

August 5, 2025

After the meeting was called to order, a moment of silence was observed in honor of Trustee Sam Savopoulos following the Pledge Of Allegiance. Mayor Walik made some heartfelt remarks in tribute to Trustee Savopoulos.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 7:04p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:
Trustees White, Klouda, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa.

Remembrance for Trustee Sam Savopoulos. Mayor Walik thanked Public Works Director Sam Alonzo, Briana from the police department, Beth, and everyone else involved in putting this together.

Trustee Klouda moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, July 15, 2025

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Klouda, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Present: Trustee Torres

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek, 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 White, Klouda, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve A Resolution Authorizing And Approving The Appointment Of Michael R. Ochsner, Jr. To The Position Of Finance Director For The Village Of Stickney, County Of Cook, State Of Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Klouda, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Absent; None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee White To Authorize And Approve Ordinance 2025-09, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-196 Of The Municipal Code, Village Of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Vehicle Towing And Impoundment.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted

Ayes: Trustees White, Klouda, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Hrejsa moved duly seconded by Trustee Klouda to Grant Permission For A Block Party For The 4200-4300 Block Of Gunderson Avenue On August 30, 2025.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Klouda, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Absent; None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried

Mayor's Report: The Mayor thanked Sam's family for coming to the meeting and said that Sam would be missed. The Mayor discussed Music In The Park, the upcoming village newsletter, Pet Fest and Haunted Hayride

Trustee Klouda: Discussed the Central Avenue Bridge being open early and well done. Details were given relating to the "Operation Support Our Troops" collection drive that he is now supervising.

Trustee Torres: Discussed upcoming paper shredding event in August. Looking for volunteers for Family Day.

Trustee Hrejsa: Trustee Hrejsa brought in an old Stickney Life Newspaper, a Little League Program from 1974 and a large Bicentennial Life Newspaper Special Edition Issue to donate to our Visitor Center. These items are from his family collection.

The Mayor and Fire Chief Boyajian discussed upcoming Harlem Avenue Bridge Project

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE CHIEF JEFF BOYAJIAN: Hydrant testing completed. Pump testing completed. Grant for two stretchers and a new engine has been applied for. The Chief donated a bell that he had mounted on a base to The Visitor's Center. The bell was presented by The Stickney Fire Department Women's Auxiliary in 1970.

Public Works Director Sam Alonzo: Shred Event will be August 16 at 41st and Ridgeland from 9:00-12:00.

Police Chief Jerry Chlada Jr.: Annual Police Department Open House will be Saturday August 23rd from 11:00 – 1:00.

Trustee White welcomed our new Finance Director Mike.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Klouda that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:27p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Milenkovic, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 19th day of August, 2025

Jeff Walik, Mayor