

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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 in the Municipal Building of the Village of Steger, Illinois. Mayor Joyce led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

The roll was called. The following Trustees were present; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski.

Also present: Village Administrator Joseph Wiszowaty, Police Chief Greg Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Roy Stone, Fire Chief Mike Long, , EMA Chief Jason Stevenson, Code Enforcement Officer Paul Myers, Village Attorney Vlado Vranjes and Village Engineer Melanie Arnold. Community Center Director Fay Kiaurakis was absent.

**RECOGNITIONS**

Mayor Joyce read the Mayoral Proclamation honoring the life of Fr. Fred Zagone, S.J.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt the Mayor Proclamation for Fr. Fred Zagone. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; All ayes. Motion carried.

Village Clerk Zagone read the Mayoral Proclamation honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Marie lafollo.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to adopt the Mayor Proclamation for Marie lafollo. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion. Voice vote; All ayes. Motion carried

At 7:15:

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to recess for 15 minutes to celebrate Marie lafollo. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

All present sang Happy Birthday to Marie lafollo and enjoyed birthday cake.

At 7:30:

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the Village Board. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

## **MINUTES**

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as all members have copies.

Trustee Trotier seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Kaminski: Item line number 4, Minutes from the Public Hearing and the Board of Trustees February 17<sup>th</sup>, typically that would have been included in the previous Village packet. Is there a reason that it was not. Clerk Zagone: I was leaving town and was very tight to get the board meeting minutes done so they would be prepared. I did not have time to complete the Public Hearing minutes. Trustee Kaminski: Thank you very much for that explanation. I wanted to clarify that it was not to suppress them from the public as it was claimed on social media by Mr. Perchinski. Clerk Zagone: No. That meeting was on Monday, I left town on Thursday and I have a regular job. Trustee Kaminski: Absolutely understandable Joe, I just wanted clarification for the record. Trustee Perchinski: I have one question on it, why did it take six months to get these minutes in front of the board? Clerk Zagone: Typically that would have been done at the last Committee of the Whole Meeting. That is when we have done these in the past. They were lost in emails to the previous Village Administrator. Voice vote; All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as all members have copies. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Perchinski: Under new business on page 5, I was asking some questions about the budget, Trustee Thurmond called to question to stop my questioning for the taxpayers, and that is not in the minutes. I would like that to be placed in the minutes and published online.

Voice vote; All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve the minutes of February 17, 2026 Public Hearing as all members have copies. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; All ayes. Motion carried.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Connie Lundin of Cottage Grove Ave. I have a question that's been posted on Facebook about a car for the Mayor. Would you please clarify to all of us Steger residents what is going on? Are you buying a car for the mayor? Mayor Joyce: So, in 2015 when we had Village Administrator Mike Tilton, a vehicle was purchased for him to travel between the Village and home and meetings in surrounding areas. After Administrator Tilton left, the vehicle sat for about six years in a parking lot, rarely used. After a change two years ago,

Village Administrator Seehausen started driving it back and forth. After she left, I started using it because I go out to meetings, I travel the town on a regular basis daily, I respond to every emergency that is reported to the Public Works Department, so instead of using a personal vehicle and charging the Village milage, I am using a vehicle that is eleven years old. There is no intent to buy a vehicle, and I did not purchase a new vehicle for myself. There were new vehicles that were rented under the board direction at the last meeting. There are four for the Police Department, there was a care rented for the Village Administrator and there was a new truck purchased for Public Works. We also purchased two used Chevy Vans for the Public Works Department. No where in there was there a request, and there has been no request to purchase the mayor a new vehicle. Trustee Perchinski: There is money in the budget where that could happen though if the procurement procedure passes. Ms. Lundin: So, why would that happen if he has an 11 year old car? Trustee Perchinski: The last time the mayor had a vehicle, it was approved by the Village Board. Mayor Joyce: This is Public Comment.

Ms. Lundin: Thank you for explaining that to us and somebody needs to go on Facebook, I read all these comments and then I think, that didn't go on at the meeting. Mayor Joyce: I will tell you Connie and anybody in this room and anybody that is a resident of Steger, if there is a question about something that I or my administration is doing or is happening in the Village, you can call me at any time and I will talk to everybody.

Nancy Galbreath, resident of Miller Woods came before the board with complaints about a pop-up camper in a front yard and residences excessive amount of cars. Another house has a large tree that has been down for quite some time. Mayor Joyce instructed Ordinance Officer Paul Myers to respond to Ms. Galbreath's concerns.

Tom and Kristy Schnepf came before the board representing Angels on Assignment, a not-for-profit that services the Steger area. They offer assistance to individuals that are seriously ill with a focus on children. Mayor Joyce instructed Village Administrator Wiszowaty to collect the information and get it posted to the Village Website and on our Facebook page.

Mark Gerrity came before the board to say that he supports Trustee Perchinski for what he said about the spending limits for each of the trustees, \$35,000 is way too high. I don't want to see us be anything like Dolton and Tiffany Henyard. The other thing I want to say is that probably a good percentage of our residents in Steger don't make \$35,000 a year.

Mayor Joyce: Just for information, currently we do not have a spending policy. Currently there are no limits and it's not the trustees. The policy was written to try and put some kind of rules in that would pertain to everybody including myself and this was at my insistence. Currently there is none. What it is, and the part that Trustee Perchinski left out in the post is that the beginning of that policy says within the budget that has been approved by the Village of Steger. This isn't new spending, it's stuff that has been in the budget and approved at the beginning of the year. The limits were: up to \$1500, the

department heads can make those purchases without going to the Village Administrator. Between \$1500 and \$10,000, they need a purchase request that is signed off by the Village Administrator. At \$25,000 it needs to come to me. \$25,000 to \$34,999 it would have to be signed by the Village Administrator and the Village President with notification to the Village board that we were making those purchases. At no time does it say that I can go out and spend any money with no checks or balances that were claimed. There are plenty of them. And, to just address another rumor that came across my desk this morning, there is no bottleneck in how our bills are paid. There are multiple ways that they do get paid, there are three signatures on all of our accounts: It is myself, Village Clerk Joe Zagone and Village Administrator Joe Wiszowaty. At no time will our bills go unpaid.

David McNeil from Williams Street questioned if the Village has plans to repair streets that in desperate need. Recent heavy rains have washed much of the pavement away. Mayor Joyce: The short answer is yes we are planning on working on roads and there were core samples taken on many streets. Williams Street is not currently on the list because it is in much better shape than some other roads. What is happening currently, because the state has not given or we have not applied for all of the money that was available to do these projects. So, currently, our Village Engineer is working on money from Motor Fuel Tax Fund to start working on the roads. We had Federal Grant money for Kings Road. We lost the money, we went to meetings and got the money reinstated to redo Kings Road, the problem was, taking the Federal Money would have delayed construction to 2028. We backed out of the Federal Grant for that road and we are using Motor Fuel Tax fund that we have. The process is we have to have the engineering done on it, once that is done, we apply to the Illinois Department of Transportation who reviews those documents. Once they have been approved, then we can go out for a letting to qualified bidders under the State of Illinois. The lowest qualified bidder would be selected and paving would start. Our engineer stated it will go out to bid next month and construction could begin early summer. Mr. McNeil: Will we be notified when our street will make the list? Mayor Joyce: Our engineers are working on updating our GIS Maps that show the conditions of our streets and our water system and will layout a list what work needs to be done. Mr. McNeil further complained about the Republic Garbage Trucks and how they pick up and lower the large containers on the trucks that lift up and dump the garbage into the truck. They are often dropped on the pavement or dragged on the ground as the pulls away before it has been lifted.

Arturo Saenz came before the board to introduce the Chess Academy he will be opening in Steger. The goal is to provide education, especially to children, on chess and how to improve.

Will Barr stated that in previous years, we have always gotten the streets fixed. Mayor Joyce: Since I have gotten in this position, I have become part of the South Suburban Mayors and Managers Transportation Committee. I attend the meetings and have been asked to join the C-Map Committee in downtown Chicago that garners Federal dollars.

To answer your question, I spend a lot of time driving to Chicago and Springfield meeting with people trying to find more money for Steger. We are actively pursuing it. Alan and Roy from Public Works are pursuing their avenues. So, is our Administrator. Some of the Trustees are working it going to meetings for me when I can't make them. We are actively pursuing every dollar that we can. Mr. Barr: you want your town to look good and that takes a group. Mayor Joyce: A big part of our problem is our streets were never designed for the heavy traffic that now travel them including garbage trucks and delivery vehicles. Mr. Barr went on to discuss street parking on Morgan Street by residents of the apartment complex. Mayor Joyce: Whenever someone parks that way, notify the police department and they will investigate where that car belongs. Mr. Barr further expressed his concerns with the residence at 3400 Morgan St.

Dave and Kathy Bartucci it was mentioned that we bought a property for taxes over on 30<sup>th</sup> Place. What do we plan on doing with that building? Mayor Joyce: We haven't taken it over yet, the paperwork is not final. Once it is done, we will evaluate the building to whether it is usable, rebuildable or not. Mr. Bartucci: Don't we have enough properties in town like K-Mart? Currently K-Mart has an owner, they have taken out permits to start work there. Mr. Bartucci questioned the taxes lost on the property taken back by the Village. Mayor Joyce pointed out that the tax money was already lost before the property was offered to us. Mr. Bartucci: Once you take possession of the building, who is going to clean up around it? Who's going to do anything around it, or are we just going to let it sit? Mayor Joyce: The Village will clean up the outside, we will determine what we can do with the inside, then I will reach out to our state and federal partners to ask if there is funding to help with it.

Jim Moore of Secure View, a surveillance company specializing in residential and commercial and municipal applications. I would like to arrange a presentation on how I can assist the Village with upgrades for their facilities. Mayor Joyce recommended he give his information to Village Administrator Wiszowaty so that a meeting can be held to arrange a presentation for the Village Board.

## **REPORTS**

### **MAYORS REPORT**

Today is National Panda Day.

Over 200 residents used the Elmer Joyce Memorial Fire House for early voting,

Steger/South Chicago Heights Library is celebrating the "100th Birthday" of Marie Iafollo a founding board member of the library this coming Saturday.

Steger 250 committee is continuing to meet every other Wednesday at the Louis Sherman Community Center.

The Steger American Legion is having a month long raffle which will benefit the Steger 250 planned events.

Another property the village owned that hasn't collected rent on since 2019 has been identified, (\$26,000.00). The lease and back rent has been corrected.

**VILLAGE CLERK** No report.

**Village Administrator** Thank you, Mr. Mayor, I am filled with gratitude and optimism as I report on our progress over the past 100 days since taking on the role of Village Administrator. This journey has been marked by collaboration, innovation, and a shared vision for the future of the Village of Steger. First, I would like to acknowledge the unwavering dedication of our Mayor Joyce. I have never witnessed a more proactive leader. His tireless efforts over these past months have been instrumental in driving our community forward each and every day. **\*\*Achievements in Our Village\*\*** Let me highlight some of our key accomplishments: Refresh of the Village Hall: After twelve years in our temporary space, we have finally refreshed this temporary village hall. Thanks to approximately \$25,000 in ARPA funds provided by an outside government entity, we have enhanced our work and public environment, making it more welcoming and functional for all residents. Improvements at Elmer Joyce Fire Station: We successfully completed necessary repairs to the boiler system and revitalized and refreshed the Elmer Joyce Fire Station. This endeavor also has allowed us to serve as a polling location for early voting in Cook County. The funding for this was made possible through uncollected revenues dating back to 2019, showcasing our commitment to making the most of our resources. Establishing a Purchase Policy: For the first time in Steger's history, we are drafting a Purchase Policy. This initiative aims to create internal controls, checks and balances that have been sorely lacking. It is not about politicizing our purchasing process but rather ensuring transparency and accountability. Balanced FY2026 Budget: We approved a budget for the upcoming fiscal year that is not only balanced and responsible but also one of the most transparent processes we've ever had according to our financial advisors. This budget will empower our village to continue progressing while being mindful and responsible of our financial obligations.

Upgrading Our Vehicle Fleet: We have initiated a new process to significantly upgrade our aging village vehicle fleet, whose average age is nearly eleven years. Our new partnership will help us maintain cash flow, allowing us to begin acquiring six new vehicles for the Village. Evaluating Our Water Department: A comprehensive evaluation of the Village's water department, infrastructure, equipment, and human capital has already begun. We are actively identifying funding sources for long-overdue improvements to ensure that Steger does not become the next Dixmoor. Reviewing Service Contracts: We are scrutinizing contracts for services that are either no longer needed or were never properly utilized. This initiative is aimed at cutting unnecessary costs and ultimately saving our residents money. Major Road Projects: This fiscal year, we are embarking on a major road project with an investment of about \$1 million, something we haven't seen in years. Moreover, we are planning to complete a comprehensive five-year road project in just one year to catch up on our neglected roadways. Our approach has been deliberate in planning, precision in execution, and

audacious in vision, because our community deserves leadership that is willing to move forward with confidence.

In closing, I want to express my deep appreciation for everyone's hard work and commitment to our community. The progress we've made in these 100 days is just the beginning. Together, with our dedicated mayor, trustees, staff and an engaged community, we will continue to forge a path toward a brighter future for Steger. Thank you for your attention, and let's keep moving forward together!

Trustee Perchinski: First of all, I do appreciate all your hard work, but for over two months I have been asking for a copy of your contract. I still don't have it. Mayor Joyce: make an appointment with my office Trustee and I will be happy to go over it with you.

### **Village Attorney** No Report

**Village Engineer** Good evening Mayor, Board of Trustees, Residents of Steger, just want to share with you that I am putting the finishing touches on the submittals for two grants that will be completed later this week. The first is the Cook County Community Development Block Grant application. We are submitting the request for \$500,000 for new water valves and fire hydrants. There are multiple locations where those improvements need to be made. We are also applying for Invest in Cook application which will include repairs and replacements to the Villages existing sidewalk system. We are going to be focusing first on closing sidewalk gaps, improving ADA accessibility and ADA ramps. We will also seek out trip hazards. This work will be prioritized first around existing schools and downtown area, then move out from there. The grants are awarded the end of summer, beginning of fall. If the village receives these grants, the design work would be done over the winter and construction would begin in 2027. The request for sidewalks is \$750,000.

Trustee Perchinski: For this upgrade of the Village Hall, which really looks nice by the way, was there any engineering work done? I know when we first added to the offices we had to reinforce the floor to hold the weight. Did you guys do any kind of engineering on this? Village Engineer Arnold: Not that I was involved in.

### **Police Chief Greg Smith** Meetings, Conference and Training:

#### DUI Enforcement

Elements of a DUI violation

Identifying circumstances giving reasonable suspicion for conducting traffic stop

Gathering evidence of driver impairment and DUI Violations

Warrantless Blood and Chemical tests

Enforcing DUI law driver under age 21

Chief Smith attended the 80<sup>th</sup> District Safety Meeting

Chief Smith and D.C. Fajman attended a meeting with representative from Verkada

Detective Darge attended the monthly Bloom Trail High School First Responder meeting.

D.C. Fajman attended the Chiefs of Police Association of Will County meeting at

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D.C. Fajman participated in a virtual Enterprise meeting.

**Fire Chief Mike Long** For the month of February, the Steger Fire Department responded to 153 calls for service, including 26 fire-related incidents and 127 EMS calls. During February we also provided mutual aid to neighboring communities on 22 occasions.

The department experienced a higher call volume during the recent storms. Fortunately, there were no reported injuries or structure fires associated with those events.

Training and professional development continue to move forward:

3 members completed the Company Officer course

4 members completed a Pyrotechnics Safety class

4 members currently attending EMT school and Fire Academy are past the halfway point and progressing well

Lt. Craig completed his EMT certification and is now cleared to work on the ambulance

Finally, our Easter Egg Hunt will be held Sunday March 29<sup>th</sup> from 8 am til Noon. We have information coming out on Facebook soon.

**Assistant Superintendent of Public Works Roy Stone** Good evening,

DPW continues to patch potholes, as the weather allows.

There have been three water-main breaks since our last meeting.

On March 6<sup>th</sup> Public Works was called out due to the flooding that overwhelmed the sewer system. Crew members cleaned catch basins, put up barricades, and even assisted residents with pushing cars out of flooded streets.

The high wind warning on March 13<sup>th</sup> caused some trees and power lines to fall. It was also responsible for bringing down one street light.

Lead Line Update:

Since the last board meeting Five Star has done 56 home inspections, replaced 25 services, and hydrovac'd 94 holes

Currently, they are finishing up on Union Ave. from there, they will move to Chicago Road.

Trustee Hanus: How many of those water main breaks were done in house?

Mr. Stone: All of them.

Trustee Hanus: What is the cost savings to the Village?

Mr. Stone Passed out a spread sheet regarding watermain repairs.

Trustee Perchinski: Roy, the sewer project that we got done over here seemed to work out pretty good. I know there is still a lot of work that needs to be done, but for this end of town it really helped out. Mr. Stone: It helped out tremendously, we need to continue to move forward with that project.

Trustee Trotier: I have a question, maybe it's for Melanie, is Five Star continuing on schedule or are they off schedule? Mr. Stone: They are on schedule. Engineer Arnold: I know that they have had some starts and stops due to weather, but I believe they are on schedule.

In October of 2025, the Mayor prioritized hiring personnel for the Public Works Department. This helped tremendously, as we were able to complete water main breaks in house. We finished 2025 by doing nine water main breaks in house. All twenty-three

water main breaks have been completed by the Department of Public Works in the 1st quarter of 2026. Please note that all of the main breaks since October 23rd have also been done by us. Thank you to Cameron Peterson for creating this spreadsheet. We are trending in the right direction. As we move into the second quarter, our goal is to work on addressing restoration work, consisting of concrete work, asphalt work, dirt work and seeding. Our team has shown great results.

Cameron Peterson went on to describe the spreadsheet distributed to the Board showing costs for each main break and the difference between having an outside contractor perform the work and compare to the cost of fixing the break in house by DPW workers.

**Community Center Fay Kiaurakis** No report.

Trustee Perchinski: Is Fay in charge of sports, or is Chris? I thought we were told that Chris is in charge of sports. Mayor Joyce: Chris is under Fay and there are a few employee issues that the Village Administrator is working on with the Community Center and the Sports Program. Trustee Perchinski: Couple of the people there have been upset. Mayor Joyce: You are correct, there are some people that are upset. There have been rules and policies put in place for accountability such as not paying anyone in cash. How the monies are taken in for the sports programs, we don't allow coaches or anyone to take in money. If someone wants to pay in cash they now have to physically go to the Community Center and receipt it. There are a few people who are very upset with the new policies, but it is only to protect them and the village for financial reasons. Trustee Perchinski: So I have been a coach, sponsor and a Little League Sponsor for the better part of a quarter century here. I notice that my sign as a top sponsor for baseball for the past 15 years got taken down off the scoreboard. Mayor Joyce: Correct. Getting ready to rebuild the scoreboard before next season. Last year, Surf Internet was kind enough to donate and bored in new pipeline from the scoreboard back to the building so that we can upgrade the electric and get it off the fence. They also put a second one in that will allow for the sound system. We are looking to rebuild the sign and get it painted. So everything was taken down. Your sign is currently in public works in the sign shop.

**EMA Chief Jason Stevenson** Patrols started.

We assisted other agencies 7 times

We were out 2 times for flood and storm patrols.

We assisted the Manhattan St Patrick's Day Parade

Jack Willett attended the EMA SMART meeting

He is registered to attend the quarterly Will County EMA/ESDA Coordinators meeting

I am currently working on an annual maintenance contract with Brandiff for our outdoor waring siren.

We had a delay with programing some items in the new command unit. Once they are in we will present it at a board meeting

At 8:25:

Mayor Joyce asked for a brief recess for Village Clerk Zagone to correct issue with recorder. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

At 8:28:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to reconvene the regular meeting of the Village Board. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

**Code Enforcement Paul Myers** Good evening Mr. Mayor.

Last Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> we had a major storm in Steger, rainstorm, started at 4:15 and ended at 8 pm. We had 50 houses flooded and over 10 to 15 streets that were flooded. I stayed here until midnight working with Roy, the Fire Department, EMA and made sure everything got handled. Also, Linden Apartments almost had to evacuate the basement. Thanks to the Mayor, Public Works and Police Department, we got the pumps and everyone got to stay in their apartments. It was great to see the teamwork happening. We also had a wind storm come through. We had several large trees down with power lines down. I did go with ComEd last Saturday and pleaded with them to get all of our power lines fixed before the last storm that came through. We got power lines fixed in the baseball field. They were live for over 24 hours. Third was a tree down over on Morgan and 34<sup>th</sup> St. It was on a power line and we got it taken care of. That's all I have for tonight.

## **TRUSTEES REPORTS**

### **BILLS**

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay application #1 for Lead Service Line Replacement for Project 25-R0342.04 to Five Star Energy Services in the amount of \$327,681.00. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to pay the bills as listed when funds become available. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried. Trustee Hanus abstained for the payment to Cabinet Fabrications only.

**CORRESPONDENCE** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to adopt ORDINANCE NO. 1343-2026: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2026 COMPENSATION PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF STEGER (SALARY ORDINANCE) Synopsis: This establishes ranges, rates of pay for all Village employees not subject to a collective bargaining agreement.

Trustee Trotier seconded the motion.

Discussion: Trustee Perchinski: So, the health insurance is billed out, but we haven't gotten the renewal yet which happens in July? Mayor Joyce: We have not received anything from them yet. Trustee Perchinski: From what I am seeing the trend is really going up. VA Wiszowaty: When we do, just so you know trustee, it's a good question, this is the first time that this is actually on our salary ordinance. We will have that presentation to you so that way we know exactly what the new employee portion is going to be as well as the employer portion. That will amend this ordinance, we will bring that to the board prior to that so it can be amended.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1209-2026: A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMMUNITY RECREATION PLAN EFFORT.

Synopsis: This resolution supports the efforts to initiate and prepare a Five-Year Master Parks Plan for the Village of Steger. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1210-2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BSI ONLINE. Synopsis: This resolution authorizes the Village President and Village Administrator to negotiate terms for the Village backflow compliance. Trustee Perchinski seconded the motion.

Discussion: Representatives from BSI introduced themselves and described the service they provide a service required by the IEPA.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Stewart made a motion to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 1211-2026: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO NEGOTIATE TERMS OF AN AGREEMENT WITH DEEPWALK RESEARCH, INC.

Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

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Trustee Perchinski made a motion to table approval of a settlement agreement with a former employee and the Village of Steger. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Voice vote; All ayes. Motion carried.

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to authorize the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance for 3035 Peoria Street as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals. Trustee Thurmond seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Hanus made a motion to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Stanard & Associates, Inc. for police testing. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion. Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Trustee Thurmond made a motion to approve a purchase from Western Specialty Sales, Inc. in Braidwood, Illinois in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 for a 2012 International Bucket Truck-Boom DT466 Turbo Diesel or similar following inspection by mechanics. Trustee Kaminski seconded the motion.

Roll was called. The following Trustees voted aye; Hanus, Kaminski, Stewart, Thurmond, Trotier and Perchinski. Motion carried.

Being no further business:

Trustee Perchinski made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Stewart seconded the motion to adjourn. Voice vote; all ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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William Joyce, Village President

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Joseph M. Zagone, Jr. Village Clerk