

June 16, 2009

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 16, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:
Trustees Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Trustee Roll was absent.

Trustee Schimel moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, June 2, 2009.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: None
Absent: Roll
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares 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: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: None
Absent: Roll
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk to approve and pass Resolution 01-2009, "A Resolution authorizing the Village President to enter into a proposed change order to Phase II of the street re-pavement project."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: None
Absent: Roll
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky, to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-13, "An Ordinance amending the General Prevailing Rate of Wages as determined by the Department of Labor of the State of Illinois."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk, to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-14, "An ordinance setting the standards for inspection and maintenance of private fire hydrants."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares, to accept the report of the Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, and indicating Motor Fuel Tax collected for the month of May, 2009 indicating the sum of \$16,767.94.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the month of March, 2009 indicating the sum of \$44,322.27.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli to approve the engineer's payment estimate No. 2 & Final on the Motor Fuel Tax Fund 2008 Street Rehabilitation for the sum of \$7,885.73.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares to approve the engineer's payment estimate No. 1 to Orange Crush on the street rehabilitation Phase 2 for the sum of \$172,824.03.

A question was asked concerning "holding back" a portion of the fees. Kurt Kasnicka replied that there is 10% reserved as a retainage and it is always like this until the end.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Zeedyk moved and duly seconded by Trustee Schimel that the following appointments and demotions be made by the Village of Stickney Chief of Police, Joe Kretch be hereby ratified, approved and consented to. Number one; the removal of the Deputy Chief of the Village of Stickney police department and his return to his prior civil service rank of Sergeant. Number two; The appointment of Frank Figueroa to the position of Deputy Chief of the Village of Stickney Police Department. Number three; the appointment of Kevin McGuire to the rank of Corporal to the Stickney Police Department.

Trustee Lazansky made a statement: "Both officers are fine men and he knows that our Chief picked them to help with that." He went on to say, "That he knows what the Chief is doing and some people are watching under scrutiny what you are doing. He has all the confidence in you as he has with Corporal McGuire and Deputy Chief Figueroa."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

President O'Reilly stated that they will be making an appointment to the Fire and Police Commission due to the fact that at the last meeting in April the previous Mayor made an appointment to the Police Commissioners that was illegal and that is voided. He further stated that the reason it was illegal was that you cannot make an appointment 30 days or less before the end of your term in office.

Trustee Schimel moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to approve the appointment of Al Brinker to the Fire and Police Commission which will run to April 30, 2011 to fill the vacant position.

Trustee Lazansky stated that he has known Al Brinker for some time and he knows he will do a great job.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli to approve the engagement letter from Joseph R. Julius LTD, C.P.A. for the Village's auditing services.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares to ratify the agreement with the Cook County Sheriff of the first responder's radio communications system.

President O'Reilly explained that this is part of the Cook County Disaster Planning that will provide Stickney with \$20,000 of radio equipment that is being offered to all the communities. There will be two units for the police cars, two units for the fire department and a base unit for the first responders. During a disaster it will provide compatibility for communications. It will cost us \$100 per month for warranty-type upkeep on it.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Lazansky wished everyone a safe 4th of July. He cautioned the people of the construction and the diligence of the State Police in stopping drivers who break the law.

Trustee Mares stated that we will not be having a Village Picnic this year. We will be working on something else down the road.

Trustee Morelli reported on the fire department activity for the month of May. We responded to a total of 130 calls, 71 fire-service calls and 59 ambulance calls. In all of 2009 we have responded to 698 calls.

Trustee Schimel reminded us about a previous report he gave concerning a statement given by the Cook County Assessor Houlihan that there will be a reduction in the taxes for 30 communities due to the depressed housing market. Cicero was on the list and they were to receive a 15% reduction. River Forest would see a reduction of 5%. Trustee Schimel learned thru our Stickney Township Assessor, Ken Polifka, that we will be seeing 10-11% reduction for residential taxes. We will see this applied to our taxes due this fall. This will also cause a shortage in the amount of taxes that will be received by the Village of Stickney.

In addition Trustee Schimel said they are busy with building permits. The house sales are stagnant.

Jason Bruscato report on behalf of the Fire Department. This past Thursday night our fire department help Berwyn fight a three-house fire. One house was a total loss. We learned that one of those houses was in the process of being rehabbed. We were also reminded of the Annual Fire Department fund raiser this weekend.

Police Chief Joe Kretch enlightened us on the funeral of the fallen Chicago Police officer, which was killed in the line of duty, this last weekend at Mount Auburn. This was a traffic nightmare seeing some 500 cars. Of that, 300 to 400 were from surrounding police departments with approximately 50 from Chicago. The residents along Oak Park were given notice of the event. The residents east of Oak Park to Ridgeland were not allowed to enter or leave the area for a period of time. There was the Chicago Police equestrian unit, bag pipes, and fire engines. There were some 3,000 officers in uniform standing at attention. Chief Kretch went on to say that when we have our upgraded radio equipment we will be able to use reverse 911 and notify the residents of what would be happening in the village. The web site, www.stickneypolice.com will also be a resource for information. Our communications officer is working on this site everyday building it. There will eventually be a calendar that will allow a particular date to be clicked on to see activity that has happened on that date.

Sergeant Weisman gave a presentation on the newly purchased semi-automatic assault rifles. The original 12-gage long gun was displayed and explained. The M-16 rifle was presented along with its functions. The newly acquired Rock River Arms rifle was introduced to the audience. The benefits were given. This weapon will be mounted in the police cars. We were reminded that gangs us AK-47s. Officers who want to be trained will be trained in the use of this weapon.

Penny Gibas of 4425 Wisconsin asked how many were purchased. She was told that three were purchased at a cost of \$850 each. Sergeant Weisman told us that it was quite a deal considering that a patrol rifle usually sells for \$1200.

Joseph Lopez reported that they will start sweeping the alleys at the end of this week. They are also picking up the garbage a little earlier because they want to focus Thursdays and Fridays to other maintenance in the Village. The Friday prior to the 4th of July will be a holiday for the village workers. They may change the yellow painted surfaces to florescent green in the future. The handicapped curbs have been painted blue extending them to 21 feet from the previous 14 feet. We learned that this paint can be removed with a power washer.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka reminded us to buy the vehicle stickers by the end of June. There will be extended hours on Saturday, June 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and on June 30, until 6:00 p.m. He warned us that people must have updated registration in order to receive their vehicle stickers. The administration office will be closed on July 3.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS:

Pat Sather of 6423 41st Street asked about the stump removal. She wanted to know about the campaign promise of planting trees. President O'Reilly told her that when the program is set up they will let her know. They are currently focusing on the stump removal first.

Penny Gibas of 4425 Wisconsin thanked Trustee Mares for the fine DJ in the Park program. Trustee Mares thanked her for her help. Ms. Gibas also questioned if the rumors were correct that he was going to move and give his position to another person. She was assured that he was not moving. Ms. Gibas then questioned the salary of the Deputy Chief and Corporal. Kurt Kaznicka told her that the differentials were established previously. It was explained that there is an add on of \$3,000 for Deputy Chief and \$3600 differential between a patrolman and a Sergeant. Therefore the increase will be \$6600. Everything was predetermined. Ms. Gibas asked about the heads of the departments being named are only from Stickney. President O'Reilly responded that he picked the people that he chose. Then Ms. Gibas filled in, "Not because they were only from Stickney." President O'Reilly said, "Exactly".

Bea Callahan from 41st and Grove wanted to know what the qualifications Officer Figueroa has over Officer Sladetz, Kozelka, Jaczak, or Wisemen to be Deputy Chief. Chief Kretch responded that he surrounded himself with people who work with him and he works with them. They are very loyal to his ideas on where he wants to take this police department. She questioned whether it was based on friendship and was it out of the whole force. He responded, "Yes."

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion, with Trustee Morelli absent, at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams
Village Clerk

Approved by me this 17th day of June, 2009

Daniel A. O'Reilly, President