

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 20TH day of July, 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, Village Auditor Pete Skinger, ESDA Coordinator Roger Mumford 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 reported that the "Illinois Association of Disabled and Retired Firefighters" has been soliciting donations. This group is not affiliated with the Steger Fire Department. Residents should just hang up the phone if a call from the group is received. Trustee Honea also reported that Steger Fire Department's Street Dance raffle tickets will be going in the mail. This is a legitimate fundraiser that does benefit the Fire Department.

Trustee Honea requested a meeting with President Sherman, the Village Administrator, Fire Chief Martinez and the MRS representative to review ambulance billing and prepare it to be approved at the August 3rd Board meeting

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez reminds residents that the Community Center will be closing at 7pm in July and August.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy reported that in June 2009, ESDA assisted at the Steger Day of Prayer, Drivin' the Dixie and the Steger Summer Faire. ESDA also assisted the South Chicago Heights Police Department with traffic and lighting and attended SMART meetings, trainings and patrolled the village on the weekends. ESDA was assisted by Crete, South Holland and Sauk Village ESDA during the Steger Summer Faire.

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 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Village of Steger to Ray's Quality Greenhouse regarding their donation of bedding plants and flowers planted on Village property in memory of Ray Nykaza.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of Corey Ryan of Hope Outreach Foundation to allow a blues guitarist at his July 26th picnic at Veterans Park. The Village will provide as many tables as are available for the event. Ryan withdrew his request to use a dunk tank at the event. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Honea made a motion that the Village Attorney be instructed to complete his review of Ordinance No. 944 prior to the August 3rd Board Meeting. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table indefinitely the request of Police Chief Richard Stultz to purchase two (2) 2009 Crown Victoria Squad cars from the State Contract winner at a cost of approximately \$25,000.00 per vehicle including equipment. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to delete the line item "Village Administrator" under the heading of "Department of Public Affairs" under appropriations Number 982. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez and Honea. Trustees Kozy and Peterson voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 982 with the correction of the line item under appropriations No. 982. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez and Honea. Trustees Kozy and Peterson voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request from Ron Newquist of Future Stars Basketball Camps, to rent the Community Center 4 or 5 days in August for two hours each day for a Youth Basketball Camp. Trustee Banicki 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.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Business License Application of 500 Food Mart, Inc. at 500 West 234th Street pending inspections. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Business License Application of Lake County Cartage, Inc. at 3115 Louis Sherman Drive, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request from the Royal Oak Estates Homeowners' Association to use five (5) picnic tables and two (2) street barrier blockers for a Block Party on July 25, 2009 from 1 – 5pm. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request from the Steger Day of Prayer to hold the 2010 Steger Day of Prayer on Saturday, June 5th, 2010 at the Steger Gazebo. The group would like to set up on Friday June 4th. Electricity for the sound system, instruments and food booths will also be necessary. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to advertise for bids for lawn maintenance at vacant properties within the village. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Trustee Banicki reported to the Board that the Code Enforcement office currently has the lawn mowing under control using part time seasonal employees. Trustee Banicki stated that a lawn maintenance company should be under contract and may be utilized when seasonal employees are no longer working for the Village. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the lowest acceptable bid from Chuck's Construction Company, for concrete work at the Fire Department Headquarters, as recommended by Project manager Roger Mumford. Trustee Kozy 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers asked the Board to clarify that no Lawn Maintenance Vendors are to be cutting grass in the Village effective immediately and that only seasonal help will be mowing lawns. President Sherman verified that no Lawn Maintenance Vendor will be used unless Code Enforcement calls one out.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:13PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk