

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 18th day of September 2006 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 was Police Chief Richard Stultz, Resident Observer Roger Mumford, Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, and Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey.

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with as all members have copies and they be accepted as written. Trustee Kozy 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 2006, the Fire Department had a total of 174 hours of firefighter training, 24 hours of E.M.S. training, 60 ambulance calls and 15 fire calls for a total of 75 calls for the month.

Trustee Honea made a motion to allow the Fire Department to use the meeting room for State Testing on the following Saturdays: February 10, 2007, April 14, 2007, June 9, 2007, October 13, 2007, and December 8, 2007 from 9:00 AM until Noon. Trustee Peterson 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 met last Tuesday after taking a break for the summer. Trustee Peterson further advised that the Economic Development Committee will be meeting on the first Thursday in October at which time they will be presenting their comments to the consultant in order to finalize their Plan to present to the Board.

TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT

Trustee Kaiser reported that for the month of August 2006 E.S.D.A. worked a total of 1,586 hours. Trustee Kaiser reported that the top three (3) units for the month were Unit #704, Mark Cooper with 72 hours, Unit #703, John Zajac with 61 hours, Unit #705, Tom Ball with 53.

Trustee Kaiser reported that there were 71 pieces of equipment and 13 jurisdictions at the Steger E.S.D.A. Fest.

TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT (CONT.)

Trustee Kaiser made a motion to purchase a 1994 Metra Bus at a cost of \$3,275.00 as recommended by E.S.D.A. Coordinator. 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.

Trustee Kaiser made a motion to put the Concord Motor Home out for bid with a minimum bid of \$1,500.00. 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 KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy reported that the Village made the first cut for a DNR Grant for Fireman's Park. Trustee Kozy thanked Roger Mumford for going down to Springfield to speak on behalf of the Village of Steger for the grant. Trustee Kozy advised the grant would be of \$150,000.00.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen read the following from the Water Operator's Report for the month of August 2006: Well #2 ran 285 hours and pumped 12,107,000 gallons of water and Well #3 ran 280 hours and pumped 10,147,000 gallons of water for a total of 22,254,000 gallons of water pumped during the month. Trustee Seehausen also reported that all water samples came back satisfactory. Trustee Seehausen also reported that there were three (3) water main breaks repaired and one (1) valve replaced during the month of August.

Trustee Seehausen gave a re-cap on the street rehabilitation that is being conducted under C.D.B.G., Public Benefit, and M.F.T.

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Fajman reported that in the month of August the Police Department had 2,273 calls, 189 tickets were issued, 58 arrests, 312 c-tickets written, and 46 adjudication tickets were written.

Trustee Fajman read a memo from Chief Stultz regarding a meeting he had with the new Director of Will County 9-1-1 regarding the Steger Dispatch Center.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to suspend the reading of the bills and to pass 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 August 2006, which was \$196,431.16.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District Charges for the month of August 2006, which was \$21,249.43.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for August 2006:

Municipal Sales Tax for June 2006	\$	41,393.28
Telecommunication Tax for June 2006	\$	30,536.36
State Income Tax for June 2006	\$	72,957.46
Local Use Tax for July 2006	\$	9,745.39
Replacement Tax for July 2006	\$	1,634.12
Motor Fuel Tax for June 2006	\$	23,816.84
Utility Revenue for June 2006	\$	18,930.43
Utility Revenue for July 2006	\$	5,520.06
Utility Revenue for July 2006	\$	21,999.37
Will County Fines for July 2006	\$	72.00
Will County Fines for July 2006	\$	150.00
Will County Fines for August 2006	\$	10.00
Cook County Fines for May 2006	\$	2,187.80
Cook County Fines for June 2006	\$	2,432.61

Trustee Seehausen moved to accept the reports and place them on file. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Village Clerk read a letter from Steger Area Chamber of Commerce requesting the following in order to host Octoberfest 2006: 1) permission to host the event on Halsted Boulevard on Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th, 2006 from 9:00 AM until 11:00 PM; 2) a liquor license for the event; 3) permission to close Halsted Boulevard from 34th Street to 35th Street to through traffic on Sunday, September 24th from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM for the car show; 4) help from Steger E.S.D.A. for security and traffic control during the event; 5) help from Steger Police Department for security during the event. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve in accordance with their original request of 1:00 PM. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Trustee Honea advised that the times on the flyers and signs are all different. Trustee Honea voiced her concern over starting any of the events that may conflict with the Churches. After much discussion concerning the starting times and the parking issues, roll was called on the original motion and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. Trustee Peterson voted no. President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE (CONT.)

The Village Clerk read a letter from Girl Scout Troop #677 requesting permission to use Susan Lane Park on Saturday, September 30, 2006 from 9:30 AM until 3:00 PM to host a "Junior Skills Day" along with a request to use five (5) picnic tables for the event. Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Will County Center for Community Concerns requesting a \$250.00 donation from the Village of Steger to help support the many programs offered by their organization to Village residents. President Sherman made a motion to table the request until Village Accountant, Elizabeth Kubal, returns to work and investigates the request. Trustee Fajman made a motion to table. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk announced that a petition was received from the residents on the 3400 block of Loverock Avenue requesting street lights be installed on their street. President Sherman advised that he would contact Com Ed as they would be responsible for the street lights. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table indefinitely. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed

NEW BUSINESS

AWARDING OF BID FOR D.P.W. GARAGE REPAIRS AND WATERPROOFING

The Village Clerk announced the there was a bid opening for repairs and waterproofing of the Public Works Garage on Monday, September 11, 2006 at 10:00 AM and three (3) bids were received. The Village Clerk announced that the lowest bid was received from Buckley Roofing in the amount of \$12,000.00. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to award the bid to Buckley Roofing. 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.

AWARDING OF BID FOR INSTALLATION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AT VETERANS PARK

The Village Clerk announced that there was a bid opening for the installation of the playground equipment at Veterans Park on Friday, September 15, 2006 at 9:00 AM and three (3) bids were received. The Village Clerk further announced that the lowest bid was received from Kay Jay Construction in the amount of \$27,906.00. The Village Clerk further advised that Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles recommended that the bid be awarded to Kay Jay Construction. Trustee Kozy made a motion to award the bid to Kay Jay Construction. 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 (CONT.)

The Village Clerk read a letter from Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers requesting permission to be paid while attending six (6) classes on Thursday mornings from 9:00 AM until Noon at Prairie State College in order to keep his building, health, fire, and EMS certifications up to date. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk announced that there would be Public Hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. to discuss a request of Laurie Drown for a zoning variance in order to allow her to house three (3) potbelly pigs on the property commonly known as 3129 Carpenter Street.

The Village Clerk announced that the Plan Commission Hearing from Wednesday, September 13, 2006 would reconvene on Wednesday, October 4, 2006 at 7:00 PM to discuss the request from Nicholas Goncher for a zoning change and re-subdivision of Lot 13 in Arthur T. McIntosh & Company First Addition to State Street Farms.

Village President Sherman thanked the Cub Scout Troop for coming to the Board Meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

A resident from 227th Street voiced his concerns over the area where the recent accident occurred where a child on a motorcycle was struck. He advised that there are a lot of kids riding motorcycles, golf carts, go-carts, scooters, and ATV's in the area. The resident also voiced his concerns over the easement on the north side of 227th Street that is not draining properly.

A resident from 3328 Peoria Street asked if the Village has a plan concerning the flooding that was causing by the overload on the storm drains.

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 7:32 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk