

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007 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 Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Superintendent William G. Cox, Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey, and Village Engineer Joseph Schudt.

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with as all members have copies and they be accepted as written. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT**

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept Mark Ronstadt as a paid on call member of the fire department, all paper work has been completed. 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'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson reported that the Economic Development Committee will meet December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Village Hall, all are welcome.

Building Department, nothing to report.

**TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT**

Trustee Kaiser reported Basketball registration has been extended to November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

Trustee Kozy had nothing to report.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen reported that in the month of October there were twelve main breaks.

Bacterial and fluoride samples came back from IEPA as satisfactory.

## **TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT**

Trustee Fajman reported that in the month of October the Police Department responded to 72 juvenile calls.

## **BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to suspend the reading of the bills and to pass 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**

The Village Clerk state a letter from Bill Brooks regarding Executive Estates had been received. Brooks requested permission to address the Board. Brooks updated the board on the progress at Executive Estates and requested an extension of 30 days to his letter of credit. All work that has been completed has been paid. Village Engineer Joe Schudt stated that the subdivision is in distress. Work on public improvement has not been worked on. Schudt recommends the funds be kept in a segregated fund at the village to be dispersed as work is completed. The village clerk states that the bank has advised the village that there is an expiration date on the letter of credit. President Sherman suggested a two week extension. Trustee Peterson motioned to accept a re-negotiated letter of credit with the bank using the figures quoted to Brooks by Village Engineer Schudt to be presented to the Board at the November 19, 2007 meeting. Motion seconded by Kaiser. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

M. Lizen Manufacturing requested the vacation of the alley parallel to the railroad tracks Close to their building at 42 East 30<sup>th</sup> Place. After discussion, the subject was tabled to the November 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The Fire Department was instructed to investigate the accessibility to the property. Motion was made to table the discussion by Trustee Peterson and seconded by Trustee Seehausen. Voice Vote; All Aye. Motion carried.

Cardz r Us and More requested 30 day extension to their temporary business license to complete repairs to their business due to recent fire. Motion was made to allow the 30 day extension by Trustee Kozy and seconded by Trustee Honea. Voice Vote; All Aye. Motion Carried.

American Red Cross requested permission to store a disaster services trailer at the Fire Station at 3320 Lewis Avenue. Motion to allow American Red Cross to store the vehicle at the Fire Station was made by Trustee Honea and 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.

Wildcat Football requested use of Veterans Park for a bonfire on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 8 pm. Motion was made by Trustee Peterson and seconded by Trustee Fajman. Voice Vote; All Aye. Motion Carried

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The Village Clerk read a memo from Fire Chief Martinez requesting an ordinance requiring Knox boxes on all new businesses. Trustee Honea made a motion to direct Village Attorney Frank Burkey to draft an ordinance requiring businesses that have sprinkler and/or fire alarms to have Knox boxes. After discussion, 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.

### **OLD BUSINESS (CONT.)**

The Village Clerk read a memo from Fire Chief Martinez requesting to have Rich Marino named as the Peace Officer. Trustee Peterson made a motion to table the request until after Executive Session. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Trustee Fajman voted naye. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 954, Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement. Motion was made to accept Ordinance No. 954 by Trustee Seehausen and 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.

The Village Clerk read Resolution No. 937 Authorizing entry into 2007 Community Development Block Grant Agreement. Motion was made by Trustee Peterson and seconded by Trustee Seehausen. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Memo from Village Administrator for purchase of two (2) new vehicles for the Village Administrator. Motion was made by Trustee Peterson to authorize purchase of two (2) new vehicles and seconded by Trustee Kozy. After discussion the roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Kozy, Kaiser and Peterson Trustees voted naye: Seehausen and Honea, President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Request from Fire Chief Martinez to accept Joel Rivera as a probationary firefighter subject to background check and physical examination. Motion was made by Trustee Honea and 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.

Recommendation of the Plan Commission to rezone lots 4,5,&6 from M-1 to R-3 on the property commonly known as 3306 Loverock. Motion was made to accept Plan Commission recommendation by Trustee Seehausen and 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.

Awarding bid for the phone system for the new Fire Station to Ruder Electric for \$9,823.25 Motion was made by Trustee Honea and 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.

Awarding bid for the three (3) surplus police vehicles to the highest bidders. Nine bids were accepted, the highest bids were Nick Recupito for the Crown Victoria VIN #6867 for \$1537.99, Brandon Ricci for the Crown Victoria VIN #2165 for \$1523.00 and Chicago Motors for the Crown Victoria VIN #6866 for \$1307.00. Motion to accept the high bidders was made by Trustee Seehausen and 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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The resignation of Village Accountant Elizabeth Kubal was announced. Motion to accept the resignation was made by Trustee Peterson and 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.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

Motion was made by Trustee Peterson to go into Public Hearing on CDBG, seconded by Trustee Fajman. Voice Vote: All Aye Motion Carried

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adjourn into executive session. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:38 PM.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 8:25 PM.

The Village President called the meeting back to order. Trustee Fajman motioned to enter back into the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, seconded by Trustee Peterson. Voice vote: all aye. Motion Carried.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea.

Trustee Peterson motioned to remove the request from Fire Chief Martinez to have Rich Marino named as the Peace Officer. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea.

Trustee Peterson motioned to continue the Village Fire Investigator position not as a Peace Officer. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:37 PM**

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk