

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 15<sup>TH</sup> day of December, 2008 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, Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Supt. Of Public Works Bill Cox, Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, 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**

Trustee Honea thanked the Fire Department for their assistance in the recent Santa Twilight parade and Santa's Food Drive parade.

Trustee Honea also read a letter from the Crete Fire Chief commending MABAS 27 investigators Richard Marino, Brad Rivera and Police Detective Peter Fajman for their hard work in a recent arson investigation.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT**

Trustee Kaiser reported that the annual senior holiday brunch was held on Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. It was a very successful event attended by many Steger seniors.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

In November, the Water Department's bacterial samples were tested by the IEPA and results were satisfactory. Trustee Seehausen reported that three main breaks were repaired and one service line was repaired during the month.

Trustee Seehausen also wished everyone a Merry Christmas on behalf of the Steger Department of Public Works.

### **TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT**

In November, the Police Department responded to 54 juvenile calls.

### **BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills and to approve the bills for payment. 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.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to grant the request of the Homewood Regional Service Center for the Girl Scouts to carry out their annual cookie sale and that the Village of Steger proclaims certain dates as 2009 Girl Scout Cookie Sale Time. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request of Cub Scout Pack 173 to use the Community Center on January 10 and 11, 2009 for a lock-in chaperoned by Scout leaders and parents. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Muscular Dystrophy Association presented the Fire Department with plaques for fundraising efforts in 2007 and 2008.

President Sherman introduced local real estate agent Bruce Hackel. Hackel reported on the state of the real estate market in the Village of Steger. 80 homes in Steger closed during the year. The average home sale price during 2008 was just under \$138,000.00.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the corrected 2009 Board meeting dates. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the Scrementi's Letter of Credit. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. Voice vote; all ayes.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 975 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA MINIMUM/MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT. 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 Peterson made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 976 AMENDING THE STEGER CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A CRIME-FREE HOUSING PROGRAM. 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.

No Bids were received at the December 15, 2008 bid opening for the sale of the DPW 1992 International Dump Truck #1.

No Bids were received at the December 15, 2008 bid opening for the sale of the DPW 1992 International Dump Truck #2.

Two Bids were received at the December 15, 2008 bid opening for the sale of the 1999 Ford Crown Victoria. However, the 1999 Crown Victoria was traded in the sale for a 2003 Crown Victoria to be used by the Code Enforcement officer.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the highest bid for the sale of the 1999 Ford Taurus. 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.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of Fire Chief Al Martinez to purchase a 14ft. equipment trailer at a cost of \$6,500.00. 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.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the application for a temporary business license from Second Hand is Better, Inc. pending inspections. The motion was seconded by Trustee Seehausen. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Village Clerk announced the closing of the Village Hall on December 24, 25 and 27 for the Christmas holiday.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

A representative from Second Hand is Better, Inc. thanked the board for approving their temporary business license.

President Sherman wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 PM**

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Louis Sherman, Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk