

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 5th day of March 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, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Superintendent Bill Cox, Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers, Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles, Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, and Deputy Clerk Elizabeth Kubal.

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 February 2007, the Fire Department had a total of 96 hours of firefighter training, 15 hours of E.M.S. training, 73 ambulance calls and 23 fire calls for a total of 96 calls for the month.

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept Elizabeth Wierzgac as a probationary firefighter pending background check and physical. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that there is a memo from the Electrical Inspector on the agenda regarding updating building and electric codes. Trustee Peterson further reported that the Building Department has been looking into updating the building codes to the 2003 International Council Code and the 2005 Electrical Code.

Trustee Peterson asked the Board members if they had any questions regarding the Strategic Plan that was presented by the Economic Development Committee. Trustee Peterson asked that the approval of the Strategic Plan for the Village of Steger be placed on the agenda for the next Board Meeting.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen read the following from the Water Operator's Report for the month of February 2007: Well #2 ran 301 hours and pumped 12,797,000 gallons of water, Well #3 ran 302 hours and pumped 13,513,000 gallons of water for a total of 26,310,000 gallons of water pumped during the month. Trustee Seehausen further reported that eleven (11) water main breaks and one (1) main line valve were repaired during the month of February 2007.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT (CONT.)

Trustee Seehausen reported that the Village received a violation notice from the EPA regarding a high reading of Fluoride that was detected in the water samples taken in January 2007. Superintendent Cox contacted the EPA and it was determined that the reason for the high reading is due to the fact that sampling point is located too close to the injection site for the Fluoride. The EPA suggested that the Village connect a service line to the water main in front of the Well House and bring it into the Well House for sampling purposes.

Trustee Seehausen reported that the starter at Well House #3 was damaged beyond repair. Trustee Seehausen further stated that SPD came out and found that the chemical dust and moisture is eating away at the electrical board which can be very dangerous. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the quote received from SPD in the amount of \$18,689.30 to move the electric equipment to avoid any additional problems. 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.

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Fajman reported that since the beginning of 2007, the full-time police officers have attended 208 hours of in service training.

Trustee Fajman reported that for the month of January 2007, the Police Department handled a total of 83 calls involving juveniles; 12 calls at the schools, 2 required station adjustments, 9 were petitioned into court, 4 were recommended to the diversion program, and 13 were charged with local ordinance violations.

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, Kaiser, and Peterson. Trustee Honea voted aye with the exception of the two (2) bills for Joe Schudt in the amount of \$4,907.50 to which she voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for February 2007, which was \$201,313.46.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District Charges for the month of February 2007, which was \$20,164.63.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for February 2007:

Municipal Sales Tax for December 2006	\$	40,119.28
Telecommunication Tax for December 2006	\$	27,416.48
State Income Tax for December 2006	\$	65,163.14
Local Use Tax for January 2007	\$	9,495.68

COLLECTOR'S REPORT (CONT.)

Motor Fuel Tax for December 2006	\$	22,990.01
Utility Revenue for January 2007	\$	21,450.37
Will County Fines	\$	DELAYED
Cook County Fines for November 2006	\$	2,550.38

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 the Crete Area Jaycees requesting permission to use the Village Hall Meeting Room from 7:15 PM to 9:30 PM on the following dates in 2007: March 28th, April 25th, May 23rd, June 27th, July 25th, August 22nd, September 26th, October 24th, November 28th, and December 26th and on January 23, 2008 for their General Membership Meetings. 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 Girl Scouts of South Cook County, Inc. requesting that the Village proclaim March 11th through March 17th, 2007 as "Make the World a Better Place Week". Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request. 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 Salvation Army requesting permission to host the following two annual fundraising events in the Village of Steger: Donut Day on Friday and Saturday, June 1st and 2nd, 2007 and Christmas Kettles on Friday, November 16th through Sunday, December 24, 2007. After a brief discussion, Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve their request for the Donut Days and to table the Christmas Kettles until next meeting. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from SouthStar Services requesting permission to host Candy Days on Friday, May 11th through Saturday, May 12th, 2007 from 8:00 AM until 5:00 PM on the street corners in Steger. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 949

**CLEAN AIR ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF
STEGER**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 949 "Clean Air Ordinance of the Village of Steger". Trustee Honea 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 927

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO A MASTER
AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCOTT'S U-SAVE AND THE
VILLAGE OF STEGER FOR TIERED APPROACH TO
CORRECTIVE-ACTION OBJECTIVES**

The Village Clerk read Resolution No. 927 "Resolution Authorizing Entry into a Master Agreement Between Scott's U-Save and the Village of Steger for Tiered Approach to Corrective-Action Objectives". Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 927. 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 the business license application for Ye Old 5 Loaves at 24 East 33rd Place. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the license pending inspections. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read the business license application for Amado Wash, L.L.C. at 39 - 41 East 34th Street. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the license pending inspections. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. After a brief discussion concerning the rear exit on the building, it was determined that a sign must be posted indicating that the building does not pass fire code because of the rear exit. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read the business license application for Muddy Waters Coffee House at 48 East 34th Street. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the license pending inspections. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read the liquor license application for Shooter's Place at 3327 - 3329 Chicago Road. Village Attorney Burkey advised that no Board action was required.

The Village Clerk read a memo from Electrical Inspector Ross Smith requesting that the Village Board consider updating the Village's Electric Code and Building Code from the current 1996 National Electric Code and 1996 B.O.C.A. Code to the 2005 National Electric Code and the 2005 International Code Council Building Code. Trustee Peterson made a motion to consider the changes noting that updating would include the 2003 International Code Council Building Code and the 2005 National Electric Code. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Code Enforcement Officer Myers briefly explained the difference between the old codes versus the new codes. After a brief discussion, voice vote was requested on the motion for authorization to consider the changes and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)

The Village Clerk read a memo from the Steger Recreation Board President Terry Ooms recommending that the Village Board dedicate the new playground at Hecht Park in honor of Steger Little League President Brian Metzner's son, Kevin Metzner, who past away last year after battling a number of disabilities. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to concur with the Recreation Board's recommendation. Trustee Honea 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 Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles requesting Board approval to purchase ADA playground equipment, new swings, and fitness station equipment for Hecht Park from Parkreation in the amount of \$18,089.00. Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Kaiser 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 Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles requesting Board approval to purchase a dedication sign for the playground at Hecht Park in the amount of \$1,185.00. Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request. 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 memo from Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles requesting Board approval to purchase a thirty (30) foot steel shelter for Hecht Park in the amount of \$14,548.00. Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Kaiser 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.

Awarding of the bids for the purchase and installation of carpeting in the Fire Station at 3320 Lewis Avenue

The Village Clerk read a recommendation from Fire Chief Al Martinez to accept the low bid from Flooring Unlimited in the amount of \$8,835.55. Trustee Honea made a motion to concur with the recommendation of Fire Chief Martinez. Trustee Kaiser 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.

Awarding of the bids for the purchase and installation of floor tile in the Fire Station at 3320 Lewis Avenue

The Village Clerk read a recommendation from Fire Chief Al Martinez to accept the low bid from Flooring Unlimited in the amount of \$9,763.32. Trustee Honea made a motion to concur with the recommendation of Fire Chief Martinez. 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.

NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)

The Village Clerk read the recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals to approve a zoning variance on the oversized garage on the property commonly known as 23030 Miller Road. Trustee Peterson made a motion to table. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Kaiser, and Peterson. Trustees Seehausen, Kozy, and Honea voted no. President Sherman voted no. Trustee Kozy made a motion to deny the request. 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 to deny carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk announced that the Village is accepting bids for the sale of Fire Station #2 and Fire Station #3. Bid opening will be on March 12, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

The Village Clerk announced that the Village is accepting bids to open the east wall of the Fire Station, 3320 Lewis, to accommodate four (4) additional overhead garage doors and for the purchase and installation of five (5) overhead garage doors and two (2) service doors. Bid openings will be on March 16, 2007 at 10:00 AM and 10:15 AM.

The Village Clerk announced that the Village is accepting bids for a surplus 1996 Ford Crown Victoria. Bid opening will be on April 2, 2007 at 10:00 AM.

The Village Clerk announced that there would be a Plan Commission Hearing on Wednesday, March 7, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the Steger Municipal Building to discuss a request of Robert D'Amico for approval of preliminary plot plat to subdivide ten (10) acres into seventeen (17) lots on the property that lies west of the Lake Hills subdivision.

The Village Clerk announced that the week of Sunday, March 4th through Saturday, March 10th, 2007 is "Severe Weather Preparedness Week".

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Rossi asked about the Resolution between the Village of Steger and Scott's U-Save.

Brian Rich asked what the next course of action would the Village be taking on the zoning variance that was voted down. Village President Sherman advised the homeowner would have to conform to Village ordinances.

Chicky Martin asked about the Clean Air Ordinance that was passed, and the Village President briefly explained the new requirements.

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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 7:34 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk