

**January 3, 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 3, 2023, at 7:05 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.**

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

**Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022.**

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

**Mayor Walik asked Officer Ricky Foytik to step forward to accept his ceremonial promotion to the rank of Corporal, effective January 1, 2023. After he was sworn in, he was presented with his Corporal star.**

**Mayor Walik then had a swearing-in ceremony for Officer Mark Kozelka, Sergeant Richard Jaczak, Sergeant Kevin McGuire, and Corporal Ricky Foytik to recognize their promotions to Watch Commanders.**

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Approve Resolution 01-2023, "A Resolution authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the County of Cook Related to Road Improvement Projects for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"**

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

Prior to the vote a correction was made to the agenda which showed Projects was actually printed as Prospects.

Prior to the vote the Mayor explained that the road improvements will include 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Street from Oak Park to Ridgeland and a short portion of East Avenue where the water main was replaced. We have to go out to bids and hope to complete the work in the Spring.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to grant permission to the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club to Conduct the Queen of Hearts Raffle that includes a request for a waiver of the fee and the requirement for the Fidelity Bond.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: None

Present: Trustee White

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the police, fire, and public works for all their hard work. Next week we will start working on our calendar for events for 2023. Other things coming for 2023 are road projects and other projects. We are hoping to get some money to get Oak Park Avenue resurfaced. We are going to try and narrow down our Senator to get the rest of our money for our community recreation center.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Today she filed all the names that were appropriate for the Cook County Clerks Ethics Statements. She asked the people to watch for their emails to show how to fill out the mandatory statements. A flier was given to the Board on the correct way to fill out the forms.

All the trustees gave New Year Greetings and extended congratulations to the officers who received their promotions.

**Trustee White:** Garbage will be pushed forward by a day due to the holiday. He provided instructions for people who will be putting out a live Christmas tree for pick up. The Mayor asked if he knew anything about Waste Management providing new garbage containers. Public Works Director Joe Lopez confirmed that this is going to take place because Waste Management finds that our old, original containers are breaking when they are dumping the garbage into their trucks.

**TRUSTEE MILENKOVIC:** He thanked the people for their donations for Operation Support Our Troops. They provide comfort and care packages for our service members deployed in harm's way. We had 397 pounds in this delivery. In the past we had 154 and 295 pounds. In addition, the Tree Board meeting dates were given. They are March 15, July 19, and October 18.

At this point the Mayor recognized audience member Ed Dabrowski on his retirement from NBC after 45 years of service.

The Mayor thanked Trustee Torres and Trustee Hrejsa for all their hard work coordinating event dates for next year.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Police Chief James Sasseti:** He thanked the Village Board for all their support throughout the year. We are one of the best police departments in the state. We have done a lot of innovative things through the years. We have grown and that is not the norm in this profession. Many departments are having retention difficulties. At the very best they are staying status quo as far as it relates to their personnel. With the support of the Mayor and the Board we have grown. On behalf of himself and the entire police department he thanked the Board. The Chief then congratulated the officers on their promotions. He then thanked all the officers who are out there on a daily basis doing their job. Without them we would not be so successful.

**Public Works Director Joe Lopez:** He informed us that the street sweeper will be doing the alleys. The Mayor congratulated his department for the fabulous job they did during our last big snow. Within 24 hours our Village was clean.

Deputy Chief Frank Figueroa recognized the two new officers that will be starting the police academy next week. They are Robert Walik and Noah Reyes.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to table the Executive Session to a future meeting.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: None

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

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 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Clerk

Approved by me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023

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Jeff Walik, Mayor