## May 6, 2025

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 7:05p.m.

The Mayor announced that the Clerk Milenkovic was sworn in May 1<sup>st</sup> and is now covering the duties of Clerk.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present: Trustees White, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa Trustee Savopoulos will be invited to join electronically shortly.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to permit members to attend by electronic participation.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted: Ayes; Trustees White, Torres, Kapolnek, and Hrejsa Nays; None Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos joined the meeting.

Village Attorney Michael Del Galdo Swore in Mayor Walik, Clerk Milenkovic, Trustee Torres, Trustee Kapolnek and Trustee Savopoulos.

Village Attorney Michael Del Galdo was presented with a plaque by the Mayor commemorating his 25 years of service to the community.

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

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

Trustee White moved duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos 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: Trustee White, Savopoulos, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa Nays: None Mayor Walik declared the motion carried. Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2025-06, "An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 74, Article IX of the Municipal Code, the Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Public Assembly."

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

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Pass and Approve Resolution 2024-08 "A Resolution Appointing Certain Members of The Board of Trustees and Certain Officers, Employees and Officials Of The Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes; Trustee White, Savopoulos, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays;None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve Resolution 2025-09 "A Resolution Authorizing And Approving A Governmental Relations Consulting Agreement with Amicus Government Strategies, LLC For the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted;

Ayes; Trustee White, Savopoulos, Torres, Kapolnek, and Hrejsa

Nays; None.

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to Pass and Approve A Legal Representation Agreement with Del Galdo Law Group, LLC.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes; Trustee White, Savopoulos, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays; None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Grant Permission to the Stickney – Forest View Library at 6800 43<sup>rd</sup> st. to hold a block party on May 31, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to celebrate the Annual Summer Reading Program.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted;

Ayes; Trustee White, Savopoulos, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays; None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

<u>MAYOR'S REPORT</u>: The Mayor read a proclamation regarding Motorcycle Awareness Month. The Mayor ceremonially swore in Police Chief Jerry Chlada Jr. Chief Chlada was officially sworn May 1<sup>st</sup> to take over for retiring Chief Sassetti. The Mayor swore in Cruz Ortiz Jr. as Deputy Police Chief. The Mayor thanked everyone for coming out. He then asked for a big round of applause for all the first responders. He congratulated the newly appointed and elected members.

<u>Clerk's Report</u>: Thanks were given to Mayor, Trustees, Village Attorney Jessica Fese and Beth.

<u>Trustee White</u>: Congratulated the newly appointed and elected members, He discussed the 50/50 sidewalk program

All Trustees offered congratulations and well wishes.

Trustees Torres and Hrejsa discussed Cinco De Mayo. They thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works and all the volunteers.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**:

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:

Offered congratulations and well-wishes to newly elected and appointed members.

Interim Public Works Director Sam Alonzo:

Offered congratulations and well-wishes to newly elected and appointed members.

Police Chief Jerry Chlada Jr.:

Thanked the Mayor and Trustees. Introduced himself to the audience, said that the residents are the eyes and ears of the department. He encouraged them to reach out to the police department with any concerns.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:40p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,** 

Mitch Milenkovic, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025

Jeff Walik, Mayor