

April 2, 2025

State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 7:10 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
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

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

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Approve Resolution 07-2025, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Certain Purchase of Rock Salt from the State of Illinois for the Villager of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"

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

Prior to the vote, the mayor thanked Interim Public Works Director Sam Alonzo and joked that the salt will be available in July if needed.

MAYOR'S REPORT: He recommended that we move on for the upcoming reports from the Fire Chief and Trustee Torres.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk provided information about the status of the Cook County Ethics Statements. She sent letters and text messages out to those who haven't.

complied. A list of those who haven't completed their statements was given to the mayor. A report was given concerning the recent Consolidated Election. Part of the clerk's responsibilities are elections. She mentioned that 409 ballots were cast in the municipal election for Stickney. There are 3,987 people registered. This is a very low turnout for our Village. Four years ago in the same Consolidated Election, there were 690 ballots cast. People are not into it or not caring. Trustee Torres commented that people could be happy with the result they have. The Clerk said that you don't know if you don't see their faces.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Torres: She reminded people that the Easter Egg Hunt is next Saturday. Applications are still available. Trustee Hrejsa said that there are over 100 kids coming at this point. It will be at Haley Park. Last time it was on 41st and Ridgeland. On May 4th we will have the Cinco de Mayo Fest at 43rd and Ridgeland. All activities have been organized.

Trustee White: He told the students in attendance that they can have any Trustees sign their reports.

Trustee Milenkovic: We learned that the Tree Board met last week. Our Tree Lottery will be accepting applications through August. That is for a resident who wants a tree planted in their parkway. They fill out a form. If we have enough trees, everyone gets one. If not, we will do a drawing. Last year we planted eighteen trees. This year will also do eighteen trees. The four varieties will be Oak, Crimson Sunset Maple, Abatron Maple and Tri-color Peach. We will be getting four of each and two random. Our Arbor Day celebration will be on Friday, April 25. It is always the last Friday in April. We will be planting a tree at each of the grade schools. We will be planting a tree in honor of the fifth-grade class because the schools are honoring the fifth grade graduating class. The library lost a couple of trees. They will be participating in the celebration, and we will be planting two trees there as well. The mayor mentioned that Eric from Public Works suggested that he wants the fifth-grade class to come out and watch him plant it while he gives a description of the tree, they receive for their own Arbor Day.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Interim Public Works Director Sam Alonzo: The street sweeper is up and running.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:

Trustee Kapolnek made a motion, seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to remove from the table the annual fire department report.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Stickney Fire Department 2024 Annual Report

Chief Boyajian extended his gratitude to Mayor Walik and the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to present the 2024 End of Year Report.

The Stickney Fire Department has now existed for 57 years, and the members of the Stickney Fire Department take seriously our commitment to keeping the

Village and your families safe. We pride ourselves on being progressive, utilizing the latest training technology and partnerships with our surrounding agencies to provide the highest level of services in everything we do; From fire safety and emergency medical care to fire prevention and fire education, we look for ways every day to be as efficient as possible. We also know the importances to connect with the members of our community.

Our department currently employs forty part-time and two full-time members. Each of our personnel holds at least their IDPH EMT Basic certification, along with the State Fire Marshal's Basic Operations Firefighter certification. Additionally, many of our team members also hold specialized state certifications in areas such as Haz-Mat Technician, Confined Space Technician, Rope Technician, Fire Investigator, and various Officer-level disciplines.

The Stickney Fire Department is a member of MABAS Division 11 which includes Berwyn, Cicero, Forest Park, North Riverside, Oak Park, and River Forest. We also provide/receive automatic aid from/to Forest View, Central Stickney, Lyons, and McCook. In April 2025 we received the new 2024 Pierce Ascendant 107' Quint ladder truck.

This report highlights some of the work we have completed over the last year and confirms our dedication to the residents of the Village.

In 2024 the Fire Department responded to:

Residential Fires—3
Structure Fires—7 (Hawthorne Racetrack or Koppers)
Vehicle Fires—5
Outside of Structure—2 (Sanitary District or Waste Management outside)
Rubbish/Dumpster Fires—8 (Waste Management or garbage cans within the town)
Other Fires—5
EMS—868
False Alarms—109
Mutual/Automatic Aid—53
Haz Materials Spills or Leaks—11
Hazardous Conditions—20 (power lines down or sparking wires)
All Other Responses—141

Total Responses 1,232

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU is overseen by Deputy Chief Omari Silvera, he has three state certified Fire Inspection Lieutenants that assist him. They performed eighty inspections and where necessary reinspection. They work with the commercial property owner or multifamily building owner to correct or add additional safety mechanisms as well as checking for any hazards that might exist.

We also use a system called FLOW MSP. This is a software platform designed specifically for fire service that allows them to create detailed pre-incident mapped-out plan for buildings, photos (including satellite imaging), access points, name of all the hazards, and utility locations, which are readily accessible to firefighters via dispatch notifications on their mobile devices, essentially giving them critical information about a structure before arriving on scene at an incident.

2024 FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE was the first since 2017 when we celebrated our 50th Anniversary as a Fire Department. We had many static displays which were represented by our dispatch center, Cicero Consolidated Dispatch Center, Koppers Chemical, and ComEd. We had Sparky the Fire Dog, a bouncy house and firefighter's

tool display and explanation as to what they are used for. The State Fire Marshall's Office sent a Fire Investigator with his K-9 partner who demonstrated how the dog assists an investigation, looking for accelerants. The members demonstrated how to extinguish a fire on your stove. The event was a success with participation from the residents that were in attendance. The weather cooperated. Various pictures were shown of the event including using the cutters and a ram to extricate a victim of a car accident.

TRAINING is ongoing. Our training officer is Deputy Chief Joh O'Dowd along with numerous other officers. He makes sure that the training we do keeps up with the highest standards set forth by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the Office of the State Fire Marshall (OSFM) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) just to name a few. We have so many training topics that are mandated for every member on an annual basis. We hold bi-monthly drills held on the first and third Wednesday/Thursdays of the month, as well as specialty drills, and training with our MABAS Division 11 partners at different times throughout the year. We also have daily shift drills for personnel on shift, which is through Target/Vector Solutions. We do specialty drills with Koppers. There was a recent specialty drill at the North Riverside Mall.

EMS TRAINING drills are held on the first and third Mondays of the month to sharpen our skills on the ambulance. These drills are based on Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) standards, as well as standards set forth by our Region 7 Medical Control Officer Dr. Sinnott from Advocate Christ Hospital who set our Standard Medical Orders (SMO'S). Captain Jacob Anderson is the EMS Officer and Liaison for the fire department and set up the required drills needed to maintain at least 60 hours of training in those four years to maintain their IDPH license.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FLEET:

2007 HME 1000-gallon pump Engine 1201
2009 Spartan 750 Gallon 1250 GPM Pump Engine 1203
2022 Ford/Horton Type 1 Ambulance 1205
2015 Ford/Horton Type 1 Ambulance 1207
2013 Ford Expedition Command Vehicle 1208
2009 Ford F250 Pickup Utility Vehicle 1209
2023 Tracker UTV/Event Unit 1206
MABAS Division 11 Light Tower

In April 2025 we received the new 2024 Pierce Ascendant 107' Quint ladder truck.

In conclusion, Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian gratefully thanked Mayor Walik and the entire Board of Trustees for all the help they have provided to the fire department.

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 to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 15th day of April, 2025

Jeff Walik, Mayor