

June 7, 2016

State of Illinois  
County of Cook  
Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 7:02 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Village Attorney Michael Del Galdo announced, "It is my understanding that the mayor is not attending the meeting tonight." "Accordingly there needs to be a motion made after the roll call section to appoint a temporary chair." "Until such time that roll has been taken and the mayor has been officially declared absent, I have been asked to cover the first two agenda items." "This meeting has been officially called to order at 7:02 p.m." He then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa, "In the absence of the mayor I hereby appointment Trustee White to temporarily chair this board meeting".

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Milenkovic and White  
Nays: None  
Present: Trustee Fuentes and Lazansky  
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Prior to the final action of the previous vote, Village Attorney Michael Del Galdo explained, "For those in the audience or on the board who may not be familiar with the temporary chair, you do not (Trustee White) give up your ability to vote." "You are just the temporary chair presiding over this meeting and you can continue to vote on everything like you ordinarily would as a trustee."

Trustee Fuentes moved to amend the minutes from the May 17, 2016 meeting to reflect the public comments which were omitted by the clerk, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky.

Mayor pro tempore White said, "Public comments are never included in the minutes" "Public comments, to my knowledge" Trustee Fuentes responded, "I am sure you will find if you look back on the last several meetings there are plenty of public comments." Clerk McAdams replied, "Under the circumstances, I was asked by our attorney to include specific information pertaining to Dan Fuentes in his public comments and because it was very intricate into the original comments made by our attorney, I included that, and it was also stated before I put those in there." She went on, "Is there anything else?" Trustee Fuentes said, "I know Patrick had an issue with ComEd those were in there." "Those were 20-minute conversation." "That was public

comment.” The Clerk continued, “I don’t normally, if there were two times in the last six-seven years that is it.” “That is nothing.” Trustee Fuentes then repeated, “Two times in the last six years you put in public comment.” “I will check that out.” The clerk said, “Pretty much, OK.” *[The clerk found that at the March 1, 2016 meeting resident Patrick Sleighter signed in for PUBLIC COMMENT. He did have a lengthy conversation with Trustee White pertaining to the electric aggregation that was allowed to continue for some time. The clerk DID NOT include this in the official minutes of the meeting. BUT the entire audio of that meeting was requested by Attorney John Xydakis through the Freedom of Information Act. The only way the PUBLIC COMMENTS of that meeting would be known, is to personally be at that meeting, or have the audio CD of the meeting.]*

Village Attorney Michael Del Galdo stated, “There is a pending motion.” “Trustee Fuentes made a motion are you going to second and you will need a roll call.” “Trustee Fuentes made a motion to amend the minutes.” “How did you want the minutes amended to just reflect. . . .” “Just for the purposes of the record, Trustee Fuentes made a motion to amend the minutes to reflect the public comment from the May 17, 2016 meeting.” “There needs to be a roll call.”

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes and Lazansky

Nays: Trustees Hrejsa, Milenkovic and White

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Trustee Hrejsa asked, “Don’t we have to approve the minutes of the last meeting?” Village Attorney Michael Del Galdo explained, “In the motion to amend that, you still need to technically approve the minutes.” “I don’t know if Audrey (the clerk) intended to do anything further with the minutes.” The clerk said, “No.” At this point, Mayor pro tempore White said, “Can I get a motion to approve the minutes?” Village Attorney Michael Del Galdo added in, “As submitted by the clerk.”

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the previous regular session meeting held on May 17, 2016 as submitted by the clerk.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Milenkovic and White

Nays: Trustees Fuentes and Lazansky

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to approve the payment of the bills.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic and White

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Trustee White announced the next agenda item for the emergency approval for the construction and installation of a remote monitoring and control station for the reservoir fill buildings at the main pumping station at an approximate cost of \$85,000.00. He then asked for a statement from the Village of Stickney Engineer, Tim Geary to explain to the board what is involved with this. Tim Geary described, "Our SCADA(Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) is outdated." "The company's president's owner has passed away." "We have not received good service." "The Public Works Supervisor asked us to obtain a proposal." Trustee White explained, "We are also looking to recoup some money from the insurance company." Public Works Supervisor, Jeff Boyajian, added in, "We were looking into this system prior to May 12, 2016 at 2:45 a.m. when we experienced a lighting strike that took out our computer system." A description of the components was given. Supervisor Boyajian explained, "It is just an opportune time to do this, instead of spending the money on getting parts for an antiquated system." Tim Geary admitted, "We have been looking into this for the last few years." "It is urgent."

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky for the emergency approval of the funds for the construction"

At this time Trustee Fuentes asked, "Have you guys received any other quotes other than the company you have given us?" "Or is that the only one that . . . ." Jeff Boyajian explained, "SCADA is specialized." "Premier Specialties is who we had before and they came out with their own system." Tim Geary told us, "The old system was clumsy but the service was excellent." "They covered a widespread area." Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo informed us, "What the request is tonight is to wave the formal bidding process that needs to be included in the motion, so Trustee White made a motion to authorize the expenditure of appropriate funds, there needs to be an actual motion to wave the bidding." "The request for the bid waver is based on a bona fide emergency, is that accurate?" "In addition, that this is a sole-source vender to necessitate a bid waver."

Trustee White asked to amend his motion to wave bidding because it is a bona fide emergency and to approve the appropriation of \$85,000.00 for the construction project, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes, Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic and White  
Nays: None  
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to pass and approve Ordinance 2016-15, "An Ordinance Establishing the Prevailing Wage Rates for the Construction of Public Works Projects for the Village of Stickney.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes, Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic and White  
Nays: None  
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion and possible action regarding negotiations for an intergovernmental agreement with MWRD: Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "This was a request from my office." "I have received a number of calls from the MWRD just asking on status." "He didn't give them the status because officially he has had only individual conversations." "He knows the individual's input and thoughts." "Before he officially starts to negotiate with the MWRD he wanted to make sure there were no objections from the board." "He is not asking for a vote or asking for anything, it was more like we are on the same page before he started negotiations." "Anything that results in a red-line agreement or proposal he will have to come back to the board for an official vote." "This is just making sure I have the approval before I start to negotiate." "At this point there were a series of approvals given."

Trustee White moved, duly seconded to concur with the President's substitute appointment of removing Fernando Galarza and replacing him with Sylvia Galarza, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes, Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic and White

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Prior to the vote, Trustee Fuentes gave her opinion that the Mayor's note, that was included in the packet, explained that this modification be made. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "That there was a vacancy because the appointment of Fernando was unable to serve, the mayor made an appointment."

The clerk reminded that the fingerprinting needed to be done. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "I assume that all appointments be subject to vetting and background checks."

**CLERKS' REPORT:** We learned that at the Memorial Day ceremony one of the citizens complained over the condition of the Veteran Memorial Monument markers. The clerk called Kowalski Memorials. The clerk arranged for Public Works to power wash the markers. In addition, the clerk surveyed the trustees over the inquiry of a representative from Cook County Clerk David Orr's office to speak to us on the subject of recruiting election judges for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Presidential Election. The request was granted.

**TRUSTEES' REPORTS:** Trustee Fuentes gave the fire department report for the month of May, 2016 as follows: Ambulance calls: 52; Mutual Aid Calls: 6; Service Calls: 4; Fire Calls: 10; Hazardous Condition Calls: 3; Motor Vehicle Accidents: 6; Working Fires: 1; Brush/Trash Fire Calls: 0; Car Fires: 0; Outside Equipment Fires: 0; Total calls for the month of April: 82; Total calls for 2016: 436.

In addition, Trustee Fuentes announced the next Parks and Rec meeting will be on June 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the village hall. Music in the Park starts this Wednesday

and each Wednesday thereafter until August 24. Various Stickney organizations will be selling food at nominal costs to the residents.

Parks and Rec is hosting an Indoor/Outdoor Craft & Flea Market on June 25, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Stickney Recreation Center, 4131 Home Avenue. If anyone is interested in reserving a table, the cost is \$25.00. See flyers in the lobby and on the web site.

Trustee Fuentes mentioned touring the Cook County Emergency Operational Center in Oak Forest with Fire Chief Meyer. She was impressed. The tools, equipment and technology was impressive. She would like to get together with the department heads in the near future to discuss how we could use it for training purposes.

The Stickney library block party was mentioned. We also learned that the construction project will start in mid-July instead of August.

Trustee Fuentes continued, "What I wanted to amend for the minutes was the issue of informing the residents that the woman that was here was concerned about being called a fraud and she wanted to let people know of her services and things like that." "I just felt the public should be made aware of."

Trustee Hrejsa asked, "Was she a fraud?" Trustee Fuentes said, "I just met the woman that day." "I just felt that the public should be made aware of it."

Trustee Lazansky thanked the people who came out for the Memorial Day services. He then wished a happy birthday to the fire chief.

Trustee Milenkovic reported on the Stickney Public Health District flyer concerning the Zika Virus. Prevention tips were given. He then invited people out to Music in the Park. The Friends of the Library will be serving beef sandwiches and music by the Cave Dwellers. He reminded people to register their drones.

Trustee White moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of March, 2016, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes, Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic and White  
Nays: None  
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Trustee White moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of April, 2016, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes, Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic and White  
Nays: None  
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Fire Chief Larry Meyer informed us that last week they met with the manufacturer of the air packs. The committee will have to decide on the options they should have. He then referred to the Cook County Emergency Operational Center and Ready Center. He felt the amount of equipment is amazing. He reminded us that that facility is matched on the north side. Some of the equipment would be helpful if we had another flood like we had. The money for all that equipment and where it comes from came from a Presidential directive after the 9/11/01 terrorist attacks when they created the Department of Homeland Security. They evaluated different urban areas that were high-value areas for terrorists. The metro area is one of those areas. They started a thing called, The Urban Area Security Division. That where the funds for all this equipment came from. He mentioned an 18-passenger armored personnel vehicle. We have a 24-hour number. Someone mans the duty desk all the time. If you need any of that equipment, just call.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian mentioned that last Tuesday we had tree damage caused by the storm that blew through. It caused damage to four trees. Our tree service took care of it. He thanked the board for passing the emergency appropriation for the SCADA equipment for the pumping station. The lightning strike caused significant damage. Trustee Lazansky asked, "Will there be safety precautions taken in the future?" He was told, "Yes."

Deputy Police Jaczak spoke about the Cook County Emergency Operational Center and Ready Center. He told us that it is set up for on-line. When we have had events in town, they want to know approximately how many people would be there. If a storm blows through, they would then know that there would be a large amount of people here so they could plan ahead. One thing about them, they will never tell you what they have. You can't ask them for a menu.

In addition, summer is here and schools are out. Monday through Friday, the police department donates two hours to school patrol. The police department is now focusing on traffic enforcement. Last night our midnight shift checked on a suspicious car on Cicero Avenue. The driver was asleep but not intoxicated. The officer handed him back his license. The guy put his car in reverse, hit the squad car and took off. No damage to the squad. Our officer had his driver's license and they know exactly who he is. We also had a person at Shell who was intoxicated. They brought him into the police station. The next shift was coming in the side door when the dispatcher reported a commotion in the lobby. The officers walked into the front. The offender made his way into the parking lot and he made his way into one of the squad cars. Now he was arrested for criminal trespass to a vehicle.

The Deputy Chief referred to the Tribune reporting about fingerprint backgrounds in general. The FBI may be suing the State of Illinois because they are not paying them. Illinois owes the FBI around \$3 million dollars for the fingerprint applications that they are doing. And, the Department of Treasury may be going after the state.

Lastly, we were given an update of the 911 Dispatch consolidations. At the June 1, 2016 911 board meeting they decided to fill out the five-year waiver. It should be ready for the next board meeting. He spoke to the village attorney's office and they will prepare for this at the next board meeting. He did communicate with a former

ICC employee who is now working with the Illinois State Police. She sent out an email and told him that we haven't complied yet and that a lot of towns have not. She said that if we don't, there would be administrative proceedings. He asked her directly what would be the consequences of the administrative proceedings. He mentioned that the board in Springfield will not answer that question. Either they won't or they don't have an answer. He is waiting for a reply from her. He went on to say that he is getting estimates for consolidating. Our dispatch runs from \$180,000.00 to \$800,000.00 per year. If we get the waiver, we will be budgeting over five years X amount of dollars to relieve some of the burden. Half of this program is supposed to be grant money coming from the state for towns that are consolidating. No one is getting that money. And, it is not sweep free (meaning that the state can take the money). It is not protected.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka commented on the water rates from the City of Chicago. In 2013, 2014 and 2015 the rates raised 15%, 15% and 14%. The village did receive a letter saying that there will not be an increase at this time for this year.

Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo addressed the board with a report concerning a piece of property located at 4200 S. Elmwood Avenue. He said, "The information did not make the agenda." "The request was to authorize liens against the property." "The board doesn't have to authorize liens." "If there has been adjudication or if there has been an ordered entered, the village, without action of the board, protect its judgement by filing its judgement without filing a lien with the recorder of deeds." "You don't need board action for that." "The only thing to require board action is if you wish to authorize the Village Attorney to file a demolition action against this property." "If you would like this on the next agenda to authorize a demolition action as in a lawsuit to be filed, that would require board action." "If would like to start liening this property, (the building department or fire department would like to start liening." He suggested, "We don't have to use his office." He reminded us, "They remind their clients not to use his office." "Frankly, you will incur legal fees." "We will likely not be paid for our liens." "People usually allow their property to go into disrepair and then go into foreclosure." "Then there would be a tax sale." "We advise everybody just file the lien on your own." His office will provide us with a copy of a form lien. He also mentioned, "The clerk will have it in her office." "What hasn't been done on the property on Elmwood is that the judgement relevant to the fire department hasn't been signed by the adjudicator and hasn't been notarized." "Therefore, someone has to get a signed and notarized judgement from the adjudication." "That will be used to fill out that lien." "That is what will be attached when you go file your lien." "As you write tickets every day, because every day the property is in disrepair, it constitutes a violation of the code, after it gets to an amount to justify the expenditure of the employee time to file the lien."

Trustee White explained, "This property has been in disrepair for quite some time." "The owner has been in adjudication at least five times that I was sitting in on." "He has been given ample time to make repairs." "I don't think he is able to." "I don't think the place is habitable." "When the roof caves in and he gets killed, we can't let that happen."

Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "The building department can declare it uninhabitable." "Just sticker it and declare no occupancy." "The Village's engineer Tim, who was sitting in the front row, is familiar with this and I have worked with him with other municipalities." "If you want to prohibit occupancy, Tim is well aware of the process."

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this            day of 2016

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Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor