

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 2ND 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, 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 Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

Trustee Honea reported that in February, the Fire Department had 80 ambulance calls, 26 fire calls, 45 hours of Firefighter training, 57 hours of Firefighter II training, 58 hours of Firefighter III training, 24 hours of special training and 21 hours of EMS training.

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept Matt Schmitt as a probationary Firefighter pending background checks and physical examination. The motion was seconded by Trustee Peterson. 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 accept Stephanie Wallick as a probationary Firefighter pending background checks and physical examination. The motion was seconded by Trustee Peterson. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that the Building Department had 10 permits for the month of February for total revenue of \$1,341.00.

Trustee Peterson also reported that the Economic Development Committee will not meet in March.

TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT

Trustee Kaiser stated that Girls Softball registration is underway at the Community Center.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that in February, 2009 all bacterial and chloride samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. Trustee Seehausen also stated that all lawns, curbs and driveways damaged in efforts to repair main breaks will be repaired in the spring as weather permits. Repairs will be made in the same order they were damaged. In February the Water Department repaired eleven water main breaks.

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Fajman reported that during the month of January 2009, the Police Department responded to 1115 calls. There were 59 tickets issued and 39 arrests. 203 C-tickets and 52 AO tickets were also issued during the month.

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: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for February, 2009 which was \$ 197,867.46.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of February 2009, which was \$24,003.35.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for February 2009

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$44,681.39	December 2008
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$29,967.88	December 2008
STATE INCOME TAX	\$71,445.06	December 2008
LOCAL USE TAX	\$10,538.19	January 2009
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$23,173.60	December 2008
UTILITY REVENUE	\$22,927.13	January 2009
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 0.00	Jan. 2009 Delay
UTILITY REVENUE	\$14,874.83	December 2008
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 228.00	January 2009
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 1,025.64	November 2008

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter of thanks from Thorn Creek Basin to the Village for helping to keep down the cost of sewer service for Steger residents by adding Thorn Creek's sewer charges to water bills. Thorn Creek Basin also advised the Village of an upcoming public hearing to discuss user charge rates.

A letter from Steger Fire Chief Al Martinez commending the work of Asst. Chief Jeff Roesner, Investigator Rich Marino, Capt. Jim Baine, Lt. Noella Garcia, Lt. Nowell Fillion and Firefighter Connie Solorio for work, above and beyond the call of duty. Recently, it was required that the Fire Department recover a drowning victim from a cistern. Under extremely trying circumstances, Department personnel completed a very difficult task.

Village Engineer Joe Schudt addressed the Board regarding two paving projects (Union Avenue, nearly complete and Halsted Blvd, not yet started). Mr. Schudt will need two resolutions regarding the work for IDOT and MFT paperwork and funding. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the two resolutions, as requested by Mr. Schudt. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to authorize Village Engineer Joe Schudt to advertise for bids for manhole reconstruction. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kozy. 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 table the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement until the Village as the Village is still in negotiations. 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution NO. 961 DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A SUIT TO ABATE AND ENJOIN THE NUISANCE (55 E. 34th Street) 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 approve Resolution NO. 962 DECLARING CERTAIN PROPERTY A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A SUIT TO ABATE AND ENJOIN THE NUISANCE (1041 E. 231st 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 Seehausen made a motion to accept the bid of \$9,511.00 for the 1992 GMC Dump Truck #2 by the Village of Washburn, at the February 17, 2009 bid opening. 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 Peterson made a motion to approve the temporary business license of Union Steger Foods, Inc. at 3400 Union Ave. pending inspections. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. Trustee Honea made a motion to table the temporary business license until it can be determined what types of food items will be available for sale at the Union Steger Foods, Inc. Trustee Kaiser seconded the motion to table. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to proclaim May 2009 "Motorcycle Awareness Month" as requested by South Suburban A.B.A.T.E of Illinois. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. . Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the 2009 dates for Steger Days of August 29 & 30 and a budget of \$13,000.00 for the event. 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 Kozy made a motion to allow the Boy Scout Crossroads District Council to use the Village Hall Meeting Room on March 4 & 25, April 1st & 22nd, 2009 from 7 to 9:30pm, as requested by Trustee Peterson. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Sherman stated that some election signs have been fixed to utility poles, which in the Village of Steger is illegal. President Sherman asked that all political candidates refrain from mounting signs to utility poles.

Village Engineer Joe Schudt asked permission to hold a Ham radio operators event a Veteran's Park during the 4th weekend of June 2009. Trustee Fajman made a motion approve the request. The motion was seconded by Trustee Peterson. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Miranda Egonut inquired as to when the mailbox on 34th Street will be removed from in front of the Post Office to further discourage people from parking on 34th Street. Trustee Honea has been in contact with the Steger Post Master, who is waiting for permission from the Federal Government to move the mail box. President Sherman assured Ms. Egonut that the Police Department is issuing citations to offenders.

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 7:19 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk