

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 15TH day of June, 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 Police Chief Richard Stultz, Supt. of Public Works Bill Cox, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers, 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 May the Police Department responded to 1,475 calls, issued 75 tickets and made 54 arrests.

Trustee Peterson also reported that the Economic Development Committee will meet Thursday June 25th at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. The meetings are open to the public.

TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT

Trustee Lopez stated that the Community Center's Summer (June, July and August) hours are Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00am to 8:00pm, Wednesdays and Fridays from 7:00am to 4:00pm. Trustee Lopez invites everyone to take advantage of the Community Center's facilities.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in May all bacterial and fluoride test results came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. In May the Water Department repaired three (3) water main breaks.

TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT

Trustee Banicki reported that in May the Building Department issued 58 new Building Permits for total revenue of \$7,514.00.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve a temporary Ninety (90) Day Business License for Another Hole in the Wall at 3236 Union Avenue, pending inspections. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Trustee Honea asked the representative of Another Hole in the Wall to step forward to address concerns of the Board. Don Miller replied to the Board's questions. Mr. Miller agreed to provide the Village with a schedule of activities to be conducted at Another Hole in the Wall, including teen activities and auctions for businesses and residents. Trustee Honea suggested that youth activities be restricted by age; 10-12 year olds and other activities for those 13-17 years of age. Trustee Honea informed Mr. Miller that no food may be prepared on premises without a Cook County Health Inspection. Mr. Miller assured the Board that security will be provided and certified security people will be used.

Trustee Honea requested that Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers deliver his report on Another Hole in the Wall's facility. Myers stated that based on square footage, the building's maximum occupancy is 125 people. Myers also reported that according to the Illinois State Fire Marshall's office, a sprinkler system will not be required, but an alarm system will be necessary. The alarm system must include a fire alarm, smoke detectors and must be tied directly to the Police Department. Myers stated that he spoke to the Building Department in Melrose Park and it was confirmed that no violations were recorded for Don Miller and the teen club that he operated there. The Village's Electrical Inspector was at the facility and found a few violations that are being addressed. Myers was told by Another Hole in the Wall's owner that a \$1,000,000.00 insurance policy is in place. A double door has been added to the building to provide for more efficient egress in emergencies. Myers concluded saying that based on egress and fire concerns, the business meets all requirements. After discussion, roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion approve Resolution No. 966 Honoring Donald Paradiso for Thirty Six (36) Years of Unparalleled Service. 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. Mr. Paradiso expressed his gratitude and eagerness to have served the Village.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion approve Ordinance No. 978 AMENDING SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009. Trustee Peterson 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 Seehausen made a motion to approve Ordinance NO. 979 AMENDING THE FEE FOR COLLECTION OF THORN CREEK SANITARY DISTRICT'S SEWER CHARGES. Trustee Peterson 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.

President Sherman made appointments to the Economic Development Committee for the coming year. Trustee Peterson made a motion to concur with the Village President's appointments. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve of Nathan Baine as a probationary Firefighter pending background checks and a physical examination as requested by Fire Chief Al Martinez. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the name change from Cardzrus and More to Last Minute Copy Shop without additional fees and/or inspections as requested by Shon Burnett. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion that the Village contributes \$2,500.00 to the Steger Area Chamber of Commerce to help with the costs of the fireworks program for the Steger Summer Faire June 25th though 28th 2009. Trustee Honea 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 Honea made a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement for Public Safety Interoperable Communications Radio Loan between the Village of Steger and Cook County. Cook County will loan four (4) radios to the Village; 2 for the Police Department and 2 for the Fire Department as well as a base station. The Village will be responsible for the annual radio maintenance fee (anticipated to be \$1,200.00 per year). Trustee Peterson 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 the request of SouthSTAR Services to use the Community Center as temporary shelter in the case of emergency. Approximately thirty (30) Clients and staff would need a location to be housed for up to four (4) hours in emergency situations. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request of Boy Scout Troop 100 to hold a car wash fundraiser on Sunday June 28th in the Kmart Parking lot. The Troop is raising money to help send scouts to summer camp in July. They request assistance from the Fire Department providing a hydrant splitter and traffic cones from Public Works. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Christine Vehrs of 30 W. 33rd Street addressed the Board regarding illegal activity in her neighborhood threatening the safety of her family. President Sherman suggested Mrs. Vehrs speak with the Police Chief following the meeting.

Village Attorney Frank Burkey addressed the Board regarding Donald Paradiso's service to the community. Mr. Burkey stated that Mr. Paradiso was instrumental in building the current Village Hall as well as bringing Kmart to the Village.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:26 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk