

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 4TH day of May, 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 and Honea. Trustee Peterson was absent. Also present were Police Chief Richard Stultz, Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Supt. of Public Works Bill Cox, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, 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 April the Fire Department responded to 65 ambulance calls and 19 fire calls. There were 30 hours of firefighter training, 81 hours of firefighter II training classes, 100 hours of combined firefighter II and firefighter III training classes and 60 hours of EMS training. Trustee Honea thanked everyone who attended the Fire Department Spaghetti dinner May 3rd and the Fire Department personnel who served the meal.

TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT

Trustee Kaiser reported that both Baseball and Softball games are being played at Veteran's Park on the weekends. Trustee Kaiser encouraged residents to stop out at the park to watch a game.

Trustee Kaiser also reported that the Girls Softball program is the largest it has ever been with thirteen teams playing this season.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy reported that on February 20, 2009 ESDA was called upon to provide lighting at an accident in Matteson. Officer Rick Coulom of SMART and the South Chicago Heights Police Department thanked Chief Roger Mumford and his team for their assistance.

ESDA also provided assistance at the Little League parade, accidents, fires and weekend patrols. ESDA members participated in trainings and SMART meetings in April, 2009.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that all bacterial samples taken during the month of April came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. There were three water main breaks repaired. Trustee Seehausen also reminded residents to refrain from doing laundry on Tuesdays and that starting May 6th the Department of Public Works will be taking the chipper around town to pick up branches.

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'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 Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for April, 2009 which was \$ 195,749.70.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of April 2009, which was \$25,815.21.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$33,625.43	February 2009
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$31,420.85	February 2009
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	Feb 2009 Delay
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 5,997.97	March 2009
LOCAL USE TAX	\$ 9,649.68	March 2009
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$20,750.26	March 2009
UTILITY REVENUE	\$17,040.17	March 2009
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 0.00	March 2009
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 1,461.00	March 2009
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 998.16	January 2009

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Kaiser made a motion to approve the request of Illinois Lutheran High School to use the south baseball field at Veterans Park for practice and games. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kaiser made a motion to approve the Senior Boys Baseball Schedule and Two Baseball Tournaments May 1-17 and June 5-7, 2009 at Veterans Park as requested by Harry Hammock. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kaiser made a motion to reserve the softball fields at Veterans Park for the Girls Softball Program from May 1 through August 2, 2009, as requested by Joseph Formentini. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to hire a part time seasonal employee to mow vacant properties this summer, as requested by Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 964 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN AN INTER-JURISDICTIONAL APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept the low bid by M & J Underground for Sanitary Sewer Manhole Structure rehabilitation. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Fajman made a motion to direct the Village Clerk to advertise for bids for street light maintenance. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea also requested the Village Clerk determine which organization is responsible for maintaining the street lights at Route One and the Viaduct on the south end of the Village. The lights need to be replaced. The Village Clerk will look into it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk announced that Matthew and Donna Wenzel of 3133 Sandy Ridge Drive have withdrawn their request for a zoning variance.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Andy Banicki asked Mayor Sherman what had transpired to change the date of the swearing in of newly elected Trustees from May 4th to May 18th, 2009. Mayor Sherman referred the question to Village Attorney Frank Burkey. Mr. Burkey replied that the certified copy of election results has not been received at the Village Hall by the Counties of Cook and Will. Mr. Burkey states that an actual document must be received prior to swearing in of newly elected officials. Discussion followed between Mr. Banicki, President Sherman, Attorney Burkey, Sherry Newquist, Michelle Helsel and Ernie Lopez.

Mr. Banicki also requested that he be sworn in at a time other than the May 18th meeting. Mr. Burkey assured Mr. Banicki that he may be sworn in as soon as the certified election results are received.

John Cashman addressed Mr. Burkey and requested the ILCS Number regarding the certified election results.

Chuck Tieri requested that an uprooted tree at Sangamon and McKinley be hauled away by Public Works.

Robert Burner of 36th & Hopkins requested the Village look at the baseball backstop as his house has been struck by stray baseballs.

Michelle Helsel inquired as to how to have street lights installed in her neighborhood. Village Engineer Joe Schudt advised Ms. Helsel to contact ComEd to have lights installed. Mr. Schudt will review the agreement with the Ted Mach building plans to determine whether street lights were part of the agreement with the Village.

Ms. Helsel further inquired as to Village regulations regarding fire pits. Ms. Helsel was directed by the Mayor to contact the police department when a neighbor is burning after 10pm or without a cover on their fire pit.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:22 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk

