

June 2, 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 2, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the Stickney Village Hall, Council Chambers, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Cook County, Illinois

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:
Trustees Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Absent: Roll

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Schimel to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

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

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk, that the bills, approved by the various committees of the Board, be approved for payment, and to approve warrants which authorizes 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, Zeedyk
Nays: None
Absent: Roll
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-06, "An ordinance providing for the revision to the Village's building code standards."

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

In discussion we learned from Trustee Schimel that the Village is updating all our codes to the International Building Codes and are using the terms “current issue” to avoid the necessity of changing the ordinances again in 2011.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Schimel to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-07, “An ordinance providing for the revision to the Village’s residential dwelling code.”

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O’Reilly declared the motion carried.

In discussion resident Chavez asked about non-conforming homes. Trustee Schimel said those buildings were referred to in zoning.

Trustee Schimel moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-08, “An ordinance providing for the revision to the Village’s plumbing code.”

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O’Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-09, “An ordinance providing for the revision to the Village’s electric code.”

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O’Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-10, "An ordinance providing for the establishment of a Village fencing permit fee."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Schimel said that the Village never charged for roofing, fencing or concrete. There are no municipalities around us that have no fees. In discussion Trustee Lazansky asked what the fee would be. Trustee Schimel the fee would be 1 ½% of the project. It was also asked if ADA or seniors would be charged the same fee. Trustee Schimel would look into this.

Trustee Zeedyk moved, duly seconded by Trustee Schimel to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-11, "An ordinance providing for the establishment of a Village concrete and roofing permit fees."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-12, "An ordinance to add an additional corporal to the Stickney Police Department."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky requested that Police Chief Ketch give an explanation why he is adding another corporal before they vote on it. Police Chief Ketch responded that there will be another person in charge of a shift. This will provide another person of lesser rank and there will be a monetary incentive as well. It costs more to pay the senior patrolman to cover for the sergeant on his days off. It also gives a little more rank for officers to shoot for.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli to accept the appointment of Jessica Torphy to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk to accept the appointment of Beth Lukas to the Executive Safety Committee.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk to approve the request for the 4200 block of Clinton to hold their block party on June 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Roll

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter was reviewed about the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District celebrating their 75th anniversary in 2010. They have requested that this event be acknowledged by asking the Village to recognize it on the 2010 Stickney Village stickers. It was explained that the Library Board President, Sylvia Hosek, will be taking the request to her board as to what image they will submit. It may be a picture of the library or the results of a proposed contest "hungry for knowledge". Either way, the Village has final approval of the what image will be used

The President reported that he is doing a 5K for Lions of Illinois Foundation walk and asked if anyone would consider sponsoring him.

The Clerk remarked on the June testing the functioning of the Pellet Factory on Metropolitan Water Reclamation District property.

Reports from the Trustees:

Trustee Mares gave a Parks & Recreation event update. In addition, he reported that he is looking into solving the flooding situation at the Ridgeland ball field. He will be contacting the Illinois Department of Natural Resources about Haley Park. Since they oversee the grant that we received for the park, they also control what we can and cannot do to the land. Cody felt that the park is too secluded with the mounds and bushes are hiding activity. Cody also gave recycling resource information for the residents.

Trustee Morelli accepted the treasurer's report for the month of April 2009.

Trustee Schimel announced that this is peak season for the building department, the home sales are slow and foreclosures are still coming in. He has been watching the street construction. There has been damage done to the buffalo box fracturing the water line to a home on Maple. This caused the basement to flood. A lot of dirt came in with it. Our Village plumbing people fixed it. That bill will be given to the contractor, Orange Crush. The woman's basement has to be cleaned and that bill will also be given to the contractor. There is another home at 4407 Wisconsin that also has water and it will be checked out tomorrow. Trustee Schimel alerted people to respond to the Village if they are having a problem related to the ongoing street construction. In addition, people are complaining over the displacement of their parking due to the construction. Some parking tickets were inadvertently issued that will be voided.

Trustee Lazansky asked how many houses are vacant in the Village. The count of 33 to 35 homes being foreclosed was given by Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez. Trustee Schimel responded that some people are still living in these foreclosed homes. He said they do go in to inspect these vacant homes. Occasionally they ask for protection when going into these homes. There were two more homes boarded up just this week. The blight inspector is aware of these homes. The police also watch these homes. Trustee Schimel said that the Village recoups the charges for boarding up or grass cutting for these homes.

Trustee Zeedyk gave the police report for the month of May. There were 944 calls, 127-911 calls, 56 dispatched 911 calls, 71 non-911s, 551 arrests, 1472 miscellaneous and investigation details, 14,755 squad miles, and 13,043 gallons of gasoline used giving the squads a little under 11 miles to the gallon.

We were informed by Trustee Zeedyk that he is working on the removal of the tree stumps in the Village. There are three or four companies giving quotes. The property will be filled with black dirt and seeded.

Reports from the department heads:

Fire Chief Larry Meyer informed us that his department was involved in a suspicious package report at the Berwyn Train Station. It was a package addressed to President Obama. The FBI took the letter.

We were also given information about a 10-month-old baby left in a newly vacated apartment on Harlem Avenue by the father who needed to run an errand. The new tenant found the sleeping child and notified authorities. DCFS was alerted to the situation. The child was taken to MacNeal to be checked out.

Police Chief Joe Kretch advised us that anyone involved in the street construction who has received parking notices need to contact him to resolve them. He also told us about a Police Department and Fire Department drill held at Edison School and Home School last week. It is called a "Suspicious Person Drill". It was last done three years ago. In the future it will be done three to four times per year. The drill involves an alert using the intercom within the school telling of a

suspicious person in the school. The school proceeds into a lock down situation. Every classroom goes through locking their doors and herding the students into a certain area of the room. The fire department is involved as well. The police then enter the building. Chief Kretch is in the process of obtaining keys to the buildings so the police can enter any door in an emergency. The police proceeded to conduct a sweep of the building and mark the area that has been found to be secure. This drill will prove to be beneficial to the teachers in handling such a situation.

In addition, we were told that there will be two fallen police officers buried this week at Mount Auburn Cemetery. One will be on Thursday and one on Saturday.

Public Works Supervisor, Joe Lopez reported that they will start sweeping the alleys. They will try to accomplish this twice this summer or more if needed. Public Works Water Operator Jason Bruscato gave us the latest information concerning the water consumer confidence report. He went into detail over how the test is performed and the results. The pamphlets will be mailed to the residents.

Treasurer, Kurt Kasnicka supplied information about the Village vehicle stickers and the recent mailing or the applications. He also told of the blight notices that have been mailed out.

Audience questions:

Bee Callahan from 41st and Grove sought information about over-flowing garbage cans or garbage cans that are broken. The President asked her to inform the Village Hall of these circumstances. He said we are certainly looking in to this blight issue.

Penny Gibas of 4425 Wisconsin wanted to know if the street construction people will replace her curbside walk they removed in order to replace the curbs. She was told by the President that what they take out they will replace. She also questioned Trustee Zeedyk about a lawsuit he had against the Village. He acknowledged that the suit has been dropped and that he is seeking no money from it.

Emily from 40th and Grove gave her feelings over Jill, the Haley Park Guard being let go. Police Chief Joe Kretch explained that the auxiliary police will be overseeing this aspect of patrolling. He described that they will be discreetly situated to observe activities. These officers are better trained for this.

Pat Sather of 6423 41st Street asked about a neighborhood watch program. Police Chief Joe Kretch said that he heard that one of his officers is looking into starting it again.

A woman named Smith living in the 3900 block of Wesley complained over people involved with the VFW disturbing the peace. She suggested that the VFW mandate a police security guard during the rentals of the facility. Police Chief Kretch remarked that it is possible with the patrons paying for the service.

Alice Vujtech of 3921 Wisconsin asked if there was an ordinance over what time someone can start to cut the grass. It appears that the Jewel Store had a service start their grass cutting at 6:15 a.m. The President said he would place a call to the store.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which, said Board of Trustees adopted the motion unanimously at 7:51 p.m. and President O'Reilly declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me, this 2nd day of June, 2009

Daniel A. O'Reilly, President