

February 15, 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, February 15, 2022, at 7:02 p.m. via Zoom electronic means.

Deputy Clerk Beth Lukas is covering the duties.

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

The Mayor welcomed our "Super Lawyer" Mike Del Galdo back to our Board Meetings and congratulated him again for attaining the "Super Lawyer" status.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

The Mayor announced that we had a resident who attained 100 Years of age. Linda arranged a celebration for Evelyn Strba. The Mayor read the following proclamation

Be It Proclaimed:

WHEREAS, Evelyn Strba, will be honored by family and friends on the occasion of her 100th birthday on February 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, she was born on February 10, 1922, and has been a resident of the Village for many years; and

WHEREAS, she became the wife of Cyril J. Strba, a World War II US Navy Veteran, on May 27, 1950; and

WHEREAS, during a long and productive lifetime, she has demonstrated in countless ways her dedication to the welfare of others and earned the respect and affection of people from all walks of life and all ages; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED Jeff Walik, Mayor of the Village of Stickney, along with the Village Clerk and Board of Trustees, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to extend this Certificate of Recognition to Evelyn Strba, on her 100th Birthday, with sincere congratulations and best wishes.

Be it proclaimed, February 10, 2022, has been declare Evelyn Strba Day in the Village of Stickney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of the Village of Stickney to be affixed, this 10th day of February 2022.

Jeff Walik, Mayor, Village of Stickney

The Mayor added that a large group of people assembled at her house with this proclamation and balloons to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2022-05, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-196 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois regarding Vehicle Towing and Impoundment"

The Mayor added in that this is just a very minor correction to the ordinance that we passed just a couple of weeks ago.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Approve Resolution 04-2022, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Certain Canine Training Services Agreement with Full Circle 9 Solutions, Inc. for the Village of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

The Mayor asked if the Police Chief would be speaking about this resolution during his portion of the meeting.

Mayor Report: He thanked Linda, our Senior Liaison, for putting together the 100th birthday recognition for Evelyn Strba. He thanked everyone who helped and came out. The Police and Fire Department and Public Works also had some people show up. It was a beautiful set up for her and her family.

He announced that the Village will be closed on February 21 for Washington's birthday. The Mayor asked Deputy Clerk when the newsletter will be coming out. Beth answered that we should expect it in the mail by mid-March.

Clerk Report: There was no public comment for this meeting.

Deputy Clerk: Beth Lukas read a thank you note from a resident who's house was on fire on January 26. She was thanking the Mayor and all Village Employees. She was deeply appreciative of the extra efforts taken to help her. The Fire Department entered her house to retrieve her purse.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Torres: We were told that the village employees, the police department, fire department and public works took up a donation to help our fire victim. We did very well. She will be presented with it tomorrow at lunch. She thanked everyone who donated.

We are working on events. There will be a corned beef dinner for the seniors. Linda is working on a casino trip in April. There will be an Easter Egg and Tween Twilight Egg Hunt. She is working on the Cinco De Mayo Fest. Our newsletter will tell you more information on the dates and the times.

Trustee White: He mentioned that the Village Hall and Public Works will be closed next Monday for President's Day. It does not affect our garbage pickup. We are planning and hoping to return to in person meetings on April 5. We are going to follow the metrics for now.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: The current snow report was given.

Chief James Sassetti: We were updated on our service dog Ali and our handler are in their fifth week of recertification. Ali is excelling in every aspect of recertification along with our handler. Ali paid a visit here today. The contract approved tonight is just a service agreement with out trainer. It is 16 hours monthly of training and certification in various aspects. He feels that Ali and our handler will bring a huge benefit to the Village. He looks forward to having Ali here at one of our in-person meetings and have him sworn in.

Stickney 2021 Annual Report

"I am honored and privileged to present the Village of Stickney Police Department's 2021 Annual Report." "It is with the utmost gratitude, that through the constant support of the Mayor and Village Board, I am please to say 2021 has been a transformational year for the Stickney Police Department." In particular, the Stickney Police Department saw a 36.4% increase in calls for service over 2020. In addition, we learned that they have been provided numerous technological tools to become more efficient. More detailed information is contained in the detailed hardcopy that was provided to each of you.

The following was presented:

- **Launch of the Tip411 resident crime reporting application. This app allows residents to submit crime and public service tips to the police department anonymously through the app, text messages, website and other means of communications.**
- **Complete renovation of the front desk area and implementation of numerous technology products to enhance public safety services to the community. This was done with future scalability in mind.**
- **Police station technology project initiative. Through this initiative, we are able to provide real-time information to our officers thus making them aware of information in hopes of more efficient and effective responses to crimes in progress along with deterring, preventing an ultimately reducing overall crime.**
- **Implemented new facility monitoring and technology. This project will ensure total facility safety in these uncertain times, bringing our facility security measures into the 21st Century. Again, this project allows us scalability and will undoubtedly reduce costs as it relates to future technology enhancements as they become available.**
- **In January, the Stickney Police Department received Federal Use of Force Certification. This mandatory federal certification is required pursuant to Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities (Executive Order #13929).**
- **Received certification in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This certification was received through the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) pursuant to the transition from the previous crime reporting system to the mandatory new crime reporting system maintained by the FBI.**

- The Stickney Police Department adopted the “10 Shared Principles”. These symbolic principles are a collaboration brought forth by the NAACP and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and adopted by the Stickney Police Department affirming certain principles regarding the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve.
- Renovation of the employee lunchroom.

While presenting a Power Point presentation, the Chief focused on a few examples. In summary, in 2021 the Stickney Police Department received 15,899 calls for service. That was an increase of 36.4% from 2020. This shows the dedication of the department. He thanked the Mayor and Board for allowing us to obtain technology to help our department to become more efficient and effective. In late summer and early fall we see a spike in criminal activity. However, when we enter the third quarter the trend decreases. We see Mondays and Saturdays our heaviest volume of crime. We adapt our support services in patrol operations. The time of day was focused on. There was a 2:00 p.m. spike which may have been associated with some school patrol we are doing. The 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. may be bar checks or traffic. Speeding and over-weight trucks and other traffic enforcement were the leading reasons that citations were issued. We issued 4,063 parking and ordinance citations. This was a significant increase of 43.37%.

Our Ordinance Control Unit issued 74.7% more citations. We issued 260 violation notices.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lukas, Deputy Village Clerk

Approved by me this 1st day of March 2022

Jeff Walik, Mayor