

January 18, 2022

State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney

IMPORTANT NOTICE: As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor of the State of Illinois' declaration of an emergency, the meeting will be conducted in person and via Zoom in compliance with P.A. 101-0640. All persons attending the meeting in-person will be required to always wear a face mask while in the building and will further be subject to strict social distancing (6 feet separation). Electronic attendance via Zoom is strongly encouraged. The information for the Zoom meeting is as follows:

Website: Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 312 915 7558
Password: 768782

PUBLIC COMMENT: Persons not attending the meeting in person may submit "Public Comment" to the Village Clerk no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the meeting. Please send public comments to the Village Clerk at villageclerk@villageofstickney.com. The clerk confirmed that no requests for public comment were sent to the clerk.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 7:03 p.m. via Zoom electronic means.

The Mayor announced that the Clerk is still recovering. Deputy Clerk Beth Lukas is covering the duties.

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

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Nays: None
Present: Trustee White
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 White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2022-01, "An Ordinance Authoring and Approving the Disposal of Personal Property for the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2022-02, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Article IV, Section 2-313 and Chapter 46, Article II, Section 46-35, and Creating a New Section 46-43 Related to The Lateral Entry Process and Requirements for Certain Police Officers for the Village of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to Approve Resolution 01-2022, "A Resolution Authorizing The Execution of An Intergovernmental Agreement By and Between the Village of Stickney and the Village of Forest View for the Exchange of Municipal Police Vehicles and a Canine"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Police Chief Sasseti informed us that is an agreement where we are going to be assuming care and control of Ali, Forest View's canine dog, along with their K-9 vehicle for a comparable vehicle. Ali is a four-year-old German Shepard who is currently in training with our K-9 handler. Ali is expected to be placed into duty by the end of February.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, Approve Resolution 02-2022, Trustee White moved to amend the Resolution. The amendment was duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek.

Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski explained that this is to amend the resolution that is on the website and replace it with a different draft of the Resolution. In addition, she said that this item was on the agenda. In further review of it, we determined that it needed further clarification to make it clear as to what is happening. On September 11, 2020, the Village Board entered into an agreement with U. S. Bank Corp. for financing for certain police vehicles. Since then, the Village Board also approved on June 15, 2021, the purchase of an ambulance. They gave the

Mayor the authority to go up to 4% in the financing of it. Our Finance Director, David Gonzales,, was able to secure a lower finance rate of 1.55%. U.S. Bank Corp. requires that we approve this amendment. You have already approved the purchase of the ambulance. This amendment relates to financing of the purchase of the ambulance.

Trustee White, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Pass and Approve Resolution 02-2022 as amended.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee White, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Approve Resolution 02-2022 as amended, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Addendum to a Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement With U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. Related To The Master Tax- Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement Purchase of Four (4) Police Squad Cars for the Village of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to Approve Resolution 03-2022, "A Resolution in Recognition of Certain Commitment and Service to the Village of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Present: Trustee Savopoulos

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 03

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY AND ITS RESIDENTS.

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WHEREAS, THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT (THE "PRESIDENT") AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE (THE "VILLAGE BOARD" AND WITH THE PRESIDENT, THE "CORPORATE AUTHORITIES") CONGRATULATE THE OWNERS OF ALEXANDER'S RESTAURANT IN THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY (THE "VILLAGE"), WHICH HAS BEEN OWNED AND OPERATED BY CONNIE SAVOPOULOS, SAM SAVOPOULOS, AND GEORGE SAVOPOULOS (THE "SAVOPOULOS FAMILY") SINCE 1983; AND

WHEREAS, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING HEALTHY AND WHOLESOME FAMILY FRIENDLY DINING IN THE VILLAGE, THE SAVOPOULOS FAMILY HAVE CONTINUOUSLY OFFERED THEIR SUPPORT AND SERVICE TO THE VILLAGE AND ITS RESIDENTS THROUGH THEIR FOOD DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEER WORK IN THE VILLAGE; AND

WHEREAS, ALEXANDER'S RESTAURANT, THE SAVOPOULOS FAMILY, AND THE STAFF MADE ALEXANDER'S RESTAURANT A DESTINATION FOR GREAT FOOD AND SERVICE WITH A SMILE; AND

WHEREAS, WHILE THE SAVOPOULOS FAMILY HAS SOLD ALEXANDER'S RESTAURANT, THE VILLAGE BOARD RECOGNIZES THE SAVOPOULOS FAMILY'S CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO THE VILLAGE AND ITS RESIDENTS AND THANKS THE SAVOPOULOS FAMILY FOR THEIR YEARS OF COMMITMENT AND SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 01. Incorporation Clause. All of the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to the Resolution are full, true and correct, and the Corporate Authorities do hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them as legislative findings.

Section 2. Authorization. The Village Board hereby recognizes the commitment and service of the Savopoulos Family and the staff of Alexander's Restaurant for their years of commitment and dedicated service to the Village of Stickney. The Village's officials and staff are hereby directed to take such action as is necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

EFFECTIVE DATE. THE RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE AND IN FULL FORCE IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.

RESOLVED, BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ON THE 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022, PURSUANT TO A ROLL CALL VOTE, AS FOLLOWS:

SO PASSED, ADOPTED, APPROVED AND ENACTED IN AND AT THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COUNTY OF COOK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE 18TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

Ayes: Trustees White Milenkovic, Torres, Kopolnek and Hreisa

Nays: None

APPROVED,

Present: Trustee Savopoulos

Absent: None

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

ATTEST: _____

Village Clerk

Recorded in the Municipal Records:

Published in Pamphlet Form:

All the Board Members and Department heads gave gracious comments recognizing Alexander's Restaurant including Sam, Connie and George for their giving nature and supporting our community. They have supported everything. You are family. They were wished the best. The appreciation was extended to their children as well. They became a rock or pillar of our community. Sam was described as always having a fun nature.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee White: He reminded everyone that they could order free Covid tests at Covidtest.gov.

Trustee Savopoulos: Remarked that this community has given us so much. He has so much gratitude. Almost fifty years ago he was in school here and grew up here. We always wanted to treat everyone as family. The restaurant will still be around. He said he, "Loves you guys." Sam's sister Connie thanked the Mayor for including her in this meeting. She thanked everyone for the kind words and the love for all of us. You are all family. Thank you for all you have done everyday from the Police Department, Village Hall, Public Works, and the Fire Department and all the resources in Stickney. Most of all what we hold in our hearts is when their Mother died, and we all assembled at the funeral as a group to be there in support to them. I'll never forget that image. We wish you all happiness and health. We will still be there for you for Family Day. She wished Sam, her brother, the best in his retirement.

Chief James Sassetti: Offered gratitude from the Police Department to the Savopoulos family for everything they have done for us. He wished them nothing but the best including health and happiness. In addition, today two police officers started: Officer Adam Guzman and Officer Cassandra Tjerina. You will see them on the streets with training officers. He thanked the board for their approval.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: He extended his well wished to the Savopoulos family. We appreciated everything you have done for us and our Village. The Chief gave a warning concerning preparation for snowstorms. He suggested that if you are on a trip and severe weather is forecasted, he asked that people try to postpone that trip. Make sure you have safety equipment inside your car such as extra clothes, jumper cables, triangles so people could see you, make sure your phones are charged. The Mayor commented that the Fire Report will be on the February 1, 2022, Agenda.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: People were reminded that there will be a normal Waste Management pick-up schedule this week. Well wishes were extended to the Savopoulos family.

Trustee White: Commented that Sam is the most generous person he has ever met.

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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 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lukas, Deputy Village Clerk

Approved by me this 1st day of February, 2022

Jeff Walik, Mayor

Commented [AM1]: