

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 17TH day of August, 2009 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: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Also present were Supt. of Public Works Bill Cox, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers, Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Asst Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Village Attorney Frank Burkey and Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles.

MINUTES

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and they be accepted as written as all members have copies. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that in June the Police Department responded to 1,431 calls and 1,395 calls in July.

Trustee Peterson stated that Ordinances No. 984 and No. 985 will be instrumental in combating crime in the Village.

The Economic Development Committee is meeting with the Metropolitan Plan Council in a joint presentation at the Community Center on Thursday, September 10th at 7pm. The meeting will be open to the public. Development of the Steger downtown area will be the subject of the presentation.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

None

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills and to approve the bills for payment. Trustee Seehausen also asked that four invoices for Alexander Chemicals be moved to the Water Fund and listed as Water Chemicals. Trustee Honea asked that the invoice for Max's Landscaping be accompanied by photographs of the tree trimming or removal as well as the dimension of the trees trimmed or removed. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANTHONY DE LUCA

Mr. DeLuca introduced himself to the Board and to the residents in attendance. DeLuca replaced George Scully as the State Representative for the District that includes all of Steger. De Luca states that it is his intention to be a strong voice for the Southland and to help bring projects to our area. Mayor Sherman thanked him for coming to the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Peterson made a motion to schedule "A Responsible Bidder Ordinance Presentation" from the Laborers' District Council before the Board, as requested by Steve Stoyhoff. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Honea made a motion to table Ordinance No. 872-B An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 872-A. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept Michael Long as a probationary Firefighter, pending background and medical checks, as requested by Fire Chief Al Martinez. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 984 AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 58-13 "POSSESSION OF CANNABIS" TO CHAPTER 58 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 985 AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 58-14 "POSSESSION OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA" TO CHAPTER 58 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 986 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 9.1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 892 RELATING TO THE FINE PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION OF VEHICULAR STANDING, PARKING AND COMPLIANCE VIOLATIONS. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called

and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 987 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW FEES FOR VEHICLE STICKERS. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept the low bid by Preferred Lawn Maintenance for Lawn Maintenance. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to direct the Village Attorney to draft Ordinances regarding Community Center fees and Tow Release Reports fees. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Agreement with T-Mobile regarding the Cell Tower at Hecht Park: New Site Sub-Lease with Clearwire. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the business license application of Kings Road Shell at 500 W. 234th Street, pending inspections. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Lisa Scherer of Aged to Perfection discussed with the Board her wine tasting business. Ms. Scherer states that no wine will be served at her office location. Wine will be served off site and a liquor license will be needed in the municipalities where wine is served. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the business license application of Aged to Perfection at 30 East 34th Street, pending inspections. Attorney Burkey explained to Ms. Scherer that if wine tasting is to be done on premises, a zoning variance will be required as well as a liquor license. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to grant the request of Jack's Bar & Grill to hold a tailgate party on the west side of the Parking lot at their location starting at noon on Sunday September 20, 2009. Jack's Bar & Grill will borrow 6 to 8 picnic tables and a set of barricades for the event. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Carmen Recupito, Jr. swore in Richard Marino as Fire/Arson Investigator for the Steger Fire Department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Steger Community Days will be Saturday, August 29th and Sunday, August 30th at Veteran's Park. The annual Community Days parade kicks off Sunday at 1pm.

The Village Board Meeting for September 7th, 2009 is cancelled in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Village Hall will be closed September 7th, 2009 for the Labor Day holiday.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the payment of recurring bills for the September 7th Board Meeting. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Michelle Helsel and Karen Manning reported a problem in their neighborhood involving teenagers with four wheelers driving on the streets and in the retention pond behind their homes. The teens reportedly drive the four wheelers after dark and there is concern for their safety as well as damage to property. Trustee Honea directed the ladies to speak with Chief Stultz after the meeting. Mayor Sherman assured the ladies that the situation will be addressed.

Kay Clark, CEO of Gateway Education delivered a presentation on Gateway's services. Mayor Sherman asked Ms. Clark to address recent activities at the center. Ms. Clark explained that she is providing a place where young people can come where it is safe, supervised and secure. Mayor Sherman expressed concern that her business license does not provide for entertainment. Mayor Sherman invited Ms. Clark to meet with him later in the week to further discuss her business license.

ADJOURNMENT

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 7:31PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk