

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 September, 2008 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, Superintendent of Public Works Bill Cox, Village Attorney Franklin Burkey and Village Engineer Joseph Schudt.

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 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.

TRUSTEE HONEA'S REPORT

In August 2008, the Fire Department had 74 ambulance calls and 20 fire calls, as reported by Trustee Honea. 96 hours of firefighter training and 18 hours of EMS training were also completed by Fire Department personnel during the month.

Trustee Honea reported that the annual Community Days was a success. The firemen's street dance, parade, fireworks show and other activities were well received with a great turnout and good weather.

TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT

Trustee Peterson reported that the Building Department had 36 building permits issued in August for total revenue of \$ 4,387.00.

TRUSTEE KAISER'S REPORT

None

TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT

In August, ESDA served at Community Days, Community Days Parade Traffic Control, weekend patrols, fires, accidents, Bloom Township Football and SMART training. Trustee Kozy also thanked the ESDA units that helped with the parade. They included Crete, Sauk Village, Rich Township, Hometown, Calumet City, Dolton, Thornton, Oak Forest, Riverdale and South Holland.

TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT

In August, the Water Department's bacterial samples were tested by the IEPA and results were satisfactory. Five main breaks were repaired and one service line repaired during the month, per Trustee Seehausen.

TRUSTEE FAJMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Fajman reported that in August the Police Department responded to 1,880 calls, 99 tickets written, 46 arrests, 237 C-tickets, 68 A-O tickets.

Trustee Fajman further reported that on the evening of September 9th at 3444 Susan Lane police arrested a paroled felon for possession of a hand gun. This subject is back in custody due to efforts of Steger Police Officer Pogose, Detective Fajman, Officer Steve Nardi, Officer Elza and Sgt. Haskins.

On September 11th Police responded to a disturbance call at 207 Durham Drive. The resident there informed the officers that subjects had pulled a gun on him and fled in their vehicle. Officers stopped and searched the vehicle and found 22.5 grams of crack cocaine, and nine handguns. The vehicle was confiscated and both subjects arrested. Officers involved in this notable arrest are Sgt. Rossi, Officer Banicki, Officer Presley, Detective Fajman and Detective Ruff.

BILLS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills and to approve the bills for payment with one correction. Payment to Kenneth Peterson, Jr. should be changed from \$300.00 to \$200.00. 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.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for August 2008, which was \$ 208,504.44
The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of August 2008, which was \$21,044.13

The Village Clerk read the following Collector's Report for August, 2008

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX	\$51,038.34	June 2008
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX	\$29,214.18	June 2008
STATE INCOME TAX	\$87,226.03	June 2008
REPLACEMENT TAX	\$ 2,843.10	July 2008
LOCAL USE TAX	\$10,454.40	July 2008
MOTOR FUEL TAX	\$21,214.33	July 2008
UTILITY REVENUE	\$22,141.91	July 2008
UTILITY REVENUE	\$ 9,018.22	July 2008
WILL COUNTY FINES	\$ 0.00	July 2008-Delayed
COOK COUNTY FINES	\$ 1,878.12	May 2008

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the Collector's Report, seconded by Trustee Kozy. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee Fajman made a motion to permit The Knights of Columbus of St. Liborius to hold their annual Tootsie Roll drive on September 19, 20 and 21 at the corner of 34th Street and Chicago Road and at local businesses with their approval. The proceeds benefit the mentally handicapped. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried

Trustee Peterson made a motion to approve certain documents for the solicitation of bids for rock salt as requested by Village Engineer Joe Schudt. 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.

Trustee Honea made a motion to accept Brian Pierce as a probationary fire fighter pending background check and a physical exam, as requested by Fire Chief Al Martinez. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Fajman made a motion to permit Kevin Hasemeyer of 3322 Florence Avenue to host a party at his home on September 27, 2008 from 3pm to 10pm. Hasemeyer will entertain 40-60 guests with live music throughout the day. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to permit Village Accountant Jolynda Reyes to attend the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Institute November 16-20, 2008. Registration will be \$285.00 and the room rate will be \$99.00 per night. 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.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to accept the request of Leonard Bottando to retire from his position of Building Inspector. Trustee Fajman seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to require James Meredith to bring his building at 30 East 33rd Place into compliance with state, county and local fire codes, as requested by Code Enforcement Officer Edward Myers. Mr. Myers suggests that compliance takes place prior to another tenant occupying the north unit at that address. 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to stay with the contract price as bid by Gallagher Asphalt of \$49.90 per ton, upon recommendation of Village Engineer Joe Schudt. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Honea made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 804-6 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER SIX, SECTION 6-76 ENTITLED LIMITATIONS ON LICENSES (Liquor License for Ye Old 5 Loaves). The motion was seconded by Trustee Peterson. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. Seehausen voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve a Liquor License (beer and wine only, consumption on premises) for Ye Old 5 Loaves. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. Seehausen voted no. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Seehausen to accept Gallagher Asphalt as the low bidder in the CDBG Asphalt Contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Peterson. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Honea to accept Keith's Power Equipment as the low bidder for the Emergency Generator for the Fire Department Headquarters, as recommended by Chief Martinez. 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.

A motion was made by Trustee Honea to accept DME Access as the low bidder for the Wheel Chair Lift for the Fire Department Headquarters, as recommended by Chief Martinez. 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.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to grant a business license for Fastenal Company at 3333 Holeman Avenue, pending inspections. The motion was seconded by Trustee Honea. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Fajman, Seehausen, Kozy, Kaiser, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Honea to permit the Wildcat's Football and Cheerleading Organization to host a homecoming bonfire on September 26, 2008 at 8pm at Veteran's Park. The Wildcats request the Fire Department be on site at the bonfire. The motion was seconded by Trustee Kozy. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR

John Cashman inquired as to the missing "No Parking" sign from the Post Office. He was advised that when the Post Office moves the mail box onto their parking lot, the signs will be re-installed.

John Cashman also requested an update on the property at 3520 Phillips. Code Enforcement Officer Myers and Village Attorney Frank Burkey stated that to have the home demolished would take several thousand dollars and that currently, the real estate company is trying to sell and/or rehab the home.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:23pm Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. Motion was seconded by Trustee Fajman. Voice Vote; all ayes. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:34pm the Board returned from Executive session. There being no further business to discuss, Trustee Seehausen moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Kaiser seconded the motion. Voice vote was requested and all aye votes were recorded.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 PM

Louis Sherman, Village President

Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk