

February 4, 2025

**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 4, 2025, at 7:04 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, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
The clerk announced that Trustee Savopoulos will be joining us by electronic method as described in item four of the agenda.**

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

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

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, January 21, 2025.

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

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2025-01, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Master Tax Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement and Addendum, with U. S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. Related to the Previously Authorized Purchase of Certain Vehicles for the Village of Stickney Fire Department"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Approve Resolution 03-2025, "A Resolution of the Village of Stickney Declaring its Intention to Reimburse itself from the Proceeds of One or More Tax-Exempt Financing for Certain Expenditures Made and/or to be Made in Connection with the Acquisition of a Fire Apparatus."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Finance Director David Gonzalez explained that we entered into an agreement for a fire apparatus. We were expecting it to arrive in March. Now it will be delivered earlier. Therefore, this reimbursement resolution allows us to use our money. When the loan closes on March 15th we will then reimburse ourselves back.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve Resolution 04-2025, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Quote from All Star General Contracting, Inc. for a Roofing Project for the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT: We are wearing red today because the Illinois Department of Public Health is announcing a monthlong focus on heart health during American Heart Month in February. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in women. February 7th is Wear Red Day.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor informed Trustee Savopoulos that he and the trustees put something together to honor him. He then thanked all the people for coming out for Sam and for his (son's) dad. He then read a special proclamation.

Proclamation Honoring Trustee Sam Savopoulos

**WHEREAS, Trustee Sam Savopoulos is a long-time resident of the Village of Stickney; and
WHEREAS, Sam attended Home Elementary School, Stickney, Illinois; and
WHEREAS, Sam is a loving father of one amazing son, Billy Savopoulos; and
WHEREAS, Sam worked his way up in the family restaurant business of Alexander's Pancake House from dishwasher to bus boy, to cook, to general manager/owner; and
WHEREAS Sam is affectionately known as the "Potato Pancake King;" and
WHEREAS, Sam was appointed Trustee of the Village of Stickney in August of 2012; and
WHEREAS, Sam was then elected to that same position (Trustee) in May of 2013; and
WHEREAS, Sam has dedicated more than ten years to the Village in the position of Trustee, and has improved the Village through his heartfelt service to the residents; and
WHEREAS, Sam and the entire Savopoulos family have supported many local charities in the area, including the Stickney Police Association, Stickney Lions Club, Stickney Library, St. Pius Church, both Stickney schools and many others; and
WHEREAS, Sam is an asset to the Village of Stickney as an elected officials, colleague, and friend; and
THEREFORE, I Mayor Jeff Walik and the Board of Trustees wish to express our sincere thanks to Sam for his lifelong service to the Village and hereby dedicate today as Sam Savopoulos Day in the Village of Stickney, Illinois.**

A letter of personal wishes was read from Cicero Town President Larry Dominick. At this point, a mock street sign was rolled into the court room. It shows a special street sign called Savopoulos Family Way that will be situated on the Euclid Avenue and Pershing Road location. This is the corner where Sam's Alexander Pancake House stands. Larry Dominick was instrumental in making this sign.

The entire board now gave their personal sentiments to Sam. The department heads each provided their thoughts to Sam.

Sam then gave his sincere thanks for this honor. He made it clear that he has future plans for the Village when he comes back. He told them not to give up his office.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Each trustee congratulated Trustee Savopoulos

Trustee Torres: She advised people that any Village activities will be listed in the newsletter.

Trustee White: He told the students in attendance to approach any trustee to have their assignment paper signed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

All department heads congratulated Trustee Savopoulos.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: The Chief gave us an update on the new ladder truck. Next week they will be going to Appleton Wisconsin to do a final inspection of the fire truck. It could be a week or two before they get it to Aurora where the dealership is. At that time there will be a final inspection. The truck should be in the station by early March.

There being no further business, TrusteeWhitemoved, duly seconded by TrusteeSavopoulosthata the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion to adjourn at 7:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this18th day of February, 2025

Jeff Walik, President