

February 19, 2019

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 19, 2019, at 7:03 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Trustees Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, February 5, 2019.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

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 Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Treasurer Paul Nosek provided a summary indicating the source of funds used to pay the bills and the totals to be approved.

Corporate Fund: \$159,642.90

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: \$3,195.91

Badge Fund: \$0

Water Fund: \$217,701.96

Police Pension Fund: \$0

911 Account: \$0

1505 Account: \$0

Family Day: \$0

Police Revenue Sharing: \$0

Capital Projects Fund: \$6,517.41

Bond & Interest Fund: \$0

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Subtotal: \$387,058.18

General Fund Payroll: \$210,891.28

Water Fund Payroll: \$7,303.72

Subtotal: \$218,195.00

Total to be approved by Village Trustees: \$605,253.18

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Pass and Approve Ordinance 2019-02, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-141, Section 147, and Division 9 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Vehicle Immobilization, Towing and Impounding"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

After the vote Mayor Walik explained that this ordinance will set us up to get more cars off the street that are abandoned and or in the way of Police, Fire or Public Works. Just some housecleaning.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Walik thanked Public Works. They put it out on Facebook and within two hours of our snowfall the streets were clear and salted. They are doing a great job. The Police are getting cars moved and then calling Public Works so they could plow curb to curb on almost all the streets. The Mayor thanked Trustees Milenkovic and Savopoulos for their work on the Veteran's Pavilion. Trustee Savopoulos told the Mayor today a few more donations came in to go towards the new pavilions at the Veteran's Memorial. Trustee Savopoulos gave a project date of April. There are a few more people who may donate.

CLERK'S REPORT: A thank you note was read from the Hiller Family. The Clerk informed the people that the newsletter is in the final stages of being organized. We are projecting that it will be in the hands of the printer at the beginning of next week. We have all our articles in. It will be a bigger and better newsletter.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee White told the audience that there will be much more available about revenue and finance in his article in the newsletter. Today the Mayor, Treasurer and Clerk, along with one of the Attorney's from the Del Galdo Law Group, signed for two open bonds that we had. It was a bond issue from 2008 and 2011. We refinanced those bonds for the same term and we will save around \$345,000.00 to \$350,000.00. The reason we are able to do that is because we have an A+ Credit Rating. There are

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communities around us that are struggling. Berwyn is one of them. Their rating was just lowered.

Trustee Savopoulos mentioned that he is going through his therapy.

Trustee Milenkovic explained that last Tuesday we received 200 tons of salt. We have another 50 tons due. There are many Villages that are running out. He said, "Hats off to them on their ordering." We ordered new signs for Veteran's Drive. They should arrive in a couple of weeks. We put out 25 new high visibility one-way signs through out the Village. They are required by law. We will have to order a few more.

The Mayor told Public Works Director Joe Lopez, "Good job on ordering the salt correctly." He mentioned that we will be ordering salt in July for the next season.

Trustee Torres told the Mayor Happy Birthday.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The Mayor asked Ed Bartunek if he had a tree report. He also mentioned that Ed has a class coming up and he is working on a grant. The clerk mentioned that his newsletter article has tree information.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian asked that people slow down on these icy roads. He informed us there was a serious accident last weekend where the driver snapped a telephone pole in half on Pershing Road and then ended up on top of a guard rail. The street was shut down waiting for ComEd.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez asked people to drive safely. He then showed off his red shoes.

Police Chief Dan Babich mentioned an assortment of serious recent shootings across the country. He showed off some new equipment they have obtained for the Police Department so they will be proactive and be prepared for a major incident and not running in with just the basic vest that we do have which is for small caliber. Most people are fighting with rifles and AK47s etc. We purchased these items so we could protect ourselves. We owe this to a proactive Mayor and Board that have allowed us to buy this equipment. He showed us one of three vests. He explained that you would usually go in with at least three guys. This vest will take a rifle shot. It is heavy duty. The next item displayed was a shield that would take the hits. There is a light on it. This will stop most anything that they would come at you with. There was also a black helmet on display. The Chief explained that this equipment will be kept in airtight plastic bags in plastic containers. This will be kept in the cruisers. If we have to go in, at least we will be prepared. The Chief also gave strategy techniques. The shield was \$3,000. Trustee White explained that we budgeted for these items in our last fiscal 2018/2019 budget. Chief Babich then went into an explanation about the training that is necessary to use this equipment. The vest is an extra-large.

He addressed the SWAT teams that are available but can be 45 minutes away. The Mayor explained training at the empty Penske building and a building slated for demolition in the area. The Chief told of a simulator hand gun that has bullets

that stings if you are hit by one. We also learned that they hit the bank in the Jewel Store again. Through the help of our surveillance, the FBI and a person who got involved, we were able to grab this guy. He has robbed that bank before. This is now the third bank robber who has been caught by the Stickney Police Department along with the FBI in the 18 months that he has been on the job. He was with Lyons for 30 years and never caught a bank robber. Additional SWAT information was given by the Chief.

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 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 5th day of March, 2019

Jeff Walik, Mayor