

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 August, 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 and Honea. Trustee Peterson was absent. Also present were Police Chief Richard Stultz, Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Village Attorney Franklin Burkey, Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, ESDA Director Roger Mumford and Village Administrator Conrad R. 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. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT**

In July 2008, the Fire Department had 56 ambulance calls and 21 fire calls, as reported by Trustee Honea. 123 hours of firefighter training and 15 hours of EMS training were also completed by Fire Department personnel during the month.

Trustee Honea thanked the Volunteer Fire Fighters who participated in the annual "Fill the Boot Tag Day" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Trustee Honea also reminded the audience that the Steger Community Days weekend will be August 23rd & 24<sup>th</sup>. Applications for interested craft and product vendors are available at the Village Hall. The annual Steger Community Days parade will be held Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup>. Interested groups can participate in the parade by completing the application at the Village Hall.

**TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT**

Trustee Kaiser will be in contact with Columbia Central School, Wildcat Football, and Steger Baseball and Softball teams regarding use of Veteran's Park fields.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

In July, the Water Department's bacterial samples were tested by the IEPA and results were satisfactory. Seven main breaks were repaired and two fire hydrants replaced during the month of July 2008, per Trustee Seehausen.

**TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT**

Trustee Fajman reported that the Police Department had 1616 calls during the month of June.

The Police Department is working with Chicago and neighboring Police Departments regarding armed robberies committed by subjects apprehended in the recent Shell robbery.

Park Forest Police Department commended Sgt Haskins, Detective Fajman, Detective Ruff, Officers Elza and Nardi for their assistance July 22<sup>nd</sup> in capturing a known felon who had avoided arrest for more than a year.

**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 July 2008, which was \$ 214,747.45

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges month of July 2008, which was \$27,871.72

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for May 2008

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$44,137.92	May 2008
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$25,963.86	May 2008
STATE INCOME TAX	Delayed	June 2008
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 5,201.37	May-June 2008
LOCAL USE TAX	\$11,369.00	June 2008
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$19,151.36	June 2008
UTILITY REVENUE	\$16,267.78	June 2008
UTILITY REVENUE	\$14,874.02	June 2008
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 198.00	June 2008
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 1,632.53	April 2008

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report, seconded by Trustee Kozy. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Honea made a motion to grant the request of the Wierzgac Family for use of five (5) picnic tables and several traffic horses for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual 35<sup>th</sup> Place Block Party to be held Saturday, August 16, 2008 from noon to 11pm. 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 grant the request of Jack's Bar & Grill to use a few picnic tables and to permit them to use the property west of the premises on August 16, 2008 from 2 to 8pm for a benefit event. 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.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Fajman made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 970 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PREVAILING WAGES. The motion was seconded by Trustee Seehausen. 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 grant a business license for Shear Design by Sarah at 77 E. 34<sup>th</sup> Street, pending inspections. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

A member of the audience asked about the status of the Lake Hills Pond. President Sherman deferred to Village Engineer Joe Schudt. Schudt informed the audience that the funds for the project were the result of a \$137,000.00 settlement between the Attorney General and the Developer of the Lake Hills Subdivision. It was acknowledged from the outset, that the settlement would not be enough to complete the project. No Village funds were spent on the project. The settlement funds have been exhausted. The pond still contains some silt. 7,000 cubic yards of silt have been removed. Weeds exist in the pond and should be killed off when the pond refills. It is expected that the pond will refill with normal rain fall in approximately thirty days. The Attorney General has expressed satisfaction at the work that's been completed. The Village Attorney added that the Army Corps of Engineers also has approved the work.

Stacy Gerstetter thanked the Board for approving the request of Jack's Bar & Grill to host the benefit for her mother Linda Gerstetter.

Boy Scout Troop #100 asked for permission to hold a fundraiser Car Wash at K Mart parking lot on Saturday August 16<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm. It will be necessary for the Fire Department to help the Scouts by connecting them to a water supply. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:22 PM**

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Louis Sherman, Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk