

VILLAGE OF STICKNEY
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approve Minutes of the Previous Regular Meeting
5. Authorize Payment of Bills
6. Ceremonial Swearing in of Police Service Dog "Ali"
7. Pass and Approve Ordinance No. 2022-06, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-195, Section 14-271, Section 14-274, And Section 14-276 Of The Municipal Code, Village Of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Abandoned Vehicle Towing And Impounding."
8. Report from the Mayor
 - a. Commendation of Student Writing Contest Winner Miss Nevaeh Reyes
9. Report from the Clerk
10. Trustee Reports/Committee Reports
11. Reports from Department Heads
12. Public Comments
13. Adjournment

Posted March 11, 2022

March 1, 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 wear a face mask at all times 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 Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom electronic means.

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

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Torres
Nays: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos 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, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Torres
Nays: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor informed us that the newsletter went to the printer today. It should be out in about a week. He is excited about the graphics and articles. The Mayor invited the Stickney seniors to a corned beef luncheon on March 14, at 12:00 at Saint Pius Church, lower level. March 13, Daylight saving time begins.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk spoke of an article in the Illinois Municipal League magazine that refers to some new changes that involve the filing of the Economic Statement of Economic Interest forms.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee White: He welcomed by Attorney Jessica Fese back to our meetings. We were told that our next board meeting will be back in person in the court room.

Trustee Savopoulos: Reported on Harlem-Pershing TIF. We start by-weekly meetings now to move this along. We will be posting the Public Notice soon.

Trustee Milenkovic: The Trustee provided us information on our homeowner's property tax. He suggested that we visit the website www.CookCountyBoardofReview.com The Stickney virtual event ends March 22. The Commissioner is Larry Rogers. In addition, our Arbor Day celebration is April 29. There will be a Tree Board meeting next week to organize the plans.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: Yesterday he accepted the resignation and retirement of Lieutenant George Cortez who has been a member of the Stickney Fire Department for 16 years. He is full-time at Fermi Laboratories. He recently became a Captain there. The job responsibilities, the travel and family is requiring him to retire from Stickney.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: Street sweeping will begin on April 1.

Police Chief James Sasseti: We will be participating in the Saint Patrick's Day Enforcement Campaign March 11 through the 18th. We will have extra officers on the street looking for alcohol and drug impaired drivers, seat belt usage, speeding and distracted driving. In addition, canine Ali and Officer Maday both passed their certification and began patrolling our streets this afternoon.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this day of , 2022

Jeff Walik, Mayor

Village of Stickney
Warrant Number 21-22-21

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST
FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING ON
March 15, 2022

Approval is hereby given to have the Village Treasurer of Stickney, Illinois pay to the
officers, employees, independent contractors, vendors and other providers of
goods and services in the indicated amounts as set forth.

A summary indicating the source of funds used to pay the above is as follows:

01 CORPORATE FUND		77,528.42
02 WATER FUND		23,133.48
03 MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND		21,956.40
05 1505 FUND		-
07 POLICE REVENUE SHARING FUND		-
08 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		-
09 BOND & INTEREST FUND		-
	Subtotal:	<u>122,618.30</u>
General Fund Payroll	3/15/2022	202,245.44
Water Fund Payroll	3/15/2022	<u>15,813.11</u>
	Subtotal:	<u>218,058.54</u>
Total to be Approved by Village Council		<u>340,676.84</u>

Approvals:

Jeff Walik, Mayor

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Treasurer

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Check/Voucher Register - Check Register
01 - General Fund
From 3/1/2022 Through 3/15/2022

Check Number	Vendor Name	Effective Date	Check Amount
504726	Irene Heroldt	3/3/2022	(1,500.00)
504772	CPURX, Inc.	3/2/2022	(3,304.50)
504915	CPURX, Inc.	3/2/2022	(4,934.22)
504935	Knox Company	3/3/2022	(1,166.00)
504979	Artistic Engraving	3/3/2022	(410.00)
505022	CPURX, Inc.	3/2/2022	11,327.72
505023	ABC Automotive Electronics	3/3/2022	1,550.00
505024	Air Comfort	3/3/2022	1,297.05
505026	American Carnival Mart	3/3/2022	616.00
505027	Artistic Engraving	3/3/2022	139.25
505028	Bell Fuels, Inc.	3/3/2022	7,572.70
505030	CINTAS #769	3/3/2022	1,273.02
505031	Clear View	3/3/2022	328.00
505032	Comcast Business	3/3/2022	2,473.87
505035	Costco - Citicard	3/3/2022	40.68
505036	CWF Restoration	3/3/2022	1,300.00
505037	Cynthia Echevarria	3/3/2022	750.00
505038	Forest View Dunkin Donuts	3/3/2022	72.13
505039	Freeway Ford - Sterling Truck Sales, Inc.	3/3/2022	516.60
505040	Google LLC	3/3/2022	221.99
505041	Illinois Secretary of State	3/3/2022	155.00
505042	Johnson Controls Security Solutions	3/3/2022	1,331.82
505045	N.E.M.R.T.	3/3/2022	255.00
505046	Occupational Health Centers of Illinois,...	3/3/2022	212.00
505047	Ruben Quintana	3/3/2022	1,570.00
505049	RAY O'HERRON CO. INC.	3/3/2022	130.00
505050	Rebecca Maday	3/3/2022	130.00
505051	Reliable Fire & Security	3/3/2022	830.00
505052	Shaw Media	3/3/2022	80.78
505055	STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	3/3/2022	988.30
505057	West Central Municipal Conference	3/3/2022	2,636.82
505058	Comcast Business	3/3/2022	1,669.45
505060	Stickney-Forest View Little League	3/3/2022	1,500.00
505065	Kym Frankovelgia	3/7/2022	300.00
505067	Zeppol	3/7/2022	170.30
505068	Mike Minich	3/10/2022	830.30
505069	A Beep , LLC	3/10/2022	915.00
505070	Abila	3/10/2022	853.17
505071	Advocate Christ Medical Center	3/10/2022	400.00
505074	B and B Maintenance, Inc	3/10/2022	1,560.00
505075	Bell Fuels, Inc.	3/10/2022	1,641.02
505076	Comcast	3/10/2022	65.98
505078	Dearborn National	3/10/2022	1,149.89
505079	Equipment Management Company	3/10/2022	1,568.00
505081	Fullmer Locksmith Service	3/10/2022	16.00
505082	Gas Plus Corp	3/10/2022	341.81
505083	Illinois Secretary of State	3/10/2022	8.00
505084	Java Breeze	3/10/2022	126.00
505086	Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S....	3/10/2022	451.14
505087	Menards - Hodgkins	3/10/2022	40.81
505088	Mid-States Organized Crime Informati...	3/10/2022	112.50
505089	Minuteman Press of Lyons	3/10/2022	547.84
505090	Municipal Emergency Services	3/10/2022	1,290.00
505091	Municipal Code Corporation	3/10/2022	926.48
505092	NAPA AUTO PARTS	3/10/2022	1.73

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01 - General Fund
From 3/1/2022 Through 3/15/2022

Check Number	Vendor Name	Effective Date	Check Amount
505093	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	3/10/2022	500.00
505094	O'Reilly First Call	3/10/2022	249.56
505095	RAY O'HERRON CO. INC.	3/10/2022	135.97
505096	Shaw Media	3/10/2022	80.78
505097	St. Plus X Catholic Church	3/10/2022	200.00
505098	WASTE MANAGEMENT	3/10/2022	30,467.68
505099	Widaman Sign	3/10/2022	1,025.00
505100	Yuritz RC Landscaping Inc	3/10/2022	1,900.00
Total 01 - General Fund			77,528.42

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Check/Voucher Register - Check Register
02 - Water Fund
From 3/1/2022 Through 3/15/2022

Check Number	Vendor Name	Effective Date	Check Amount
504992	Interstate Billing Service Inc.	3/3/2022	(266.95)
505025	ALEXANDER CHEMICAL CORPORATION	3/3/2022	185.00
505028	Bell Fuels, Inc.	3/3/2022	3,786.36
505029	Brookfield Auto Center	3/3/2022	682.80
505030	CINTAS #769	3/3/2022	1,273.02
505035	Costco - Citicard	3/3/2022	1,052.14
505042	Johnson Controls Security Solutions	3/3/2022	330.80
505043	Lehigh Hanson	3/3/2022	2,352.71
505044	Metropolitan Industries, Inc	3/3/2022	682.50
505048	RAG's Electric	3/3/2022	465.00
505053	S & S Industrial Supply	3/3/2022	361.00
505054	Standard Equipment Company	3/3/2022	1,564.98
505061	Interstate Billing Service Inc.	3/3/2022	266.95
505062	Comcast	3/7/2022	187.05
505064	ETP LABS INC.	3/7/2022	120.00
505066	Lehigh Hanson	3/7/2022	883.06
505072	ALEXANDER CHEMICAL CORPORATION	3/10/2022	1,162.00
505073	AUTOMATIC CONTROL SERVICES	3/10/2022	209.00
505075	Bell Fuels, Inc.	3/10/2022	820.50
505080	Ferguson Waterworks	3/10/2022	6,621.00
505085	K-Five Hodgkins, LLC	3/10/2022	145.00
505094	O'Reilly First Call	3/10/2022	249.56
Total 02 - Water Fund			23,133.48

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Check/Voucher Register - Check Register
03 - Motor Fuel Tax Fund
From 3/1/2022 Through 3/15/2022

Check Number	Vendor Name	Effective Date	Check Amount
505033	ComEd	3/3/2022	251.60
505034	Compass Minerals	3/3/2022	12,879.12
505056	Truck King Hauling Contractors, Inc.	3/3/2022	802.95
505059	ComEd	3/3/2022	3,896.46
505063	ComEd	3/7/2022	4,102.70
505077	ComEd	3/10/2022	23.57
	Total 03 - Motor Fuel Tax Fund		21,956.40
Report Total			122,618.30

Stickney Police Department



JAMES T. SASSETTI
Chief of Police

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Stickney, Illinois 60402
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JEFF WALIK
Mayor

March 3, 2022

Re: Request for Ceremonial Swearing in of Police Service Dog "Ali"

Honorable Mayor Jeff Walik and Village Trustees,

Since approximately 1998, the Village of Stickney has not had a serviceable police canine. On December 31, 2021 in cooperation with the Village of Forest View, the Stickney Police Department took possession of police canine Ali. Ali is a 4-year old dual purpose Police Service Dog (PSD). Officer Rebecca Maday was chosen to be Ali's handler and begun certification training in mid-January.

On Saturday, March 01, 2022 Officer Maday and PSD Ali successfully completed their 6-week police K-9 training course and subsequently passed all required certification exams. On March 02, 2022, Ofc. Maday and PSD Ali began patrolling the Village

To welcome Ali to our Village, Police Department and community as a whole, I respectfully request that Ali ceremonially be sworn in at the March 15th, 2022 Village Board Meeting. Thank you in advance for your consideration with this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Sassetti".

James T. Sassetti
Chief of Police

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-195, SECTION 14-271, SECTION 14-274, AND SECTION 14-276 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, ILLINOIS REGARDING ABANDONED VEHICLE TOWING AND IMPOUNDING

WHEREAS, the Village of Stickney (the "Village") is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs, and to review, interpret, and amend its ordinances, rules, and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village President (the "President") and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Village Board" and with the President, the "Corporate Authorities") are committed to ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of individuals residing in, working in, and visiting the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois (the "Village Code") currently sets forth certain regulations for the towing and relocation of abandoned vehicles (the "Existing Regulations"); and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities recognize the need to amend, update, and clarify the Existing Regulations from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities find that abandoned vehicles parked on any highway, public way, or public property in violation of the Village's regulations cause a public nuisance and a public safety hazard by preventing the appropriate flow of traffic and by reducing available parking within the Village; and

WHEREAS, based upon the foregoing, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to amend Chapter 14, Section 14-195, Section 14-271, Section 14-274, and Section 14-276 of the Village Code as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION CLAUSE.

