

January 17, 2023

**State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 7:09 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:
Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos and Kapolnek**

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos and Kapolnek
Nays: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic 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, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos and Kapolnek
Nays: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Mayor Walik asked Trustee Torres to make a motion for the ceremonial swearing in of probationary police officers to be effective January 15, 2023.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa, made a motion to swear in the following three candidates to be sworn in as Village of Stickney Police Officers effective January 15, 2023, Mitchell R. Hattan; Joseph M. Kelly; Jeffrey E. Hughes

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos and Kapolnek
Nays: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

At this time, the Mayor swore in the new officers.

Mayor Walik then asked for a motion to swear in three auxiliary police officers.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded Trustee White to swear in Humberto Martinez; Riley Prodehl; Wayne Lidwall as Stickney Auxiliary Police Officers.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos and Kapolnek

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to pass and approve Ordinance 2023-01, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of a Certain Vehicle for the Village of Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos and Kapolnek

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2023-02, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Stickney Firefighters Teamster Local Union 700 for the Village of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos and Kapolnek

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Mayor Walik explained to all the police and fire in the audience that he and the entire Board are big supporters of the First Responders. A whole team together put this Union Contract. The Mayor asked them to introduce themselves. Justin introduced himself as the Union Steward for the Stickney Fire Department Teamsters. He introduced Eric and Evan. He explained that he has been here for seven years. We love what we do. We will continue to do that every day that we come to work. The Mayor explained that this contract is actually up for renewal in May. Many surrounding communities actually are late in renewing their contracts. It took us three meetings of maybe one hour each to resolve. Our Police Department negotiated for three hours, and it was done. The Mayor thanked the team, the Fire Chief, and the men and women of the fire department for what they do every day. He continued saying that there are surrounding communities that on days they do not have a full station. We assist them. We never had that problem here.

The Mayor read the following notice: Dated December 17, 2022: On January 4, 2023 the on-duty crew was dispatched to a patient that was unconscious. The crew found the patient unconscious on the floor. The person's son was home and said he heard the patient fall. The victim was face down on the floor. That police officer started CPR on the patient until the firefighters got there. The fire department found that the individual had a heart attack. They performed CPR and established a pathway.

The crew then applied the defibrillator pads on the patient's chest and delivered two shocks and were able to regain a pulse for this victim. The crew transferred the patient to the ambulance and then the hospital. This crew spent approximately 10 minutes on the scene taking care of this individual. Without the proper training and equipment these people would not be able to do their jobs and save a life. Hats off was given to Captain Jacob Anderson, Firefighter/EMT Tyree Thomas, Firefighter/EMT Eric Del Gatto, Firefighter/EMT Joshua Collier, Probationary Firefighter Evan Solano. A letter of recognition acknowledging their heroic efforts will be placed in each of their personnel files.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor thanked the people for coming out today. A Proclamation was read recognizing Robert A. Helebrandt.

**PROCLAMATION
RECOGNIZING
Robert A. Helebrandt**

WHEREAS, Robert A. Helebrandt has lived in Stickney with his wife Doris for decades where they raised two daughters, Susan and Kay, and

WHEREAS, Robert relived the memories of the Korean War for the duration of his life (age 92) telling an occasional story or reacting to a sudden explosion of fireworks, and

WHEREAS, During his term in the U. S. Army he achieved the Army Occupation Medal (Japan), Bronze Star Medal, Korean Service Medal with 5 Bronze (C) Stars, Distinguished Unit Emblem, Presidential Unit Citation (ROK), Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the United Nations Medal, and

WHEREAS, His Bronze Star Medal was awarded to him as the direct result of him holding a bridge under attack in order for his men to survive, and

WHEREAS, Bob was a member of the American Legion Stickney Post 687, and

WHEREAS, During his years of employment while working on many buildings in the city Robert was a member of the Carpenters Local Union 1889, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Walik, Mayor of the Village of Stickney, do honor the remembrance of Robert A. Helebrandt who portrayed the example of someone who lived an honorable life and a model Stickney resident.

DATED THIS 17th day of January, 2023

Mayor: _____
Jeff Walik

Clerk: _____
Audrey McAdams

CLERK'S REPORT: A gracious thank you from Saint Pius X Pastor Father Bobby was read. He thanked the Mayor and the Village Police, Fire and Public Works for the assistance they provided during the holiday food pick-up from the Jewel Osco Store. You were a blessing to us as the Mayor in a community widely known as a compassionate and friendly place that fosters goodwill and generosity to those in need.

Trustee White: He welcomed our new officers. He mentioned that this new Fire Department Contract shows the unity they have with the Village.

TRUSTEE MILENKOVIC: He congratulated our First Responders that were recognized this evening and thanked them for their service.

At this point, the Mayor recognized the Police Commissioners Bob Senese, Al Brinker, Alan Kulaga, and former Commissioner Tony Gulevia, who were in the audience. The Mayor mentioned how hard they have been working over the last couple of months with our new laterals and hires. We have hired close to eleven. They have been working harder than ever before.

Trustee Torres: Congratulations were given to our new officers.

Trustee Hrejsa: He welcomed our new officers. It is a well-oiled machine.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Chief James Sasseti: He congratulated the firefighters and told them "Great Job" for saving a life. It's good to go home and be proud in the current climate of anti-police and first responders. Congratulations were given to our three new officers. They come to us with a plethora of knowledge and experience. We recently hired eleven new officers and created a department that through attrition the Village residents will see no reduction in services. It is a happy medium of new, young, eager to learn police officers along with seasoned veterans that come with knowledge and experience. It can only benefit the organization as a whole. Collectively we are building an organization that is unmatched by the other communities. He welcomed the new officers that were sworn in.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: Congratulations were given to all the new officers. At this point he presented recognitions to the firemen who were on that emergency call: Captain Jacob Anderson, Firefighter/EMT Tyree Thomas, Firefighter/EMT Eric Del Gatto, Firefighter/EMT Joshua Collier, Probationary Firefighter Evan Solano. A letter of recognition acknowledging their heroic efforts will be placed in each of their personnel files.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lukas, Deputy Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day of February, 2023

Jeff Walik, Mayor