

**February 3, 2015**

**State of Illinois**

**County of Cook**

**Village of Stickney**

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:**

**Present: Trustees Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White**

**Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to approve the minutes of the previous regular board meeting held on January 20, 2015.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White**

**Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

**Nays: None**

**President Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez that the bills, approved by the various committees of the Board, be approved for payment, and to approve warrants which authorize the Village Treasurer to draw checks to pay the bills, to be signed by the authorized signers, as provided for by the Ordinances of the Village of Stickney.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White**

**Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

**Nays: None**

**President Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher to pass and approve the request for two (2) Ford Utility Interceptor AWD Police Vehicles for a cost of \$50,410.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White**

**Present: Trustee Gomez**

**Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

**Nays: None**

**President Morelli declared the motion carried. Attorney Kreger said that the present vote goes with the majority.**

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**Prior to the vote discussion took place. Trustee White asked if this was in the current budget. Chief Sladetz responded that delivery will not be made until the first of May. Trustee White asked where the money is coming from. He explained that he is not against the purchase but he is worried about the state not giving us the grant money we have coming. Trustee White asked if the squads qualify as a Capital Project. Attorney Kreger said, "Yes they do".**

**Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka gave the following summary of the financials:**

**Capital Projects Fund:**

<b>Balance 2/3/2015</b>	<b>\$212,717.66</b>
<b>DCEO Grant Funds</b>	<b>(\$50,000.00)</b>
<b>Net Available Funds</b>	<b>\$162,717.66</b>
<b>Park Grant Receivable</b>	<b>\$123,700.00</b>
<b>Park Grant-Landtech Design</b>	<b>(\$285.00)</b>
<b>Transfers from 911 to 4/30/2015</b>	<b>\$9,000.00</b>
<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>(\$196,889.00)</b>

Ambulance Trade- In	\$7,500.00
Police Vehicles (2)	(\$50,410.00)
Public Works Truck	(\$50,000.00)
Estimated Balance	\$5,333.66

Several things were explained by Treasurer Kasnicka including the grant. On January 12, 2015 the grant agreement was signed and on January 21, 2015 the check was drawn from the Comptroller's office and received here just after that. He was told that once the agreement is signed they would process 25% of our grant.

Trustee White asked about the ordering of the public works truck. Supervisor Boyajian explained that the truck was actually in last year's budget. He thought it could take a month or two to get the truck. Trustee Sleigher asked if we needed a garbage truck. We were told that down the road, "Yes", we will need that. A garbage truck is \$210,000. Kasnicka said that the public works truck is to replace the 2000 pick-up truck, which has been taken out of service. Trustee Sleigher asked for a better understanding of the police car replacement program. He understood that we get two per year. Chief Sladetz told us that they didn't get any last year except for the one that was totaled out. Kasnicka explained that during the last fiscal year we have not purchased any cars. The previous year we did purchase some cars. He said that historically the village purchases one or two per year. But, the current fiscal year we have not. Trustee Sleigher asked if we allocated any money toward the purchase of cars because we knew we are going to need some. Kasnicka told us that they did not in the current budget. Trustee Savopoulos asked if you are going to buy the cars from the capital projects budget. Kasnicka said, "Yes." Trustee Savopoulos continued to ask if you are going to budget for squads. Kasnicka said, "Yes." Trustee Savopoulos asked if they would put the money back in to the capital projects. Kasnicka explained that next year the capital projects we will put in there for the two new squads and basically where the money is coming from. To make sure the ambulance is paid for, the police cars and also a public works truck. It was clarified that the cost of these is coming from the amount that we have on hand and what we get

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reimbursed from the park grant. Trustee Sleigher asked how much does it cost to change a squad over. Chief Sladetz told us that the radio, the gun racks; the switching equipment gets old and beat up. The computer and docking stations are fine. The cars are mostly wired out of the factory. The up fitter guts the car out. The seats and rugs are taken out. The Tahoe cost \$7,500. Kasnicka said that the switch over comes out of the General Fund and squad maintenance. The Chief detailed the lengthy list of repairs on one of the squads.

A question was raised as to when we would see the rest of the grants. Kasnicka's response was vague considering you are dealing with the state. He further explained that if the ambulance comes in we only have \$162,000 on hand. If the ambulance is \$196,889 we will be short to get that ambulance. He then went in to the options when that time comes.

Trustee White enforced that we need the squad cars. Trustee Savopoulos wanted clarification on the budgeting. He needed to know if the payment for the squads was coming from the capital projects. Will we be budgeting for an additional two squads? Kasnicka explained that it will be two squads for the next fiscal year and the funds will be coming from the balance on hand and the park grant money that we have as a receivable. We will budget for the expenditure for two cars in the next fiscal year and it is the two cars that we are discussing right now.

**Police Chief Sladetz can order the cars and they have vehicle numbers before they are even built and have them delivered after May 1. Attorney Kreger spoke that the concern seems to be budgeting out of the general fund. What you are authorizing tonight is the prepayment of the vehicles. You will have your bond fund if you want to use it. The bond issue is closing and you will have the money.**

**Trustee White wanted a forecast on the next two vehicles that will be needed. The Chief said that the two we are replacing is a four-year-old Crown Vic with 98,000 on it and a Dodge that is three-years- old. The '13 Dodge has close to 50,000. The front-line squad he is not worried about. The unmarked has only 50,000. He cautiously said that we might get away with only one squad the following year (2016-17). Trustee Sleigher felt we should budget to have the money ready.**

**Trustee White reminded us that public works needs the truck. Not having one is putting a strain on everything else that gets done, the same thing with the police department. Supervisor Boyajian reminded them that they do not have a spare. Trustee White's main concern was if we had the money and that question has been answered for him.**

**Trustee Sleigher moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to pass and approve Ordinance 2015-01, "An Ordinance Amending the Plumbing Code".**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White**

**Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

**Nays: None**

**President Morelli declared the motion carried.**

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**Attorney Kreger asked for a signed copy of this ordinance to send to the Illinois Department of Public Health because they approved this form.**

**Trustee Sleigher moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve Resolution 04-2015, "A Resolution Initiating and Referring to the zoning board of appeals proposed amendments to the Stickney Zoning Ordinance defining adult uses and providing the adult uses be permitted solely in the heavy industrial districts."**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White**

**Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

**Nays: None**

**President Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Sleigher moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve Resolution 05-2015, “A Resolution Initiating and Referring to the zoning board of appeals of Stickney regarding the property described on Exhibit “A” attached to this resolution”**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White**

**Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

**Nays: None**

**President Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Prior to the vote Attorney Kreger explained that all we are doing is rezoning a portion of the Jewel Store property used for the parking lot that was put on residential property that they acquired? They are looking through their records for a copy of a legal description of the Jewel. We can't find the lots they purchased. We could do it by picturing it. We do have all the pin numbers. He has a legal description of their whole property. We are only rezoning a portion of property. We may have to describe it as the property described in here. It is the portion of the parking lot that went on the property that had been residential. Trustee Sleigher said they took four houses on 39<sup>th</sup> Street and four houses on 40<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT: She received a call from resident Terry Heller who gave her appreciation over the great job that public works has been doing as well as the police department. The Mayor joined in on the appreciation.**

**At this time the Mayor announced that the people for her Parks and Recreation Advisory Board have had their background checks and they have been looked into.**

**The Mayor presented the following names: Megan Carpenter, Ed Dabrowski, Kristen Draz, Mark Kusper, Jody Nolte, Darrio Ramirez, Mike Salazar, Maryann Schimel and Sheri Young. Kristen Draz and Jody Nolte were already on the advisory committee.**

**Attorney Donald Kreger instructed the board that she can tell you who it is but there is no discussion tonight. It can be placed on the agenda for the next time.**

After the names were given, Trustee Gomez questioned Ron Unguro being on the Advisory Board. Discussion was attempted. Trustee Gomez will contact Mr. Unguro to question if he is still on the board. The attorney asked the Mayor and Trustee Gomez to discuss this after the meeting.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The clerk provided information she received on two EPA permit requests.

**TRUSTEE'S REPORTS:** Trustee Sleighter mentioned that while driving home last Sunday from Oswego he found that Stickney had the best kept streets. In other news, he attended two tree workshops. One of the workshops was in Libertyville and one in Lombard. The Libertyville workshop was put on by tree nurseries that supply trees to municipalities. Certain trees are now difficult to obtain due to all the trees that have been removed from municipalities. The Lombard workshop was for public work departments from Mundelein to Lake Zurich. Trustee Sleighter brought back handouts on how to take care of your trees. We were told that trees add to your property values. The Lombard workshop mentioned that there is a co-op where all of these municipalities are getting together and discussing their problems and what they are doing to fight their problems.

Trustee Gomez gave the Fire Department report for the month of January, 2015 there were: Ambulance calls; 52: Mutual Aid Calls; 14: Service Calls; 7: Fire Calls; 13: Hazardous Condition Calls; 0: Motor Vehicle Accidents; 6: Working Fires; 0: Brush/Trash Fire Calls; 0: Car Fires; 0: Total calls for the month of January: 92; Total calls for 2015: 92

Trustee Lazansky attended the January 22, Midway Noise Compatibility Hearing. The last quarter of 2014 saw a noise level at 53.9 decimals which is at the bottom of the scale. At this point, Attorney Kreger corrected him by saying it is decibels. The City of Chicago may have readings of 72 decibels. There is no longer funding available to us for airplane noise.

Trustee Savopoulos provided information that referred to a credit card that Forest Park uses to pay expenses such as their water bill, Amazon and so on. Then they get dollars in rebates. They saved over \$80,000 from their general fund. He suggested that the treasurer should look into this. An audience member said that it is over \$250,000 in Oak Park.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Police Chief John Sladetz passed out a Homeland Security Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation Plan. We are a planning partner. There are 115 municipalities in Cook County. If there were to be a disaster, Homeland Security and FEMA are going to help. What this does is puts us into this planning partnership with Cook County and puts us in to grant capability for hazard mitigation if we need to improve on something to mitigate the risk. He asked that the Board of Trustees look over the booklet for the next meeting. He was going to ask someone from Homeland Security to be at that meeting to explain the program. The Chief explained that this effort has taken one year to

get to this stage. He worked with FPB Chief Thomas Heller in formulating this plan. They had nothing to go on previously. He told us that Cook County organized this plan together for everyone. There is a

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power point presentation. Trustee Sleighter asked if the Water Reclamation is in on this. We were told they were.

In addition, Chief Sladetz told us that they wrote 184 snow tickets between February 1 and February 6. This was after four Code Red alerts and a squad going up and down

the streets using a loud speaker and sirens. A lot of people are not in compliance. If your car is parked in violation, they will get a ticker.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian informed us that during the recent snow storm cars were not moved on the streets so plow could get through. As of today, the whole village has been plowed twice. There is a path down every alley. The business district was focused on Sunday night and early Monday morning. Garbage and recycling was started today.

Fire Chief Meyer enforced the fact that it is a serious issue when the fire equipment can't get through the streets. It hasn't caused any delays yet. It can delay their response. They could have to go to the cross streets. They will start digging out the fire hydrants tomorrow.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka told us that the administrative offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, due to President's Day. Garbage pickups will be delayed one day.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at

7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 18th day of February, 2015

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**Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor**