

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 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 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: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Trustee Banicki was absent. Also present were Supt. of Public Works Bill Cox, Village Engineer Joseph Schudt, Fire Chief Al Martinez, 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 August the Fire Department responded to 80 ambulance calls and 21 fire calls. There were 66 hours of Firefighter training, 48 hours of Firefighter II training, 30 hours of Firefighter III training, 30 hours of special training and 24 hours of EMS training.

**TRUSTEE PETERSON'S REPORT**

Trustee Peterson introduced newly hired part-time police officers, Joseph Balsitis, Thomas D'Anna and George Hillman.

The Economic Development Committee will re-schedule its meeting with the Metropolitan Plan Council to a date in early spring.

**TRUSTEE LOPEZ'S REPORT**

Trustee Lopez reported that Basketball registration will be held from September 28 through November 6 for children in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade through High School. Trustee Lopez also announced that on October 19<sup>th</sup> residents may get a flu shot at the Community Center. Flu Shots are by appointment only. Residents may call to schedule a flu shot.

**TRUSTEE KOZY'S REPORT**

None

**TRUSTEE SEEHAUSEN'S REPORT**

Trustee Seehausen reported that in August all bacterial and fluoride samples came back from IEPA as satisfactory. The Water Department repaired six water main breaks and two fire hydrants were replaced during the month.

**BILLS**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to dispense with the reading of the bills and to approve the bills for payment. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

**COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

The Village Clerk read the gross payroll for August, 2009 which was \$195,729.70. The Village Clerk read the Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District charges for the month of August 2009, which was \$23,707.20.

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

MUNICIPAL SALES TAX		\$ 41,889.59	June 2009
TELECOMMUNICATION TAX		\$ 25,224.80	June 2009
STATE INCOME TAX		\$ 0.00	June 2009-Delay
REPLACEMENT TAX		\$ 483.51	July 2009
LOCAL USE TAX		\$ 8,940.31	July 2009
MOTOR FUEL TAX		\$ 23,300.88	July 2009
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 20,910.34	July 2009
UTILITY REVENUE		\$ 4,724.34	July 2009
WILL COUNTY FINES		\$ 281.00	July 2009
COOK COUNTY FINES		\$ 840.15	May 2009

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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustee Kozy made a motion to approve the request of First Apostolic Church for ESDA services on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3:30pm during their Annual Car Fest at the church. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of Debbie Fredrick to hold a "Halloween Block Party" on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street between Phillips and Florence on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from noon to midnight. Ms. Fredrick also has requested ten picnic tables and four barricades for the event. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of Kevin Hasemeyer of 3322 Florence, to hold a neighborhood yard party on Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 3 to 11pm at his home. Live music, bean bag games, food and refreshments including beer will be part of the celebration. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the request of the VFW Auxiliary to use the meeting room at the Village Hall on November 8, 2009 from 12:30pm to 5pm for their district meeting. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to deny the request of H. Moenck & Son to have their contract amended adding a safety person at \$60.00 per hour and a safety truck at \$75.00 per hour when street blocking is required. Trustee Kozy suggested that with enough prior notice, ESDA would be able to assist with street blocking when required. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to name Jerry McCullough of Spectrum Insurance Services, Inc., as the Village's exclusive insurance broker of record with Unicare Insurance (the current Life and Disability Insurance carrier for the Village). Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to allow Girl Scout Troop 007 to use the Village Meeting Room on the first and third Thursdays of every month beginning in October of 2009. The meetings run from 6:30pm to 8pm. The Girl Scouts will plan outings away from the Village Hall on dates where there is a conflict in scheduling. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 872-B An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 872-A. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve only the expenses for the Village President to attend the Illinois Municipal League Conference. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 990 AMENDING THE PERSONEL POLICY RELATING TO COMPENSATORY TIME ACCUMULATION.

The Ordinance increases the accumulation of Compensatory Time to one hundred and twenty (120) hours from forty (40) hours as currently listed in the Employee Personnel Manual. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table 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 Peterson seconded the motion. Attorney Burkey explained that a Resolution will be necessary and re-bids will be accepted at a later date. The work will not be completed this calendar year. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to table to the first meeting in March, the Scope of Services Agreement with the Metropolitan Planning Council (\$30,000.00 Grant/In-Kind Services: \$3,000.00 village match) for a public participation effort in planning a village center. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to accept the proposal from Attorney Burkey relating to an Attorney/Administrator for the Community Development Block Grant program year 2009-10. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 989 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SCHEDULE OF FEES AND FINES FOR ILLEGAL BURNING.

Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 969 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN AN INTER-JURISDICTIONAL APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM FUNDS

Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 970 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

The Clerk invited Tom Schultz of Johnny Rockets Displays to explain to the Board the type of business to be conducted at 3240 Loverock. Mr. Schultz stated that indoor storage for trucks, vans, construction trailers will be stored at this location. Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the business license application of Johnny Rockets Displays at 3240 Loverock, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the business license application of J and L Antiques and Collectibles at 3729 Chicago Road, pending inspections. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the business license application of On Site Mechanical at 27 East 36<sup>th</sup> Street, Unit C, pending inspections. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the business license application of A-1 Trophies & Awards at 3218 Chicago Road Suite B, pending inspections. Trustee Lopez seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the business license application of A & G Distributing at 3218 Chicago Road Suite B, pending inspections. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Honea made a motion to approve the business license application of Another Hole in the Wall 3236 Union Avenue, Unit A. All inspections have been completed and approved. A temporary 90 Days Business License was approved and will expire September 2009. Don Miller of Another Hole in the Wall discussed security with the Board. Mr. Miller assured the Board that appropriate security measures will be taken. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Results of the September 21<sup>st</sup> bid opening for Asphalt work to be completed on Lewis Avenue and at the Fire Department Headquarters were discussed. After discussion, Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table indefinitely. Trustee Peterson seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to bring back for consideration the September 21<sup>st</sup> bid opening for Asphalt work to be completed on Lewis Avenue and at the Fire

Department Headquarters. Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. Motion carried.

Trustee Peterson made a motion to reject the bids for Asphalt work to be completed on Lewis Avenue and at the Fire Department Headquarters and return the bid bonds to the contractors. Trustee Seehausen seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to approve Joseph Sarek as a probationary Firefighter, pending background and medical checks as requested by Fire Chief Al Martinez . Trustee Honea seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

Trustee Seehausen made a motion to table the adoption of the 2000 Edition of the NFPA 101, Life Safety Code and the 2003 International Code Council's International Fire Code in its entirety that Fire Chief Al Martinez and Code Enforcement Officer Ed Myers requested. Trustee Kozy seconded the motion. Roll was called and the following Trustees voted aye: Seehausen, Kozy, Lopez, Peterson and Honea. President Sherman voted aye. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

### **COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR**

Andrea Sherman addressed the Board stating that Johnny Rockets Displays is a fireworks company from Indiana. Mrs. Sherman expressed concern that incendiary devices might be stored at the Johnny Rockets' Steger location. Mayor Sherman instructed Fire Chief Al Martinez and Assistant Chief Jeff Roesner to be aware of any incendiary devices at the Loverock location.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

### **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:31PM**

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Louis Sherman, Village President

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Carmen S. Recupito, Jr., Village Clerk