

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 January 2007 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, Resident Observer Roger Mumford, Superintendent Bill Cox, Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey, and Engineer Joseph A. Schudt.

PRESENTATION ON "VILLAGE CENTER: STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN"

Trustee Kenneth Peterson, Jr. and Terry Jenkins from Business Districts, Inc. gave a brief presentation on the Economic Development Committee's Strategic Action Plan.

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

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

Trustee Honea reported that for the month of December 2006, the Fire Department had a total of 48 hours of firefighter training, 12 hours of special training, 15 hours of E.M.S. training, 61 ambulance calls and 22 fire calls for a total of 83 calls for the month. Total calls for the year were 928.

Trustee Honea reported that the Fire Department is making progress on moving the Fire Stations over to the new building.

TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT

Trustee Kaiser read a letter from E.S.D.A. Coordinator Roger Mumford thanking everyone who helped to make the Twilight Christmas Parade a success.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen read the following from the Water Operator's Report for the month of December 2006: Well #2 ran 212 hours and pumped 9,028,000 gallons of water and Well #3 ran 216 hours and pumped 9,796,000 gallons of water. Trustee Seehausen further reported that there were two (2) water main breaks during the month of December 2006 and all water samples came back satisfactory.

Trustee Seehausen reported that for 2006, a total of 249,931,000 gallons of water was pumped and the approximate cost to treat the water was \$16,839.94.

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Fajman reported that for the month of December 2006 the Police Department handled a total of 2,071 calls. Trustee Fajman further reported that for the month of December 2006, 204 tickets, 280 C-tickets, and 32 A-O tickets were issued along with 56 arrests made.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to suspend the reading of the bills and to pass the bills for payment. Trustee Kozy 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.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for December 2006, which was \$198,560.47.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District Charges for the month of December 2006, which was \$16,972.60.

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

Municipal Sales Tax for October 2006	\$	42,809.25
Telecommunication Tax for October 2006	\$	29,925.53
State Income Tax for October 2006	\$	49,558.94
Replacement Tax for October - November 2006	\$	1,304.68
Local Use Tax for November 2006	\$	11,226.32
Motor Fuel Tax for October 2006	\$	24,490.04
Utility Revenue for November 2006	\$	15,613.05
Will County Fines for November 2006	\$	114.00
Will County Fines for December 2006	\$	125.00
Cook County Fines for September 2006	\$	2,226.30

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 Loft Construction, Inc. requesting that the Village release the letter of credit for the 3760 Chicago Road project as all the infrastructure improvements have been completed. The Village Clerk also advised that the Board received a letter from Village Engineer Joseph A. Schudt recommending to retain a letter of credit in the amount of \$34,579.80. Trustee Fajman made a motion to concur with Engineer Joseph A. Schudt's recommendation. 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

**ORDINANCE NO. 944 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE POSITION OF
FIRE/ARSON INVESTIGATOR FOR THE STEGER FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 944 "Ordinance Establishing the Position of Fire/Arson Investigator for the Steger Fire Department". Trustee Honea made a motion to table. Trustee Peterson made a motion to second. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Peterson, and Honea. The following Trustees voted no: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, and Kaiser.

Trustee Honea explained that the Board has received copies of the ordinance, which has been revised to include what is needed in order for the fire/arson investigator to carry out his job properly.

Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey advised that Ordinance No. 944 as written either needs to be passed or denied. Trustee Fajman made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 944 as originally written. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Trustee Peterson advised that the State Statute provides that an arson investigator would have peace officer powers if they qualified under the State Statutes which states that have the State Certifications and the Village Board allows them to have peace officer powers. There was much discussion as to whether the Village Board wants the investigator to be a peace officer. After additional discuss, roll was called to pass Ordinance No. 944 as written and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Kozy, and Kaiser. The following Trustees voted no: Seehausen, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE NO. 945 ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO
BE SURPLUS AND DIRECTING THAT THE VILLAGE
CLERK ADVERTISE THEM FOR SALE THROUGH
PUBLIC BID**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 945 "Ordinance Declaring Certain Properties to be Surplus and Directing that the Village Clerk Advertise them for Sale Through Public Bid". Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 945. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey advised that part of this Ordinance will be that the advertisement will indicate that the bids will be evaluated not just on the purchase price but on the proposed end use. 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.)

ORDINANCE NO. 946

ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY TO VINCENT R. CRESCENZO

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 946 "Ordinance Authorizing Sale of Municipally Owned Real Property to Vincent R. Crescenzo". Village Attorney Burkey advised that the property in question is across from the A/C Energy building. Trustee Fajman made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 946. 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.

Discussion on amending Subsection 3 of Ordinance No. 828 to comply with the State of Illinois Law regarding the location of carbon monoxide detectors in residential units

Trustee Peterson made a motion to amend Ordinance No. 828 to comply with State Statues which indicates carbon monoxide detectors are required within 15 feet of sleeping area. 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 the business license application for Distribution General, Inc. at 3129 Louis Sherman Drive. 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 the business license application for Dynamic Realty Network, Inc. at 3416 Chicago Road. 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 request from E.S.D.A. Coordinator Roger Mumford to advertise for bids to sell the surplus 1996 Ford Crown Victoria. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a request from the Police and Fire Board requesting permission to hold their monthly meetings in the Village Meeting Room the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a request from Steger Little League requesting permission to hold their monthly meetings in the Village Meeting Room the 2nd Monday of every month. Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk announced that there would be a Plan Commission Hearing on Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 7:00 PM to discuss the request from Maria and George Doukas for a zoning change from B-1 (Business District - Limited Retail) to R-3 (General Residential District) on the property commonly known as 15 East 32nd Street.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Bill Joyce asked what property is going to be sold according to Ordinance No. 945 and Village President Sherman advised the fire station in Miller Woods and the one on Union Avenue.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk