

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 16TH day of March, 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: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. Also present were Police Chief Richard Stultz, Fire Chief Al Martinez, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers, Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM PRESIDENT LOU SHERMAN

President Lou Sherman announced that a wage freeze will go into effect immediately. In order to cut the budget without eliminating employees, all Village employees will forgo their annual salary increase. The Police Union has also agreed to the wage freeze. President Sherman thanked all employees for their cooperation.

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson states that the Economic Stimulus package funds will be available soon. The village is preparing applications for these funds. Village Engineer Joe Schudt is working with the village to prepare "shovel ready" project requests. Foreclosed houses and low income housing will also be considered.

TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT

Saturday March 28th will be the annual Basketball banquet for all ages
Sunday March 29th will be the end of season Volleyball banquet.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

ESDA report for February 2009-722 man-hours worked. ESDA assisted the Matteson and Chicago Heights Police Departments at accident scenes. ESDA will participate in Weather Spotters on March 17th and St. Baldrick's on March 21st. March 27th & 28th ESDA will assist the Steger Fire Department with the annual Easter Egg hunt. In April ESDA will host a Search and Rescue Course.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Fajman thanked the employees and Police Union for "setting aside" the regular salary increase.

Trustee Fajman presented a commendation to Sgt. Mike Haskins and Officers Jeff Pogose and Ryan Burnett for the apprehension of six juveniles involved in the burglary of six homes during the month of February.

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 approve the request of Cook County Planning and Development, to transfer funds from Project #06-052 to Project #07-041. 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 made a motion to permit STARS to use Veteran's Park on June 27 and June 28 for "Field Days". Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to allow Barb Dorman to use the Fire Station at 3320 Emerald on April 11, 2009 for the last Steger Winter Market of the season. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to advertise for bids on the 1992 GMC Dump Truck with a minimum bid of \$8,500, as requested by Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Trustee Kozy 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement, since the Village Attorney was not in attendance. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the temporary business license of Union Steger Foods, Inc. at 3400 Union Ave. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 963 Authorizing Class 8 Tax Incentives for Certain Parcels (Loverock & 34th Street). 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 carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to repeal Resolution No. 959 Authorizing Class 6B Tax Incentives for Certain Parcels (Loverock & 34th Street). Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to allow High Tech Fasteners to contract, at its own expense, for an MAI certified appraisal of the property at Loverock and 34th Street for east/west alley Right-of-Way. Trustee Kaiser seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the business license request of Holland Company at 27 E. 36th Street, Unit C. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Village Administrator will contact Holland Company and determine the number of trucks and what types of trucks to be used at the location.

Trustee Honea made a motion to purchase twelve (12) radio/pagers at a cost of \$5,997.42, as requested by Fire Chief Martinez. The radio/pagers will be purchased through a 9-1-1 reimbursement program. 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 Fajman made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Steger Police Department and the Will Count 9-1-1. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles announced that the Steger Kiwanis Club is holding a Pancake Breakfast on March 29 at the Steger VFW.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Eric Melnyczenko from Columbia Central Jr. High Science teacher invited all to participate in the School's "Reality Store" where students will make decisions on how to spend "salaries". Students will learn to budget and pay their bills. Mr. Melnyczenko asked the Board to have this information included on the Village's website.

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 7:17 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk