

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 17th day of September 2007 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger with Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. attending.

Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. called the meeting to order.

The Village Clerk called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Village President Sherman and Trustee Kaiser were absent. Also present were, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles, Village Engineer Joe Schudt, Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey, Superintendent Bill Cox, and Assistant Chief Jeff Roesner.

Trustee Fajman made a motion to appoint Trustee Seehausen as the Temporary Chairman. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

State Representative George Scully spoke to the Village Board about the situation in Springfield, Illinois regarding current state budget issues.

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

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

Trustee Honea reported that for the month of August 2007, the Fire Department had a total of 111 hours of firefighter training, 15 hours of E.M.S. training, 63 ambulance calls and 36 fire calls for a total of 99 calls for the month.

Trustee Honea requested that the following 2008 testing dates be put on the calendar February 9, 2008, April 12, 2008, June 14, 2008, October 11, 2008 and December 13, 2008.

Trustee Honea thanked everyone who attended the Steger Days festivities.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that the Economic Development Committee met last Thursday, September 13, 2007. State Representative George Scully was present at that meeting and Trustee Peterson thanked him for attending.

Trustee Peterson reported that the next Economic Development Committee meeting will be on October 4, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy reported that for the month of August 2007 E.S.D.A. worked a total of 1,312 hours. Trustee Kozy reported that the top three (3) units for the month were Unit 708, Andy Anifer with 87 hours, Unit #707, Tom Johnston with 72 hours, and Unit #706, Ed Mike Lopez with 54 hours.

Trustee Kozy also stated that he had a resolution from Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles requesting a budget amendment for the burying of the electrical lines at Veteran's Park as outlined in Resolution 932. Trustee Peterson made a motion that it should be tabled until the next meeting. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen read the following from the Water Operator's Report for the month of August 2007: Well #2 ran 268 hours and pumped 11,860,000 gallons of water and Well #3 ran 242 hours and pumped 10,925,000 gallons of water for a total of 22,785,000 pumped for the month. Trustee Seehausen further reported that there were three-(3) water main breaks during the month of August 2007. Trustee Seehausen also reported that all water samples came back satisfactory.

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Fajman reported that for the month of August 2007 the Police Department handled a total of 1,967 calls of which 77 calls involved juveniles. Trustee Fajman further reported that for the month of August 2007, 84 tickets, 281 C-tickets, and 43 A-O tickets were issued along with 61 arrests made.

BILLS

Trustee Fajman made a motion to suspend the reading of the bills and to pass the bills for payment. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for August 2007, which was \$200,920.21.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District Charges for the month of August 2007, which was \$21,907.58.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for August 2007:

Municipal Sales Tax for June 2007	\$	45,390.19
Telecommunication Tax for June 2007	\$	28,674.37
State Income Tax for July 2007		Delayed
Replacement Tax for June 2007	\$	2,510.53
Local Use Tax for July 2007	\$	11,082.00
Motor Fuel Tax for June 2007	\$	24,285.71

Utility Revenue for July 2007	\$	24,054.97
Utility Revenue for July 2007	\$	5,703.97
Will County Fines for July 2007	\$	686.00
Cook County Fines for June 2007		Delayed

Trustee Peterson moved to accept the reports and place them on file. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Village Clerk read a letter from Misericordia requesting permission to collect donations for their annual Misericordia Candy Days on major intersections in the Village on Friday, April 25 and Saturday, April 26. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read Letter from First Apostolic Church requesting permission to collect donations for their annual Save Our Children fundraising campaign on the intersections of Union and 34th Street and Chicago Road and 34th Street in the Village on Saturday, October 6, 2007 from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from the Steger Wildcat Football and Cheerleading Program requesting permission to use Veteran's Park for their Homecoming festivities, which will include pony rides on September 22, 2007. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from the Will County Center for Community Concerns requesting a donation from the Village in the amount of \$250.00 for fiscal year 2007/2008. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Theresa Wierzgac of 28 West 35th Place, requesting permission to block off a portion of 35th Place on September 29, 2007, from 2:00 PM until 10:00 PM for a party. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a resignation letter from Randy Brand, a member of our Plan Commission. Randy Brand stated in the letter that he is moving out of state. Trustee Fajman thanked Randy for serving as long as he did. Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the resignation. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The Village Clerk read a business license application for Grace of God Gift Shop at 3623 Union Avenue Unit #7. Trustee Fajman requested that the business owner speak to the board. There was much discussion about the business owner placing items on the outside of his building. Trustee Honea made a motion to issue a temporary business license pending inspections and the official answer as to whether or not items for the business can be placed outside. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Village Clerk read a request from Fire Chief Martinez to advertise for bids for floor finish at the new Fire Station. Trustee Honea made a motion to waive the bid process for the floor finish due to the fact that our volunteer firefighters would be able to do the majority of the work. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried. Village Attorney Frank Burkey stated that a motion would now need to be made to approve the selected company to perform the work. Trustee Honea made a motion to award this contract to the selected gentleman. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a memo from Fire Chief Martinez requesting permission to advertise for bids for a phone system at the new Fire Station. Trustee Honea made a motion to advertise for bids for a new phone system. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a memo from Fire Chief Martinez requesting an ordinance requiring Knox boxes on all new businesses. Trustee Peterson made a motion to table. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a memo from Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers requesting to begin demolition proceedings on the property commonly known as 55 East 34th Street. Trustee Peterson made a motion to begin with demolition proceedings. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a memo from Fire Chief Martinez requesting permission to advertise for bids for a handicap lift for the new Fire Station Headquarters. Trustee Honea made a motion to advertise for bids for a handicap lift for the new Fire Station Headquarters. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk announced the awarding of the bid for the gutter and downspouts for the new Fire Station. There was one bid received from Seal Tight Exteriors in the amount of \$6,300.00. Trustee Honea made a motion to accept the bid. Trustee

NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)

Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk announced the awarding of the bid for televising of sanitary sewers. There were three bids received and the low bidder was National Power Rodding in the amount of \$65,946.18. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bidder. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Village Engineer Joe Schudt advised that his recommendation is to select the bid from National Power Rodding. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk announced that the Executive Session that had been scheduled was cancelled.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

There were no comments from the floor.

There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Fajman moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:28 PM

Thomas Seehausen, Temporary Chairman

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk