

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2007 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, Peterson, and Honea. Trustee Kaiser was absent. Also present were, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Superintendent Bill Cox, Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles, Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey, and Village 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 Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

**TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT**

Trustee Honea reported that for the month of March 2007, the Fire Department had a total of 126 hours of firefighter training, 40 hours of special training, 32 hours of E.M.S. training, 56 ambulance calls and 18 fire calls for a total of 74 calls for the month.

On behalf of the Village of Steger, Trustee Honea thanked the Steger Firefighter's Association for the Easter Egg Hunt they hosted last Saturday. Trustee Honea went on to say the event was a tremendous success and that over 100 children from the ages of 1 to 8 participated. Trustee Honea further thanked Sandy Gibbs for organizing the event and the volunteers who helped which included all the volunteer firefighters, Crete Jaycees, Roger Mumford and Steger E.S.D.A.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson reported that for the month of December 2006 there was a total of 13 new building permits issued for a total revenue collected of \$4,745.10, 11 repair permits issued for a total revenue collected of \$1,364.00, 1 new construction permit was issued for a total revenue collected of \$3,301.10, and 1 sign permit was issued for a total revenue collected of \$80.00.

Trustee Peterson reported that for the month of January 2007 there was a total of 10 new building permits issued for a total revenue collected of \$1,282.00, 7 repair permits issued for a total revenue collected of \$1,122.00, and 3 demolition permits were issued for a total revenue collected of \$160.00.

Trustee Peterson reported that for the month of February 2007 there was a total of 10 new building permits issued for a total revenue collected of \$1,348.00, 7 repair permits issued for a total revenue collected of \$1,108.00, 1 demolition permit was issued for a total revenue collected of \$80.00, and 2 sign permits were issued for a total revenue collected of \$160.00.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT (CONT.)**

Trustee Peterson briefly explained that there is a situation with the property located at Richton Road and Union Avenue that has been before the Village Board. Trustee Peterson made a motion to have the Village attorney file a suit to abate the nuisance. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson further advised that the Building Department should be directed that no building permits should be issued for the property and all communications should go through the Village attorney.

Trustee Peterson reported that the Economic Development Committee will be meeting this Thursday at 7:00 PM.

Trustee Peterson reported that he was approached by the basketball program to discuss an issue they are having. Trustee Peterson advised that he spoke with the liaison for the recreation program, Trustee Kozy, and the Mayor regarding this issue and a meeting has been scheduled for tonight following the Board Meeting.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

Trustee Kozy reported that girls' softball registration is now open.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen read the following from the Water Operator's Report for the month of March 2007: Well #2 ran 264 hours and pumped 11,308,000 gallons of water, Well #3 ran 266 hours and pumped 12,089,000 gallons of water for a total of 23,397,000 gallons of water pumped during the month. Trustee Seehausen reported that water samples taken within the month came back satisfactory. Trustee Seehausen further reported that seven (7) water main breaks were repaired and the fire hydrant at 3225 Florence Avenue was replaced.

Trustee Seehausen reported that the new service line for water testing has been installed at the Halsted Street Well House in accordance with the I.E.P.A.

**TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT**

Trustee Fajman reported that for the month of February 2007 the Police Department handled a total of 1,528 calls. Trustee Fajman further reported that for the month of February 2007, 114 tickets, 248 C-tickets, and 28 A-O tickets were issued along with 24 arrests made.

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

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for March 2007, which was \$197,251.72.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District Charges for the month of March 2007, which was \$22,484.59.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for March 2007:

Municipal Sales Tax for January 2007	\$	57,595.15
Telecommunication Tax for January 2007	\$	27,037.10
State Income Tax for January 2007	\$	90,376.08
Replacement Tax for January - February 2007	\$	2,006.54
Local Use Tax for February 2007	\$	14,487.90
Motor Fuel Tax for January 2007	\$	24,590.90
Utility Revenue for January 2007	\$	17,347.31
Utility Revenue for February 2007	\$	23,294.29
Utility Revenue for February 2007	\$	20,782.65
Will County Fines for January 2007	\$	509.00
Cook County Fines		DELAYED

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The Village Clerk read a letter from the Cub Scout Pack 100 asking permission to have their annual picnic and overnighter camp out in Veteran's Park on Friday, June 15, 2007. Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request. 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 Steger Firefighter's Association requesting permission to host their annual Street Dance fundraiser at Veteran's Park on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in conjunction with any Community Day events. 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 the Steger Firefighter's Association requesting a temporary liquor license for their annual Street Dance and Community Day event on August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Village Clerk read the business license application for Steger Road Shell at 500 West 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the business license pending inspections. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read the business license application for Anointed Hands Mobile 1 Techs at 3204 Keeney Avenue. Trustee Peterson made a motion to deny the business license. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Awarding of the bid for the surplus 1996 Ford Crown Victoria**

The Village Clerk announced that bids were opened today at 10:00 AM and two bids were received. The Village Clerk announced the highest bid was received from Ross Smith in the amount of \$700.00. Trustee Honea made a motion to accept the high bid. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **Approval to purchase a 2007 Ford Explorer for Code Enforcement**

Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles briefly explained that the current Code Enforcement vehicle is over ten (10) years old and is in need of some repairs and rather than repair the vehicle, it would be advantageous for the Village to replace the vehicle. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the purchase. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a memo from Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles regarding the awarding of the bid for the installation of the playground equipment, fitness center, and picnic pavilion at Hecht Park. Trustee Kozy made a motion to accept the lowest bid. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Village Clerk announced that a letter was received from John Geraci resigning from the Steger Recreation Board. Village President Sherman thanked John for the time he volunteered.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Firemen's payroll for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Village President Sherman introduced Nella Piccoleni who is a newly appointed member of the Will County Board. Ms. Piccoleni advised that she was recently appointed to Will County Board District 1, replacing Mary Ann Gearhart-Deutsche. Ms. Piccoleni offered her services to the Village of Steger.

Susan Edwards asked if the business, Anointed Hands, would be shut down since the Village denied their business license. Trustee Peterson advised that they were shut down and they were operating without a license. Mrs. Edwards addressed Trustee Kozy regarding the fact that he did not acknowledge the basketball program. Trustee Kozy advised that he has not received a Recreation Board Meeting minutes in several months, however, he did thank Mike Sarek and Bob Joyce for running an excellent program.

Raphael Mosby, owner of Anointed Hands, addressed the Board regarding the fact that his business license application was denied.

Jeff Watson advised the Board that the owner of the property at Union Avenue and Richton Road is showing the house, he asked if the house can be red tagged.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the sale of property. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:20 PM.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 7:48 PM.

The Village President called the meeting back to order.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to reject all bids received for Fire Station #2 and Fire Station #3. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Peterson made a motion to reconvene the meeting. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Meeting reconvened at 7:50 PM.

The Village Clerk announced that the Plan Commission met on March 28, 2007 and voted to approve the D'Amico subdivision west of Lake Hills subdivision with the stipulation that 37<sup>th</sup> Street is continued out to Union Avenue. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to put the ratification of this action of the agenda for the next Board Meeting. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 PM**

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk