

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 May, 2009 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 Police Chief Richard Stultz, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Kevin Gohacki representing Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers and Village Administrator Conrad 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 Kozy seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson stated that the Building Department had 47 permits issued in April for total revenue of \$5,612.80. Peterson also reported the cancelation of the June 4th Economic Development Committee meeting because of the Columbia Central School graduation ceremony. The meeting will be rescheduled and posted when available.

TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT

Trustee Kaiser thanked the Girls Softball and the Big Boys Baseball programs for preparing the ball fields for the weekend's tournaments. Kaiser also thanked everyone for making his past four years as a village trustee, enjoyable.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT

None

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, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request by Mayor Sherman to Cook County Department of Planning for \$72,000.00 for Proposed “Green” Project Improvements. Improvements include solar powered school crossing lights at Eastview and Saukview Schools and the replacement of five rooftop air conditioners with more energy efficient equipment.

OLD BUSINESS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Chuck Tieri addressed the Board stating that an abandoned car needs to be removed from the parking lot at Bambino’s on 34th Street. President Sherman stated the car will be moved promptly.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to recess the regular meeting of the Board until Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting recessed at 7:05pm, Monday, May 18, 2009.

The Board of Trustees re-convened in regular session at 7:30 P.M. on this 19th day of May, 2009 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, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. Trustee Kozy has not yet arrived. Also present were Trustees-elect Banicki and Lopez, Police Chief Richard Stultz, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Village Attorney Frank Burkey, Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, and Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles.

NEW BUSINESS

OATH OF OFFICE - VILLAGE CLERK

Attorney Franklin D. Burkey administered the oath of office to Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. whom was duly elected as Village Clerk on the April 7, 2009 election. Village Clerk Recupito therefore reassumed his chair of office.

NEW BUSINESS

OATH OF OFFICE - VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. administered the oath of office to Louis Sherman whom was duly elected as Village President on the April 7, 2009 election. Village President Sherman therefore reassumed his chair of office.

OATH OF OFFICE - VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Village Clerk Carmen S. Recupito, Jr. administered the oath of office to Thomas Seehausen, Andrew L. Banicki and Ernie Lopez, Jr. whom were duly elected as Village Trustees on the April 7, 2009 election. Trustees Seehausen, Banicki and Lopez therefore assumed their chairs of office.

Chuck Fajman thanked the Village Board, fellow trustees and department heads for the time spent working together these past four (4) years.

President Sherman made appointments for the year with the concurrence of the Village Board:

Joseph Schudt, Village Engineer	Edward Myers, Chief Building Inspector
Franklin D. Burke, Village Attorney	Brian Driscoll, Hearing Officer
Peter Skinger, Village Auditor	Diana Rossi, Community Center Director
Richard Stultz, Police Chief	Conrad R. Kiebles, Village Administrator
Al Martinez, Fire Chief	Mark Gineris, Village Treasurer
William Cox, Superintendent of Public Works	Crista Zivanovic, Village Prosecutor
Roger Mumford, Project Manager/ESDA Coordinator	

Joe Kaiser, Police Pension Board
Joe Formentini, Recreation Board Chairman

Trustee Peterson made a motion to concur with the Village President's appointments. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to promote Officer Gerald Ruff to Sergeant. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried. Ruff was congratulated by the Board.

President Sherman excused himself from the proceedings. Trustee Peterson made a motion to appoint Trustee Tom Seehausen Mayor Pro-tem. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-tem Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid by J & E Transport for stone and gravel. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. (President Sherman returned to the meeting) Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid by Davis Concrete for various concrete work performed in the village. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid by Gallagher for asphalt. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid by Max's Landscaping for Tree Trimming and Removal. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid by JTR HVAC for HVAC Maintenance Service. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid by Best Quality Cleaning for Janitorial Service. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the low bid by Merts for Community Center paddle fans, ceiling joists, maintenance, etc. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request of Village Accountant Jolynda Reyes to attend Illinois Municipal Treasurers Association annual conference June 14-16 at a cost of \$395.00. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to permit "Knot Just Knitting" to use the Gazebo on Saturday June 13, 2009 from 8:30am to 5:30pm. Knot Just Knitting will use the Gazebo for "World Wide Knit in Public Day." They will also have 4-5 picnic tables delivered to the site. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy arrived 7:44pm

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Business License Application of On Site Mechanical at 27 E. 36th Street, Unit C, pending inspections. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 965 PROCLAIMING FULL SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION IN THE OVERWHELMING SUCCESS OF CENSUS 2010 THROUGH THE FORMULATION OF A COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Meredith Horn, 22805 State Street, Steger addressed the Board regarding water flow problems in her neighborhood resulting from filling activity by Pat's Landscaping. Ms. Horn questioned the Miller Woods "grandfather" clause that permits a Landscaping business to operate in a residential area.

Jerry Ziemen of 22921 State Street states that much damage has been done to trees, gardens, shrubbery and lawns. Mr. Ziemen asks that the necessary agencies be asked to intervene to alleviate the problem of backed up water.

Joe Patrevito of 85 E. 227th Street addressed the Board. Mr. Patrevito, a 30 year Miller Woods resident, states that Pat's Landscaping has a 40 ft. pile of dirt mixed with skids, concrete and railroad ties from landscaping jobs. The ditch in the area is nearly filled with dirt that has come from Pat's Landscaping's dirt pile. President Sherman replied that the problem will be remedied.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk

