

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 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: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. Trustee Fajman was absent. Also present were, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Superintendent Bill Cox, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles, Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey, and Engineer Joseph A. Schudt.

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 Fallon Tatum recently completed Firefighter II Academy and received her certificate from the State Fire Marshal.

Trustee Honea reported that John Kowalski and Brad Rivera recently attended classes on weapons of mass destruction - respiratory protection.

Trustee Honea reported that Angela McCarty, Fallon Tatum, and Teresa Solorio recently attended a training class for women in fire service.

Trustee Honea reported that Rich Marino has been working with the Joliet Crime Lab and will be attending a class for casting of tire and footprints.

Trustee Honea reported that Chief Martinez is attending classes on new grant writing.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson announced that the Economic Development Committee would be meeting on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Village Meeting Room.

Trustee Peterson reported that he recently met with the Southeast Metra Business Alliance along with EDC members Frank Elton and Conrad Kiebles regarding the new Metra line. Trustee Peterson advised that the EDC will be asking the Board to pass a Resolution in support of the Southeast Metra Business Alliance at the next Board Meeting.

**BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen 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: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Village Clerk read a letter from Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. in regards to the Abraham Lincoln National Airport. Village Attorney Burkey suggested a letter be sent to Congressman Jackson advising him to consider the Village of Steger out of ALNA. Village Attorney Burkey further advised that a Resolution does not have to be passed due to the fact that the Village never signed their agreement.

The Village Clerk read a letter from the Crete Area Jaycees requesting permission to use the Village Hall Meeting Room from 7:15 PM to 9:30 PM on the following dates in the year 2006: February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, April 26<sup>th</sup>, May 24<sup>th</sup>, June 28<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, September 27<sup>th</sup>, October 18<sup>th</sup>, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and December 20<sup>th</sup> and on January 24, 2007 for their general membership meetings. Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from the Steger Historical Society requesting a donation of one of the surplus computer systems. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a memo from Band Director Candice Haldeman requesting a total budget of \$3,300.00 for the Steger Summer Recreation Band. The Village Clerk advised last year's budget was \$3,200.00 and Village Accountant Elizabeth Kubal recommends that we stay with that number. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the budget of \$3,200.00. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Appointment of the committee to study water and sewer rates due to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District's mandates**

Village President Sherman announced the following Water Committee Appointments: Louis Sherman, Tory Recupito, Tom Seehausen, Conrad Kiebles, Elizabeth Kubal, and Sandy Kopman. Trustee Peterson made a motion to concur with the appointments. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Awarding of the bids for the surplus computers, fax machines and printer**

Village Clerk Recupito announced that one (1) bid was received for all surplus computers, fax machines, and printer from Patty Brennan in the amount of \$150.00. Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the bid with the exception of the computer that is being donated to the Historical Society. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion of raising the water and sewer rates due to Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District Infiltration/Inflow Limit Ordinance**

Village Clerk Recupito advised that all Board Members were given a spreadsheet prepared by Elizabeth Kubal and Sandy Kopman. Village President Sherman advised that the increase would be approximately \$8.00 every three (3) months. Village President Sherman further advised that the increase would help pay the rising cost of the chemicals used to treat the water. Village President Sherman stated that Thorn Creek is in the process of updating sewer lines and part of the increase will be used to fund that project. Village President Sherman further advised that water rates have not been increased in over ten (10) years. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the increase. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Village President Sherman advised Village Attorney Burkey to prepare an Ordinance for the increases.

### **Awarding of the bids for the S.C.B.A.s for the Steger Fire Department**

Village Clerk Recupito announced that bid opening for S.C.B.A.s were opened on February 21, 2006 at 10:00 AM and three (3) bids were received. Village Clerk Recupito advised that Fire Chief Martinez reviewed the bids and recommended that the Village accept the bid from EMC in the amount of \$118,015.00. Trustee Peterson made a motion to concur with the recommendation of Fire Chief Martinez and award the bid to EMC. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Awarding of the bids for an air compressor and fill station for the Steger Fire Department**

Village Clerk Recupito announced that bid opening for an air compressor and fill station were opened on February 21, 2006 at 10:15 AM and three (3) bids were received. Village Clerk Recupito advised that Fire Chief Martinez reviewed the bids and recommended that the Village accept the bid from Chuck's Compressor Repair in the amount of \$23,401.00. Trustee Honea made a motion to concur with the recommendation of Fire Chief Martinez and award the bid to Chuck's Compressor Repair. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion concerning the possibility of trading in the old equipment for the new equipment being purchased. Village Attorney Burkey advised that the Board could make a motion to declare the old equipment as surplus property and use it for trade in purposes. Trustee Peterson made a motion to declare the old equipment as surplus property. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)**

The Village Clerk read a proposal from Azavar for the purpose of auditing utility tax revenue to collect surplus tax for a five year period. Trustee Peterson made a motion to enter into an agreement with Azavar. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a memo from Trustee Honea requesting a budget for the 2006 Steger Days in the amount of \$10,000.00. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**Approval of the 2006 Steger Days Committee**

Village President Sherman announced the following volunteers as Steger Days Committee members: Shannon Fillion, Chairman; Betsy Honea, Village representative; Kevin Hart, Fire Department representative, Gerry Ruff, Police Department representative; Roger Mumford, E.S.D.A. representative; Bill Cox, Public Works representative; Alice Peterson, Ken Peterson, Barb Recupito, Doug Brown, and Michelle Helsel. Village President Sherman invited anyone else who is interested to join the committee. Trustee Honea made a motion to put the list on file. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to recess the regular meeting in order to hold the C.D.B.G. Hearing. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Meeting Recessed at 7:15 PM.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to reconvene the Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Board reconvened at 7:20 PM

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Andrea Sherman, Treasurer of the Library, asked about the possibility of the waiving the utility tax for the Library.

**REQUEST TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to go into executive session to discuss litigation and contract negotiations. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:22 PM.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 7:40 PM.

Village Clerk Recupito called the roll and the following Trustees were present: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. Also present was Village President Sherman.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM**

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk