

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 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, Peterson, and Honea. Also present were Police Chief Richard Stultz, Fire Chief Albert Martinez, Resident Observer Roger Mumford, Village Administrator Conrad Kiebles, Village Engineer Joseph A. Schudt, and Village Attorney Franklin D. Burkey.

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 April 2006, the Fire Department had a total of 129 hours of firefighter training, 9 hours of special training, 24 hours of E.M.S. training, 63 ambulance calls and 25 fire calls for a total of 88 calls for the month.

Trustee Honea reported that Brad Rivera recently passed Fire Investigation School.

Trustee Honea reported that the new S.C.B.A.'s that were purchased with grant funds have been delivered.

Trustee Honea reported that Chief Martinez, Assistant Chief Roesner, Captain Baine, Captain Couch, and Lieutenant Fillion attended the Fire Department Instructors Conference in Indianapolis on Friday, April 28, 2006.

Trustee Honea reported that both ambulances passed inspection by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Trustee Honea presented the Village with a \$200.00 donation from the V.F.W. for the Village's Food Pantry.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

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

**TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT**

Trustee Kaiser reported that for the month of March 2006 E.S.D.A. worked a total of 438 hours and for the month of April 2006 worked a total of 433 hours.

Trustee Kaiser reported that the top three (3) units for the month were Unit 703, John Zajac with 54 hours, Unit #708, Mark Cooper with 46 hours, Unit #710 Ed Mike Lopez with 43 hours.

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen read the following from the Water Operator's Report for the month of April 2006: Well #2 ran 235 hours and pumped 10,262,000 gallons of water and Well #3 ran 236 hours and pumped 7,898,000 gallons of water for a total of 18,160,000 gallons of water pumped during the month. Trustee Seehausen also reported that all water samples came back satisfactory.

Trustee Seehausen further reported that thirty (30) storm sewer lids were stolen and five (5) were recovered by the Police Department. Trustee Seehausen further advised that twenty (20) new lids had to be purchased at a cost of \$86.00 each.

Trustee Seehausen reported that the 2005 MFT Street Program started last week. Trustee Seehausen further reported that as soon as weather permits, curb removal and replacement will take place.

Trustee Seehausen reported that Public Work employees will be inspecting manhole covers to check for drainage into the sewers.

**TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT**

Trustee Fajman advised that Public Works should mark all sewer covers in order to identify them as property of the Village of Steger. Trustee Fajman advised that when the five (5) sewer covers were recovered there were additional sewer covers found; however, due to the fact that did not have any identifying marks indicating that they were property of the Village of Steger, the Police Department could not take possession of them.

**BILLS**

Trustee Fajman made a motion to suspend the reading of the bills and to pass the bills for payment. 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.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for April 2006, which was \$185,687.46.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District Charges for the month of April 2006, which was \$13,307.07.

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

Municipal Sales Tax for February 2006	\$	35,256.13
Telecommunication Tax for February 2006	\$	24,721.47
State Income Tax for February 2006	\$	DELAYED
Local Use Tax for March 2006	\$	9,478.85
Motor Fuel Tax for March 2006	\$	22,000.29
Utility Revenue for March 2006	\$	17,969.19
Utility Revenue for March 2006	\$	30,017.19
Will County Fines for March 2006	\$	160.00
Will County Fines for April 2006	\$	126.00
Cook County Fines for January 2006	\$	2,564.42

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

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 letter from Bloom Trail High School requesting the services of E.S.D.A. for their graduation service on Wednesday, May 24, 2006. Trustee Seehausen 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 South Suburban Humane Society requesting permission to solicit donations in the Village for their annual Tag Days on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006. 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 Steger Pubic School District #194 requesting permission to use thirty (30) picnic tables from Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> through Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> for their end of the year activities at Columbia Central School. Trustee Peterson 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, Peterson, and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Village Clerk read a letter from First Apostolic Church requesting permission to promote "Interfaith Global Day of Prayer" in the Village on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event will include gathering at the Gazebo; a parade to Eastview School and then to Veteran's Park. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request provided they contact the Police Department and E.S.D.A. Trustee Kozy 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.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The Village Clerk read a letter from Village Engineer Joseph A. Schudt recommending that occupancy for 3141 Carpenter Street is withheld until the retaining wall shown on the approved plans for A. Patrick Builders is installed. Trustee Peterson made a motion to table. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 921-1**

**ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION  
SCHEDULES FOR EMPLOYEES AND NON-ELECTED  
OFFICIALS OF THE VILLAGE OF STEGER  
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2006**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 921-1 "Ordinance Establishing Compensation Schedules for Employees and Non-Elected Officials of the Village of Steger effective May 1, 2006". Trustee Peterson made a motion to table. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called on the motion and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson, and Honea. Trustee Fajman voted no. President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 932      ORDINANCE DECLARING GRAFFITI, TRUANCY, AND  
FIREWORKS NUISANCES AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR  
ABATEMENT AND PREVENTION**

The Village Clerk read Ordinance No. 932 "Ordinance Declaring Graffiti, Truancy, and Fireworks Nuisances and Providing for Their Abatement and Prevention". Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 932. 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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 915      RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SOUTH SUBURBAN  
MAYORS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION TO APPLY  
FOR FEDERAL FUNDING TO ASSIST IN PAYING FOR  
UNION AVENUE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

The Village Clerk read Resolution No. 915 "Resolution Authorizing South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association to Apply for Federal Funding to Assist in Paying for Union Avenue Road Improvements". Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution No. 915. Trustee Kozy 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 Kozy announced that received proposals to replace fifteen (15) round tables and fifteen (15) rectangle tables for the Community Center. Trustee Kozy made a motion to accept the proposal from the low bidder, which was from Waltons. Trustee Kaiser 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.

**Awarding of bid for Heating and Air Conditioning Maintenance Service for Village owned buildings**

The Village Clerk announced that sealed bids were opened on April 17, 2006 at 10:00 AM for the maintenance of heating and air conditioning for Village owned buildings and three (3) bids were received with the low bidder being Southwest Town in the amount of \$4,764.00. Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the bid from Southwest Town. Trustee Seehausen. 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 the business license application for A. Patrick Homes, Inc. at 30 East 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the business license application pending inspections. 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.

**NEW BUSINESS (CONT.)**

**Approval of an Economic Development Committee Field Trip on Saturday, May 20, 2006**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the field trip as the funds will be coming from Grant Funds. Trustee Kaiser 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 the Zoning Board Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at 6:00 PM has been cancelled.

The Village Clerk announced that there would be a Zoning Board Hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 6:00 PM in the Village Meeting Room to discuss a request from Henry Pickett Jr. for a zoning variance on the side yard setback from 15 feet to 5 feet on the property commonly known as 22550 Miller Road.

The Village Clerk announced that there would be a Zoning Board Hearing on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 6:15 PM in the Village Meeting Room to discuss a request from Tom Fletcher D/B/A Shooter's Place for a zoning variance from B-1 to B-1-A6 in order to upgrade his liquor license to include distilled alcoholic liquor and entertainment on the property commonly known as 14 East 33<sup>rd</sup> Place.

The Village Clerk announced that the Village received a letter from Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District advising that there will not be an increase in the sewer user charges for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

**Appointment of the Dixie Dash Committee**

The Village President appointed the following people as members of the Dixie Dash Committee: Tina Perchinski (Chairperson), Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Tom Seehausen, Conrad Kiebles, Roger Mumford, Bill Cox, Jeff Roesner, Terry Ooms, Pat Rossi, Frank Elton, and Bill Joyce. Trustee Peterson made a motion to concur with the appointments. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Jeff Watson asked in the Village had an Ordinance prohibiting skateboarding in the street.

A resident from the Miller Woods area complained about illegal burning in the Miller Woods area on Miller Road and Lahon Road. She also mentioned she was not satisfied with past actions by Steger Police Officers.

**REQUEST TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 7:23 PM.

The Board reconvened from Executive Session at 8:04 PM.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to pass Ordinance No. 921-1 with corrections. 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.

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 8:06 PM**

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk