

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 5<sup>TH</sup> day of April, 2010 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: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. Trustee Peterson was absent. Also present were Supt. of Public Works Bill Cox, Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Asst Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, ESDA Director Roger Mumford, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Village Attorney Franklin Burkey and Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles.

**MINUTES**

Trustee Seehausen moved that the reading of the February 15<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting 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**

Trustee Honea reported that in March, 2010 the Fire Department responded to seventy (70) ambulance calls and twenty nine (29) fire calls. There were one hundred and forty four (144) hours of Firefighter training, forty five (45) hours of Firefighter II training, forty eight (48) hours of Special training and fifteen (15) hours of EMS training.

Trustee Honea also reported that donations are being accepted at the Village Hall for contributions to the Steger Day event to be held on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Banicki advised Trustee Honea that he will be making a donation. Trustees Lopez, Honea and Seehausen also promised a donation. President Sherman and Village Clerk Carmen Recupito will also make donations.

**TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT**

Trustee Lopez reported that the Baseball season is about to begin. Trustee Lopez asked Dept. of Public Works Superintendent to have American flags flying at the park locations. Superintendent Cox assured Trustee Lopez that flags will be flying this week.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen reported that in March 2010 that all water samples came back from the IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired one (1) water main and one (1) hydrant during the month.

Trustee Seehausen also reported that on Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup>, the Water Department will begin weekly flushing of hydrants. Residents should keep this in mind when laundering clothes.

**TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Banicki reported that the Building Department issued 32 new permits for total revenue of \$3,678.00 in February, 2010.

**BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion approving the bills as listed for payment. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**FIREMEN'S PAYROLL**

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Firemen's Payroll for the first quarter of 2010. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for March 2010 which was \$206,160.00.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of March 2010, which was \$25,278.93.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for March 2010:

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| MUNICIPAL SALES TAX   |  | \$ 47,524.39 | January 2010     |
| TELECOMMUNICATION TAX |  | \$ 29,906.22 | January 2010     |
| STATE INCOME TAX      |  | \$ 51,717.70 | Oct. 2009        |
| STATE INCOME TAX      |  | \$ 0.00      | Nov. 2009-Delay  |
| STATE INCOME TAX      |  | \$ 0.00      | Dec. 2009- Delay |
| STATE INCOME TAX      |  | \$ 0.00      | Jan. 2010 Delay  |
| LOCAL USE TAX         |  | \$ 13,553.31 | February 2010    |
| MOTOR FUEL TAX        |  | \$ 18,224.51 | February 2010    |

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| UTILITY REVENUE   |  | \$ 19,678.58 | February 2010 |
| UTILITY REVENUE   |  | \$ 23,819.24 | February 2010 |
| WILL COUNTY FINES |  | \$ 234.00    | February 2010 |
| COOK COUNTY FINES |  | \$ 1,073.59  | December 2009 |

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report and place it on file. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kozy. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Scott Haugh, CEO of Save Your Glass previously requested use of four (4) parking spaces at the K Mart parking lot every other month beginning April or May 2010. The Village will be paid \$700 per month in rent for each month used.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the revised budget request from Summer Band Director Candice Haldeman of \$3,000.00 for the 2010 Summer Band. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve a policy regarding use of Village Vehicles by employees, as composed by Trustees Honea and Lopez. (Policy attached) The policy is to take effect April 9, 2010. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. President Sherman did not vote. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to put out to bid for sale the two generators currently housed at the Fire Department Headquarters. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. The Village Clerk stated that the value of the generators is approximately \$2500 to \$3000 each. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO.997 ABOLISHING POSITION OF VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez and Honea. Trustee Kozy and President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

Trustees Seehausen made a motion to have the line item for the position of Village Administrator; all wages, benefits and contracts connected to this position deleted from the 2010-2011 fiscal year Appropriations and Budget. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Lopez and Honea. Trustee Kozy and President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO.978 FOR CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAYS. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 979 AUTHORIZING ENTRY INTO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CLEAR WIRELESS Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve RESOLUTION NO. 980 OPPOSING REDUCTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUND . Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to appoint Patricia Donahue be to another two year term May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2012, as requested by Patrick Rossi of the Steger Police Pension Fund. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to eliminate branch pick up in the spring and summer and leaf pick up in the fall, at a cost saving of approximately \$36,000, effective immediately, as requested by Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez and Honea. President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

Jose Espirito of PMJ Enterprises at 3222 Keeney Avenue stated that his business is a trucking company and that no garbage will be transported to or stored at his Steger location. All construction debris and/or garbage will be dumped at a transfer station prior to returning empty dumpsters to his location.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the request of Billy J. Brown of 3742 Emerald Avenue. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Lopez and Honea. Trustees Seehausen and Kozy voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of Kelly Phipps of 3614 Carpenter to use the Village Gazebo on Friday May 21, 2010 for pictures following a wedding ceremony at St. Liborius church. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to proclaim May 12, 2010 as "Fibromyalgia Awareness Day." in the Village of Steger, as requested by *Fibromites Unite!!* Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to allow the Salvation Army to conduct *Donut Day* on Friday and Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and Red Kettle Campaign on Friday November 19<sup>th</sup> through December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request from Steger Little League to hold its annual Opening Day parade on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> starting at the Community Center at 11am. The parade will continue west on 34<sup>th</sup> Street to Morgan to Hecht Park. Everyone involved will ride in vehicles. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve a thirty (30) day extension on the business license for Forever Wings and Fish so that all regulations may be completed. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Lopez made a motion to approve the request from Joe Formentini of the Girls' Softball League to use Veterans Park Softball fields from April 1<sup>st</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Village of Steger has been presented with a Certificate of Membership to the 100 Year Club from the Illinois Section of the American Water Works Association for having operated a water utility for a century. Only three (3) municipalities in the State of Illinois belong to the Club.

Project Manager Roger Mumford recently completed a fourteen (14) hour Grant Writing and Resource Development training.

The Zoning Board of Appeals will meet to discuss the request of Ryan Bogenschneider from Hog Haven BBQ Restaurant on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held at 6pm on Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Village Meeting Room.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Carol Lindeman of 215 Barbara Lane requested that the Village look into the flooding problem she is experiencing because of water flow issues in the retention pond behind her home. President Sherman assured Ms. Lindeman that Project Manager Roger Mumford will look into the problem.

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 7:29 PM**

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Louis Sherman, Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk