our mutual aid participant.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to suspend the reading of the bills and to pass the bills for payment. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, and Kaiser. Trustee Honea voted aye for all the bills with the exception of the bill for Joseph A. Schudt & Associates in the amount of \$1,620.00 to which she voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for November 2006, which was \$281,315.48.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District Charges for the month of November 2006, which was \$31,709.10.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for November 2006:

Municipal Sales Tax for September 2006	\$	42,819.46
Telecommunication Tax for September 2006	\$	25,971.17
State Income Tax for September 2006	\$	81,952.06
Local Use Tax for October 2006	\$	11,484.42
Motor Fuel Tax for September 2006	\$	22,006.49
Utility Revenue for September 2006	\$	4,068.84
Utility Revenue for October 2006	\$	5,547.13
Utility Revenue for October 2006	\$	16,897.05
Will County Fines for October 2006	\$	122.00
Will County Fines for November 2006	\$	168.00
Cook County Fines for August 2006	\$	1,701.16

Trustee Seehausen moved to accept the reports and place them on file. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Village Clerk read a letter from First Apostolic Church requesting permission to host "Steger Global Day of Prayer" in the Village on Saturday, June 2nd, 2007. Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from the Police Pension Board requesting permission to use the Village Meeting Room to host their quarterly meetings on the following dates: January 9, 2007, April 10, 2007, July 10, 2007 and October 9, 2007 at 3:00 PM. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Crete Area Jaycees requesting permission to use the Municipal Parking Lot by K-Mart to host a food drive starting on Saturday, December 9, 2006 at 10:00 AM and ending on Sunday, December 10, 2006 at 10:00 AM. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 942 LEVY ORDINANCE

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 942 "Levy Ordinance". Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as written. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 943 AN ORDINANCE ABATING THE TAX HERETOFORE
LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2006 TO PAY DEBT
SERVICE ON \$1,390,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION
BONDS, SERIES 2003 (ALTERNATIVE REVENUE
SOURCE), OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK
AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 943 "An Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2006 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,390,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2003 (Alternative Revenue Source), of the Village of Steger, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois". Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt the Ordinance as written. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)

RESOLUTION NO. 922

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
AGREEMENT**

The Village Clerk read Resolution No. 922 "Resolution Authorizing Entry into Community Development Block Grant Agreement". Trustee Honea made a motion to adopt the Resolution as written. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Business license application for Hair Trends at 3218 Chicago Road Unit B

The Village Clerk read the business license application for Hair Trends at 3218 Chicago Road Unit B. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the business license pending inspections. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation requesting that the Village proclaim December as Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a memo from the Plan Commission recommending that the Village Board accept the preliminary plat of subdivision plans submitted by Goncher Construction Corp. provided all conditions required by the Village are met by the developer. Trustee Fajman made a motion to concur with the Plan Commission recommendation. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustee voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, and Kaiser. Trustees Peterson and Honea voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Village President Sherman asked Village Engineer Joseph Schudt to briefly explain what was just voted on. Joseph Schudt advised that the Board just approved the preliminary plat, which does not give the developer the right to start construction. Mr. Schudt further advised that prior to construction, the developer has six (6) State Agency permits to obtain along with a Thorn Creek Sanitary Basin permit. Mr. Schudt also advised the developer has to submit a set of plans for his approval. Mr. Schudt further advised that the final plat of subdivision has to come before the Village Board and must be recorded with the County. Mr. Schudt further advised that prior to the start of construction, the developer would be required to provide an appropriate letter of credit to guarantee the results of the development.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Michael Porter asked for clarification on the boundaries for the Goncher Subdivision.

Mr. Gazillo stated that the residents on Wentworth Avenue are protesting the new subdivision.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Fajman moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:16 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk