

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 5th day of October, 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: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. Trustee Lopez was absent. Also present were Supt. of Public Works Bill Cox, Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Asst Fire Chief Jeff Roesner, Police Chief Richard Stultz, Village Attorney Frank Burkey 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**

Trustee Honea reported that in September the Fire Department responded to sixty two (62) ambulance calls and twenty one (21) fire calls. There were ninety (90) hours of Firefighter training, fifty one (51) hours of Firefighter II training, twenty one (21) hours of Firefighter III training and twenty seven (27) hours of EMS training.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson reported that a Neighborhood Watch meeting was held with 120 residents attending. Another Neighborhood Watch will be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Columbia Middle School. Peterson is hopeful the next will be as successful and well attended.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen reported that in September all bacterial and fluoride samples came back from IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired four water main breaks during the month.

**TRUSTEE BANICKI'S REPORT**

Trustee Banicki reported that the Building Department issued 47 permits during September for total revenue to the Village of \$5,115.00.

**BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to hold the American Express payment until reimbursement to the Village is made by Conrad Kiebles for expenses incurred at the IML Conference. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

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

**FIREMEN'S PAYROLL - THIRD QUARTER**

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the Third Quarter Firemen's Payroll. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for September, 2009 which was \$207,493.90.

The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of September 2009, which was \$23,171.32.

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for September 2009:

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$ 46,897.14	July 2009
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$ 26,079.40	July 2009
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 0.00	July 2009-Delay
STATE INCOME TAX	\$ 68,533.71	June 2009
LOCAL USE TAX	\$ 11,887.39	August 2009
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$ 19,577.09	August 2009
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 18,745.98	August 2009
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 0.00	August 2009 Delay
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 59.00	August 2009
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 1,224.82	June2009

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**

The Board discussed Fire Chief Al Martinez's memo regarding the recent Circus in the K Mart parking lot and his recommendation to deny the request of Barb Dorman to use the Fire Station on Emerald Avenue for the Winter Markets.

Trustee Honea made a motion to deny the request of Barb Dorman to host a Winter Market on the first Saturday of each month starting in November 2009 and ending in April 2010 at the Fire Station on Emerald Avenue. Trustee Banicki seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted no. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to suspend Housing Hearings during the months of November & December 2009 and January & February 2010 as residents are unable to remedy housing code infractions during the winter months. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

The Board was informed by Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers that Grand Slam Construction will be removing the gasoline storage tanks from the property at 3420 Chicago Road (at the owner's expense) in the coming weeks, in accordance with the Illinois EPA.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Steve Stoyhoff and Ed Barry of the Labor Management Cooperation Committee discussed with the Board "Responsible Bidders" and asked that the Board review the materials distributed and consider them when accepting bids.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion adopt changes to Ordinance No. 990. The changes will include all non union hourly employees. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve the Sub-Grantee Agreement for Halsted Blvd. Street Reconstruction: Cook County Community Development Block Grant Program/American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Year 2008. Project 08-213R \$162,500.00. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the request of Fire Chief Martinez and Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers that the Village adopt the 2000 Edition of the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code and the 2003 International Code Council's International Fire Code in its entirety. Trustee Peterson requested copies of both be made available to the Village Attorney and all Trustees. Attorney Burkey will research and report back to the Board. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 988 Providing for a Finance Committee of the Village of Steger. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. President Sherman will appoint a Finance Committee. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution 971 Authorizing Execution of the 2008 Community Development Block Grant Sub Recipient Agreement with the County of Cook, Illinois. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve Resolution 972 for the Transfer of \$300,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Corporate Fund . Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of Maria Doukas of George's Steger Town Restaurant to change the name of her family's restaurant to "Raspberry's Pancake House and Restaurant" without further inspections. (The Board recently approved a name change to "Blackberry's Pancake House and Restaurant"). Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the renewal rate (a 5.7% increase) for employee health benefits as negotiated by Jerry McCullough of Spectrum Insurance. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Annual Service Agreement with Corpro Company for the maintenance of Village Water Towers. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding Lisa Scherer's request for a zoning variance from B-1 to B-1-B for Aged to Perfection at 30 E. 34<sup>th</sup> Street. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the request of Luis Hernandez of R & J Landscaping to use the property at 3644 Chicago Road to store landscaping equipment for his company. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Seehausen requested that Mr. Hernandez attend the October 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to discuss his request.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of Diane Rossi, Director of the Community Center, to enter into a maintenance agreement with Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA, Inc. for the copier at the Community Center. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Banicki, Seehausen, Kozy, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trick or Treat Hours on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> will be from 1 to 6 pm.

Halloween Bonfire at Veterans Park starting at 6pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

The Honorable George Scully introduced himself to the Board as a newly appointed Cook County Judge. Scully also announced that three judicial candidates from the south suburban area will appear on the next ballot, including himself.

Joyce Schissler of A-1 Trophies presented an award to the Steger Fire Department for service to the community. Asst. Fire Chief Jeff Roesner accepted the plaque on behalf of the Fire Department.

**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 7:24PM**

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Louis Sherman, Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk