

April 16, 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, April 16, 2019, at 7:10 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

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

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Wednesday, April 3, 2019.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: 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: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White

Nays: None

Absent: None

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: \$115,143.47

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: \$0

Badge Fund: \$0

Water Fund: \$203,055.38

Police Pension Fund: \$0

911 Account: \$0

1505 Account: \$0

Family Day: \$0

Police Revenue Sharing: \$0

Capital Projects Fund: \$0

Bond & Interest Fund: \$0

Subtotal: \$318,198.85

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General Fund Payroll: \$209,956.01

Water Fund Payroll: \$10,773.59

Subtotal: \$220,729.60

Total to be approved by Village Trustees: \$538,928.45

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to reject bids for the Pumping Station Chlorine System and to request revaluation of the project and its scope by the Village Engineer.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Mayor Walik explained that the bids were rejected because they were too high, almost double. They are going to reevaluate it and re-scope it. We may have to piece it out instead of one company doing it all to get closer to our budget number.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to withdraw from the Local Government Health Plan effective July 1, 2019 and to authorize cancellation letter to be sent by the Village on or before April 30, 2019.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "This is the same as we did two meetings ago when we authorized notice to IRMA. This is just allowing us to withdraw on or before the date where it would automatically renew."

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Walik mentioned that the construction of the Veteran pavilions construction is going strong. He told of a project meeting that was held a week ago. There were multiple representatives for each phase of the construction crews. Koppers added their own project manager to lead the project. Koppers is putting this together. The room was full. Remember that there is no tax payer money. We received a few more donations from the American Legion and Trustee Savopoulos. He thanked everybody for putting their time into this. He invited everyone to come out for the ribbon cutting ceremony and dedication on May 27, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. The memorial service will follow. A light lunch will follow.

In addition, we had a gambling trip yesterday. There are a couple of big winners sitting here in the audience. Our Family Day will be held on September 1.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk informed the audience of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency notice concerning a local transfer station.

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TRUSTEE REPORTS: All the Trustees gave Happy Easter wishes.

Trustee Kapolnek announced that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will be conducting their open house on May 18th at 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will include tours, compost and saplings.

Trustee Torres thanked the people who helped with the Easter Egg hunts. The Police Chief donated money for the tween Easter eggs. The kids were so surprised to open an egg and find money in it. Trustee Hrejsa donated the Easter baskets. Parks and Recreation did a great job. A special thank you was given to the Easter bunny.

Trustee Savopoulos summarized the activities involved with the Veteran's pavilions. Now that the concrete is curing, the next step is the framing on April 22, weather permitting.

Trustee White reminded people that there are NiCor people in our neighborhood changing the heads on the gas meters. The switch usually takes a few minutes. They will leave a notice only if the meter is not accessible. Lastly, Trustee White explained that he had the occasion to call the fire department for transport to the hospital for an injury to his leg. Firemen Mark Johnson and O'Flaherty handled him with skill and compassion. The Stickney Fire Department is the best of the best.

Mayor Walik asked Tree Committee member Ed Bartunek if he had a tree report. He said the program is going well. He mentioned there would be room for 10 to 12 trees around the Veterans Memorial. The Arbor Day program is scheduled for April 26 at Edison and Home Schools. We were told that there was a wild turkey flying around the Village this week. The Mayor added that Ed is working on a grant for all those trees through Morton Arboretum. The more trees the better.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian informed us that the fire department was at two house fires in Oak Park this weekend. There were also numerous ambulance calls. The demolition of Sokol Stickney started yesterday. It should be done by Friday. We were given an update on the Comcast project. Currently the IT guy is involved in one aspect of it. We want it done right not fast. The Mayor explained that the Fire Chief and the Deputy Police Chief are working on the combined dispatch project. Comcast is digital and is the phone portion of the project that is being overseen by the Fire Chief.

Police Chief Dan Babich announced that our final police officer, Patrick Proctor, graduated from the Police Academy last Friday. He will start ten weeks of field training and then will be on his own. This will bring our entire department up to 19 officers. It hasn't been at this level in a long time. It wouldn't have happened had it not been for this Board. We are seriously in need of these officers, especially in the night hours. . . . to control the community and the atmosphere that we deal with on a daily basis. We are very excited to be able to do some great things. In addition, the chief asked people to be careful in the summer for gypsies. He told us that he stopped one of the old gypsies a couple of weeks ago because he was driving erratic. He was from one of the main families, the Lewis family, in the Chicagoland area. During the stop the chief was on his guard because he doesn't trust them. When the gypsy saw the chief place his hand on his pistol, he knew he was serious. The chief placed him in the lockup.

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We learned that the police will be taking computer training for the new combined dispatch in Cicero. Once the software is completed in our squad cars there will be a four day training session for everyone in our department. After we have completed this we should have a fairly accurate date for the switchover. There is no rush. First we need the training, then the software. There will be one more meeting before we pull the switch.

Trustee White move, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to adjourn into Executive Session.

- a. Convening into executive session under Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)(11) of the Open Meetings Act for discussion regarding certain personnel matters and pending litigation.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Meeting closed at 7:29 p.m.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to reconvene into regular session at 8:04 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day of May, 2019

Jeff Walik, Mayor