

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 15th day of October 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, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. Also present were Village Administrator Conrad R. Kiebles, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Fire Chief Al Martinez, Superintendent William G. Cox, Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey, and Village Engineer Joseph 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 made a motion to accept Mark Ronstadt as a probationary fire fighter pending a background check and a physical examination. Trustee Seehausen 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.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported at an upcoming board meeting the 2003 I.C.C. Code would be presented. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers was working out some of the exceptions.

Trustee Peterson reported that 49 building permits had been issued for total revenue of \$10,183.00. Of those 49 permits, 44 were repair permits for total revenue of \$5,835.00 and 5 new construction permits for total revenue of \$4,348.00.

Trustee Peterson stated that the next Economic Development Committee would be the first Thursday in November.

TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT

Trustee Kaiser reported that the DNR Grant for Veteran's Park was denied. The Village of Steger will submit again next year.

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

Trustee Kozy had nothing to report.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

Trustee Seehausen reported that branch chipping had ended and the picking up of leaves started on today, October 15, 2007 through the end of November.

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Fajman had nothing to report.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR PRESIDENT LOUIS SHERMAN UPON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE BLOOM TOWNSHIP HALL OF HONOR

Trustee Peterson applauded Village President Louis Sherman for all of the work that he does behind the scenes for the Village of Steger.

Village President Louis Sherman stated that he loves everything that he does for the Village of Steger.

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

CORRESPONDENCE

The Village Clerk read a letter from Cook County Clerk David Orr requesting permission to use the Municipal Building and Fire Stations #1 and #3 as polling places for the upcoming Primary General Election on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. The Village Clerk stated that Fire Station #3 was listed to be sold. Trustee Peterson made a motion to recommend the new Fire Station as a replacement for Fire Station #3. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Village Attorney Frank Burkey stated that maybe the Steger-South Chicago Heights Library should be suggested as a polling place replacement. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Jack's Bar and Grill requesting permission to hold a tailgate party in the parking lot on October 28, 2007. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Honea 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. Trustee Honea asked if the Village could provide them with barricades for that area.

OLD BUSINESS

The Village Clerk read a memo from Fire Chief Martinez requesting an ordinance requiring Knox boxes on all new businesses. Trustee Honea made a motion to table the request. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. Trustee Fajman voted nay. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS (CONT.)

The Village Clerk read a memo from Fire Chief Martinez requesting to have Rich Marino named as the Peace Officer. Trustee Honea made a motion to table the request. Trustee Peterson 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.

NEW BUSINESS

The Village Clerk read a letter from Joseph A. Schudt and Associates requesting permission to proceed with the bid process for the 2007-2008 Road Salt. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Peterson 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.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Joseph A. Schudt and Associates recommending that the Village instruct the First National Bank of Grant Park to execute the letter of credit in favor of the Village of Steger for the development known as Executive Estates. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the request. Trustee Peterson 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.

The Village Clerk read a letter from Corpro Waterworks regarding the renewal of the maintenance contract for 2008 for the water towers. Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve the contract. 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.

The Village Clerk began a discussion on changing to Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Advantage HMO for the Village of Steger employees' health insurance plan effective November 1, 2007. The Village Clerk explained that this was a move that the group we are affiliated with had solicited. However, with this change he further explained the Village would save about \$21,000.00 per year on health insurance, we can offer PPO insurance to those who wish to pay the difference between HMO and PPO, and our employees would be able to go to physicians would be based out of the WellGroup. Trustee Fajman made a motion to approve the insurance change Blue Cross. Trustee Honea 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Village Clerk announced that Cook County Commissioner Joan Murphy has announced there is a program that offers a discount drug program for Cook County residents not already covered by insurance. Information is available in the Village Clerk's office.

The Village Clerk announced that trick or treat hours in the Village of Steger will be from 2:30 PM to 6:30 PM with the annual bonfire to follow in Veteran's Park.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

Tony Rossi expressed concerns about going into winter with all of the water main breaks that have been occurring close to Morgan Street.

A man by the name of Cornelius, from the Apostolic Church on 34th Street, wanted to introduce himself on behalf of the church to the community. He further stated that construction on this church should be done in about three months.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Fajman made a motion to adjourn into executive session. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:16 PM.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 7:41 PM.

The Village President called the meeting back to order.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:42 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk