

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 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008 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, Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, ESDA Coordinator Roger Mumford, Village Attorney Frank Burkey and Village Engineer Joseph Schudt.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and accepted as written as all members have copies. Trustee Kozy 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 Connie Solario to the Steger Fire Department as a probationary firefighter pending all necessary paperwork, background check and physical examination. 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 also reported that Fire Chief Martinez spent three (3) days last week with ISO regarding the Village's Fire Insurance rating.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson reported that the publishers of the Crete Record contacted the Economic Development Committee, stating that they intend to begin publishing a newspaper for the Village of Steger. A target date of June 15, 2008 has been set.

**TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT**

Trustee Kaiser reminded all that May 27, 2008 at 6:30pm at the Village Hall will be the Master Park Plan Meeting and all those interested may attend.

Trustee Kaiser also stated that the recent baseball and softball tournaments at Veterans' Park were huge successes.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

Trustee Kozy reported that in April ESDA worked a total of 668 hours. ESDA participated in search, accidents, fire and storms trainings.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Nothing to report

**TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT**

Trustee Fajman reported that the Police Department will participate in the Click It Or Ticket program. Dates of the event will be posted at a later time.

**BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to dispense with 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**

Motion was made by Trustee Seehausen and seconded by Trustee Fajman to retain and release Minutes of Executive Session as requested by the Village Clerk. Voice Vote; all aye. Motion carried

Motion was made by Trustee Fajman and seconded by Trustee Honea to close Halsted Street between 35<sup>th</sup> Street and 36<sup>th</sup> Street on Saturday May 24, 2008 from 5:50pm to 6:45pm as requested by Barbara Herzic of St. Liborius Church. Voice Vote; all aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to install two (2) signs near the home of Amy Hurd at 344 Dorsetshire, to inform drivers of disabled children playing in the area. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kozy. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried. President Sherman directed Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox to have the signs installed as soon as possible.

Trustee Honea made a motion to permit Cub Scout Pack 100 to use Veteran's Park from June 6<sup>th</sup> at 4pm through June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9am for their annual Picnic and overnight camp out. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Fajman and seconded by Trustee Peterson to grant the request of Columbia Central for Police and/or Fire personnel to supervise the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Dance Monday June 2, 2008 from 6:30 to 9:30pm. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Seehausen and seconded by Trustee Honea to grant the request of Village Accountant Jolynda Reyes to attend the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association annual conference June 29-July 1, 2008 at a cost of \$305.00. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS** none

**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made to table Ordinance NO. 966 An Ordinance to Amend the Work Policy by Trustee Fajman and seconded by Trustee Honea. 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 approve Resolution NO. 945 Resolution Supporting the City of Chicago's Bid for 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games. 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.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with the Village of Crete regarding street lighting on 34<sup>th</sup> Street from Ronald Road to State Street. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. 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.

As requested by Village Administrator, Conrad Kiebles, motion was made by Trustee Kaiser and seconded by Trustee Peterson to approve the proposal of Sportsfields (\$5,000) to deliver, install and improve three (3) baseball fields at Veteran's Park. 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 authorize the Village President to negotiate with T-Mobile for additional cell phone equipment at Hecht Park Cell Tower site as requested by Village Attorney Frank Burkey. 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 Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid of \$66,405.00 by Bristol Fine Home Builders, for the Lower Level Rehab. 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 accept the bid of KBT Heating & Air Conditioning \$9,985.00 for the Lower Level Rehab HVAC. 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 Seehausen made a motion to re-bid for gravel and stone for the 2008/2009 season. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to re-bid for concrete for the 2008/2009 season. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kozy. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid of Max's Lawn Maintenance and Landscaping, for 2008. 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.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to re-bid for asphalt for the 2008/2009 season. Motion was seconded by Trustee Peterson. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to re-bid for HVAC Maintenance for the 2008/2009 season. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to re-bid for Tree Trimming/Removal for the 2008/2009 season. Motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. 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 high bid of \$585.00 for the 1999 Red Ford Taurus. Motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Village Clerk announced that the Village Hall will be closed Saturday May 24 and Monday May 26, 2008 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Village President, Louis Sherman announced that a Memorial Day service will be held at 10:00am on Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Steger Memorial Wall at 34<sup>th</sup> Street at Halsted Boulevard.

President Sherman also appointed Pat Sharkey to the Plan Commission. Motion was made by Trustee Peterson to approve the appointment 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.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Michelle Helsel of the Steger Board of Education distributed letters to each of the Board Members regarding construction underway at Columbia Central School. Helsel discussed with the Board the need of the School District to obtain construction permits from the Regional Superintendent's Office only. She notified the Board that by law, Village Building permits are not required.

Debbie Page addressed the Board and made them aware of noise complaints in her neighborhood. Trustee Honea asked Police Chief Stultz to direct police officers to patrol the area more heavily to alleviate the noise issue.

Village Engineer, Joe Schudt updated the Board on several projects in the village.

1. The leak in the alley on Stella Boulevard has been repaired
2. Collapsed pipe in retention basin has been repaired
3. Sump Pump program is proceeding
4. Lake Hills silt has de-watered and is now black dirt
5. Union Avenue paving should get underway in July
6. Barbara Lane culvert should be repaired this summer

Harry Hammock asked about the area south of the Veteran's Park and was told a picnic grove soon will be installed using the material removed from the Lake Hills pond and mulch made from branches picked up by Public Works.

### **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 7:30PM**

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Louis Sherman, Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk