

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 7th day of April 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 Fire Chief Al, Martinez, Superintendent William G. Cox, Village Attorney Frank Burkey and Village Engineer Joseph Schudt.

**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. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT**

Trustee Honea reported that in March the Fire Department responded to 81 ambulance calls and 20 fire calls. Fire Department personnel participated in 60 hours of firefighter training, 51 hours of academy training 36 hours of EMS training. Trustee Honea also reported that work at the new Fire Department Headquarters is progressing.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson reported that the seller of the property at 394 and Steger Road has completed his annexation agreement paperwork and that the next step will be to file the paperwork with Cook County.

**TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT**

Trustee Kaiser reported that the basketball season has come to an end with the awards banquet Saturday April 5, 2008. The volleyball season has come to a close as baseball and softball get underway as well as football registration.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

Trustee Kozy reported that in March ESDA participated in Weather Spotter Training, Weekend Patrols, Traffic Control and SMART meeting and logged in 548 hours. April 19 and 20 ESDA will participate in Search and Rescue training.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen reported that March bacterial and fluoride samples came back from the EPA as satisfactory. In March the Department of Public Works repaired three main breaks and replaced a hydrant at 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Wallace Avenue.

**TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to suspend 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, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYROLL:** Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Fire Department payroll for the first quarter of the year. 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.

**COLLECTORS REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for March 2008, which was \$ 200,925.92 .

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges month of March 2008, which was \$20,325.12.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$ 60,316.09	January 2008
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$ 35,430.44	January 2008
STATE INCOME TAX	\$107,163.74	January 2008
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 2,139.33	Jan.-Feb. 2008
LOCAL USE TAX	\$ 16,049.27	February 2008
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 20,819.23	January 2008
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 19,528.43	February 2008
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 25,841.99	February 2008
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 1,288.00	February 2008
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 818.19	December 2007

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collectors Report, seconded by Trustee Fajman. Voice Vote; all aye. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Motion was made by Trustee Fajman and seconded by Trustee Seehausen to re-appoint Patricia Donahue to a two year term (May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2010) as Trustee to the Steger Police Pension Board; as requested by the Steger Police Pension Board. 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 permit the transfer of \$7,000.00 from the Corporate fund to the D.A.R.E. fund to help pay for salaries of the D.A.R.E. officers in support of the local D.A.R.E. effort as requested by Village Accountant Jolynda Reyes. Motion was 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

Motion was made by Trustee Kaiser and seconded by Trustee Peterson to waive the bidding process to replace the carpeting in the Community Center Hall. Cost of new carpeting is anticipated not to exceed \$4,500.00. 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 Honea and seconded by Trustee Fajman to honor the request of the First Apostolic Church to use the Gazebo on Halsted Blvd for the Inter Faith Steger Day of Prayer on Saturday June 7, 2008 from 7am to 3pm. They also request the street be closed to traffic during that time. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

Trustee Kaiser made a motion, seconded by Trustee Fajman to allow GLYSE Sporting Group to hold a baseball tournament at Veteran's Park April 25, 26 & 27, 2008 as recommended by Terry Ooms of the Steger Recreation Board. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Seehausen and seconded by Trustee Fajman to make a donation to the Nutrition Program of Will County in the amount of \$250.00 as recommended by President Sherman. This donation will help Will County Nutrition Program to deliver meals to seniors. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### I & I Sewer Sump Pump Inspection Contract

Village Engineer, Joe Schudt reported on the condition of the Village's Sanitary Sewer condition following the recent completion televising and cleaning of sewers. Mr. Schudt recommends the village contract with Simpson at a cost of \$72,550.00 to manage to Sump Pump Inspection contract for possible violations in 830 village residences. Each of these 830 residences need to be inspected by a licensed plumber to determine that they are not improperly hooked up to the sewer system.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion was made to accept RESOLUTION 944 Authorizing Execution of Labor-Management Agreement with Metropolitan Alliance of Police Chapter #117 by Trustee Fajman 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.

Motion was made by Trustee Honea and seconded by Trustee Fajman to allow Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers to advertise for bids from qualified contractors to maintain lawns at vacant properties across the village. Mr. Myers will work with the Village Clerk to prepare specs for the bidding process. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

Trustee Fajman made a motion to accept the high bid of \$1255.00 for the sale of the 1999 Red Ford Taurus. Motion was 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.

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept the low bid of \$141,242.00 for the purchase of the new Fire Department Ambulance. Motion was 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.

Motion was made by Trustee Peterson to allow for a budget of \$14,000.00 for Steger Days activities. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kaiser. 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 resignation of William Cox from the Planning Board. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Trustee Peterson and seconded by Trustee Fajman to approve the Business License application of Diamond Food Mart, Inc. at 3400 Union Avenue pending inspections. 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**

Village Engineer Joe Schudt discussed with the Board the construction of a car wash, gas station and mini mart at Sauk Trail and Cottage Grove. Mr. Schudt stated that without proper water and sewer service from Sauk Village the builders should not be allowed to continue. Motion was made by Trustee Peterson and seconded by Trustee Fajman to allow the builders to continue in a manner supported, allowed and approved by the Village Engineer. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

### **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 7:21 PM**

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Louis Sherman, Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk

