

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 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 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, and Honea. Trustee Peterson was absent. Also present were Police Chief Richard Stultz, Resident Observer Roger Mumford, Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Village Engineer Joseph A. Schudt, Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey, Village Auditor Peter Skinger, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, and Village Accountant Elizabeth Kubal.

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.

**Introduction of State Representative George F. Scully**

The Village President introduced State Representative George F. Scully. Representative Scully stated that he wanted to attend a Village of Steger board meeting as part of his routine in keeping in touch with the Village. The Village President thanked Representative Scully for attending the meeting and for being such an asset to the Village by helping the Village to receive grants.

**TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT**

Trustee Honea made a motion to have the 2nd quarter payroll approved for the Fire Department. Trustee Seehausen 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 reported that for the month of April 2006, the Fire Department had a total of 114 hours of firefighter training, 3 hours of special training, 33 hours of E.M.S. training, 70 ambulance calls and 25 fire calls for a total of 95 calls for the month.

Trustee Honea read a letter of commendation received by the Fire Department from the City of Chicago Heights thanking the Fire Department for their assistance in a box alarm on Saturday, July 8, 2006.

Trustee Honea read a letter of commendation in regards to the Fire Department and the situation regarding a pedestrian and a train.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

Trustee Kozy reported that the path is in at Veterans Park and the football field has been resodded. The bathrooms and the playground equipment are coming up on the agenda for approval.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen read the following from the Water Operator's Report for the month of June 2006: Well #2 ran 303 hours and pumped 12,990,000 gallons of water and Well #3 ran 304 hours and pumped 10,162,000 gallons of water for a total of 23,152,000 gallons of water pumped during the month. Trustee Seehausen also reported that all water samples came back satisfactory and there was one water main break in the month of June.

**TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT**

Trustee Fajman reported that in the month of June the Police Department had 1,973 calls, 194 tickets were issued, 61 arrests, 229 c-tickets written, and 58 adjudication tickets were written.

**Plaque Ceremony for Sergeant Michael Haskins in Remembrance of "Cliff", the Village of Steger's first K-9 Dog**

Trustee Fajman stated on June 20, 2006, the Village of Steger's first K-9 Dog, Cliff, passed away. Trustee Fajman further stated that Cliff served loyally and honorably as a member of the Steger Police Department for eight years and that Cliff would be remembered fondly for his great personality as well as his dedication to duty. The Steger Police Department presented a plaque to Cliff's handler and partner Sergeant Michael Haskins. Sergeant Haskins donated the plaque to the Village of Steger to be hung in the Steger Board Room. Sergeant Haskins thanked everyone. President Sherman stated that Sergeant Haskins did an excellent job with the K-9 dog.

**BILLS**

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

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for June 2006, which was \$200,489.69.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District Charges for the month of June 2006, which was \$19,731.20.

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

Municipal Sales Tax for April 2006	\$	43,626.51
Telecommunication Tax for April 2006	\$	28,643.32
State Income Tax for May 2006	\$	76,902.25
Local Use Tax for May 2006	\$	8,984.11
Motor Fuel Tax for April 2006	\$	21,245.66

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT (CONT.)**

Utility Revenue for May 2006	\$	14,969.24
Utility Revenue for May 2006	\$	12,316.34
Will County Fines for May 2006	\$	177.00
Will County Fines for June 2006	\$	1.00
Cook County Fines for March 2006	\$	2,644.06
Cook County Fines for April 2006	\$	108.00

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Village Clerk read a memo from Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles requesting approval to join the Illinois Development Council at a cost of \$375.00 along with permission to attend the IDC 2006 Annual Conference on Wednesday and Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Bloom Township requesting that the Village of Steger make a contribution to help offset the expenses of the Annual Senior Picnic that will be held on Thursday, August 3, 2006. President Sherman stated that normally the Village donates \$200.00. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to donate \$200.00 as done in the past. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from the residents of Valleywood Trail subdivision requesting permission to host a block party on Saturday, July 29, 2006, along with a request to block off Knollwood Drive and to use Village picnic tables for the event. Trustee Kozy reported that 10 tables were needed and that the party was starting between 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM and would be over by 11:00 PM or 12:00 PM. President Sherman advised that music is to be off by 10:00 PM. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Jeanne L. Dominik, Superintendent of Steger Public Schools District #194, supporting the passage of an Ordinance concerning Parental Responsibility. Mrs. Dominik addressed the Board to convey the strong support of Steger School District #194 for the Parental Responsibility Ordinance. Mrs. Dominik further stated that Steger School District #194 wants to work carefully with the Steger Police Department on the issues of tardiness, truancy, and parents who do not pick up their children promptly.

## **CORRESPONDENCE (CONT.)**

The Village Clerk read a letter from George Piperas, owner of Steger Auto Sales, requesting permission to sell corn on the corner of 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Kings Road from July 18<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>. After a brief discussion, Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Sundown Stables at 22230 Cottage Grove requesting permission to host 6 or 7 events during the months of July through October 2006, dates to be announced. Trustee Honea expressed her concerns regarding if this could be passed without dates and knowledge of police protection. President Sherman stated when dates were known he would bring them back to the board. Police Chief Stultz stated that this had nothing to do with on-duty police officers and that the Village has never had a problem before. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request pending notification. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from the Lake Hill Town Home Association requesting that the Village repair damaged sidewalks and curbs in the Lake Hill subdivision. President Sherman stated that the Resident Observer would go to check damages.

The Village Clerk read an additional letter from Joseph A. Schudt regarding approval of the plans for Executive Estates of Steger pending a letter of credit for Bill Brooks. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Trustee Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Discussion concerning the cleaning contract with Professional Cleaning Service**

The Village Clerk stated that the Village is still having problems with the service that is being received from Professional Cleaning Service and wished for the Board to grant permission to send a formal letter of notice. Police Chief Stultz also expressed his concerns over the poor service that is being provided to the Police Department. Trustee Honea made a motion to send the notice. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

### **Discussion on amending Ordinance No. 804 to allow Tom Fletcher D/B/A Shooter's Place at 3327-3329 Chicago Road to upgrade his liquor license from B-1 to A-6**

President Sherman advised that Mr. Fletcher has passed all necessary background checks. Trustee Honea asked if this process would be creating an additional liquor license. President Sherman advised that the current license held by Mr. Fletcher would be eliminated. Trustee Seehausen asked when the change of licensing would take place, and President Sherman advised it would be effective upon the moving of the business. Trustee Fajman made a motion to upgrade Tom Fletcher D/B/A Shooter's Place after the move. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Trustee Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 933**

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 933 "Appropriation Ordinance". Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 933. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk announced that the Board received a memo from Police Chief Stultz recommending the passage of the following three (3) ordinances.

**ORDINANCE NO. 934**

**ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 58-10 "VEHICLE SEIZURE AND IMPOUNDMENT" TO CHAPTER 58 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 934 "Ordinance Adding Section 58-10 "Vehicle Seizure and Impoundment" to Chapter 58 of the Municipal Code of Steger, Illinois ". Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 934. Trustee Kaiser seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 935**

**ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 58-11 "PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY" TO CHAPTER 58 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 935 "Ordinance Adding Section 58-11 "Parental Responsibility " to Chapter 58 of the Municipal Code of Steger, Illinois". Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 935. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 936**

**ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 58-12 "POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS" TO CHAPTER 58 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF STEGER, ILLINOIS**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 936 "Ordinance Adding Section 58-12 "Possession or Consumption of Tobacco Products" to Chapter 58 of the Municipal Code of Steger, Illinois". Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 936. 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.

**NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 937**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT  
FOR THE PURCHASE AND FINANCING OF  
CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY BY THE  
VILLAGE OF STEGER, COOK AND WILL  
COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 937 "Ordinance Authorizing an Agreement for the Purchase and Financing of Certain Personal Property by the Village of Steger, Cook and Will Counties, Illinois". Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 937. 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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 668-1**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 668  
PROVIDING FOR LICENSING FEES FOR CERTAIN  
SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 668-1 "Ordinance Amending Ordinance 668 Providing for Licensing Fees for Certain Specific Commercial Operations". Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 668-1. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read the business license application for Young Cleaners at 432 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the license pending inspections. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read the business license application for DMS Parts, Inc. D/B/A Mill & Contractor Supply at 3236 Union Avenue Unit B and C. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the license pending inspections. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Village Engineer Joseph A. Schudt recommending that the Village award the bid for paving improvements to Susan Lane and Richton Road to the low bidder, Gallagher Asphalt, in the amount of \$137,596.30. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the recommendation. 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.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Village Engineer Joseph A. Schudt requesting approval of the 2006 MFT Street Resurfacing Project in the amount of \$284,000.00. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)**

The Village Clerk read a letter from Jeanne L. Dominik, Superintendent of Steger Public Schools District #194, requesting that an additional crossing guard position be added to the current two crossing guards positions for Columbia Central and Parkview Schools. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Kaiser seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a memo from Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles recommending that the Village accept the proposal from Calumet City Plumbing in the amount of \$8,748.00 for DNR grant rehabilitation of the restrooms at Veterans Park. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the recommendation. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a memo from Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles recommending that the Village accept the proposal from Parkreaction in the amount of \$14,326.00 for playground and fitness equipment for Veterans Park. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the recommendation. 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.

**Approval of the Membership Fee of \$100.00 to Join the Northern Illinois Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMEC)**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the membership fee of \$100.00. 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.

**Awarding of the Bid for the Surplus 1993 Dodge Caravan**

Trustee Honea made a motion to award the bid for the surplus 1993 Dodge Caravan to the high bidder, Mike Mahalic, in the amount of \$402.00. 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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Appointment of Cordell Hudson to the Economic Development Committee**

The Village President appointed Cordell Hudson to the Economic Development Committee. Trustee Fajman made a motion to concur with the appointment. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Jeff Watson voiced his concerns over the fact that occupancy was approved for 3801 Union Avenue.

John Cashman voiced his concern over the article in the newspaper in which the Downtown Development Committee announced the possibility of condos being built by the old school. Mr. Cashman advised that in his opinion there should be nothing but businesses from Wallace to Emerald in this town.

Chief Stultz thanked the Board for their consideration in passing the Ordinances.

Jean Dominik from Steger School District #194 thanked the Board for passing the Ordinance concerning Parental Responsibility.

Debbie Page asked if Bloom Trail is going to be notified about the new Ordinances that were passed.

A resident from Dorsetshire Drive asked what is being done about the ongoing water problem on Dorsetshire. She asked when the flushing of hydrants would be taking place in the area because the problems continue.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:36 PM**

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk