

January 20, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:02p.m.

The meeting was called to order by the Village Clerk.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Klouda, Smith and White

Trustees Torres was absent.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to appoint Senior Trustee White as President Pro Tem in the absence of Mayor Walik.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Klouda and Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Torres

Abstained: Trustee White

President Pro Tem White declared the motion carried.

Trustee Klouda moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Klouda, Smith and White

Nays: None

Absent; Trustee Torres

President Pro Tem White declared the motion carried.

Trustee Smith moved duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek 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: Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Klouda, Smith and White

Nays: None

Absent; Trustee Torres

President Pro Tem White declared the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Chief Jerry Chlada Jr.: It's going to be pretty cold this weekend. I hope everyone stays warm. If necessary we will use the lobby of the police department as a warming center.

Fire Chief Boyajian: Reminder if you don't have to go outside don't. Stay inside. 35 degree below zero wind chills are forecasted. If you should need help call the fire department or police department. Fire Chief Boyajian then read a letter to the Village Board recognizing several Police Officers and Firefighter EMTs.

Public Works Director Sam Alonzo: Recommended to those in attendance to leave water faucets at home on with a slight trickle to help prevent pipes from freezing in the extreme cold.

There being no further business, Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:11p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Milenkovic, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 3rd day of February, 2026

Jeff Walik, Mayor



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Jeffrey Boyajian, Fire Chief

Jeffrey Walik, Mayor

January 16, 2026

Mayor Jeff Walik and the Board of Trustees

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for the outstanding response to an accident involving both a fire and a medical emergency on **Saturday, January 10, 2026**, at the **Shell Station located at 3901 S. Harlem Avenue at approximately 12:04 pm.**

Your swift action, professionalism, and calm decision-making during a highly dangerous and rapidly evolving situation played a critical role in protecting lives and preventing further harm. Managing fire hazards while simultaneously providing urgent medical care requires exceptional skill, teamwork, coordination, and courage—qualities you all demonstrated throughout the response.

Because of your dedication and commitment to duty, those affected by the incident received the care and protection they urgently needed during a critical moment. Your actions reflect the highest standards of service and underscore the vital role first responders play in keeping the Village of Stickney safe.

I would like to recognize Police Officers Paul Brandemeier, William Dooley, and Leti Leonides as well as Firefighter EMTs Joshua Collier, DeAndre Eagle, Andrew Eurkaitis, Jamal Boulden, and Eric DelGatto and thank them for their bravery, selflessness, and continued service. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, and our community is deeply grateful.

With sincere appreciation,

Jeffrey Boyajian

Fire Chief,

Stickney Fire Department