The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true, and correct and do hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them part of this Ordinance as legislative findings.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 14, Section 14-195, Section 14-271, Section 14-274, and Section 14-276 of the Village Code to update, amend, and clarify the Village's Existing Regulations, and to authorize the President or his designee to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE II.
AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-195, SECTION 14-271, SECTION 14-274,
AND SECTION 14-276 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, ILLINOIS.

SECTION 3.0 AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-195.

That the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution, or Village Code section to the contrary, by amending Chapter 14, Section 14-195 by striking out any language to be removed or repealed and underlining the new language as follows:

Sec. 14-195. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Abandoned vehicle means a motor vehicle or any other vehicle parked or otherwise located on the public way or public property and:

- (1) In such a state of disrepair that it is incapable of being driven; or
- (2) That has been unmoved for a period of five consecutive ~~seven~~ days.

Accident involved vehicle means a vehicle that is inoperable due to an accident and that is located so as to constitute an obstruction to the normal flow of traffic.

Business day means any day in which the office of the village clerk is open to the public for a minimum of seven hours.

Derelict motor vehicle means a vehicle that lacks wheels, motor, transmission, battery or any other component part such that it is inoperable and constitutes a hazard to the public.

Hazardous vehicle means a vehicle on any public way that, by its condition or location, constitutes a clear and present danger to the safety of the public or an obstruction to the normal flow of traffic. A vehicle is presumed to be hazardous when the vehicle has an uncovered cargo area, including, but not limited to, a pickup truck, and the uncovered cargo area contains cargo above the top portion of the manufacturer-provided sidewall of the cargo area.

Impound lot means any real property owned by or in the lawful possession or control of the tow service for which will be properly used in accordance with the zoning laws of the village for the relocation to and storage of vehicles as provided for by the Code.

Motor vehicle means every vehicle which is self-propelled, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, vans, motorcycles and motor scooters.

No parking obstruction vehicle means a motor vehicle located on a public way at a time or in such a manner as to be in violation of chapter 14, article III, division 7.

Owner means the registered or legal owner or person who is otherwise entitled to possession of the motor vehicle, including those persons who possess a vehicle by operation of a lease agreement.

Police chief shall mean the chief of police of the village police department, or his authorized designee.

Tow service means any company or service provider that is licensed by the state and that operates at least one tow vehicle, as defined in this division.

Tow vehicle means any truck permanently equipped with booms, towbars, winches, dollies or similar equipment maintained and designed for the recovery and transportation of vehicles, which adhere to the specifications for tow trucks enumerated in Illinois Compiled Statutes, 625 ILCS 5/12-606.

Vehicle parked on public and/or private property without consent means a motor vehicle:

- (1) Parked in a public parking lot or in a private parking lot without the consent of the lot owner, proprietor or agent of the property, which person has requested that, at the expense of the motor vehicle owner, the motor vehicle be towed; or
- (2) Located on private property when the property owner, proprietor or agent is unknown and the motor vehicle owner cannot be determined or contacted.

SECTION 3.1 AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-271.

That the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution, or Village Code section to the contrary, by amending Chapter 14, Section 14-271 by striking out any language to be removed or repealed and underlining the new language as follows:

Sec. 14-271. - Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Abandoned vehicle means ~~any motor vehicle or any other vehicle in a state of disrepair rendering it incapable of being driven in its condition, or any motor vehicle or other motor vehicle that has not been moved or used for five consecutive days or more and is apparently deserted.~~ a motor vehicle or any other vehicle parked or otherwise located on the public way or public property and:

- (1) In such a state of disrepair that it is incapable of being driven; or
- (2) That has been unmoved for a period of five consecutive days.

Antique vehicle means a motor vehicle that is more than 25 years of age or a bona fide replica thereof and which is driven on the highways only going to and returning from an antique auto show or an exhibition or for servicing or demonstration, or a fire-fighting vehicle more than 20 years old which is not used as fire-fighting equipment, but is used only for the purpose of exhibition or demonstration.

SECTION 3.2 AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-274.

That the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution, or Village Code section to the contrary, by amending Chapter 14, Section 14-274 by underlining the new language as follows:

Sec. 14-274. - Removal of abandoned or unattended vehicle located on highway.

When a vehicle is abandoned or left unattended upon a highway or public property in this village and the vehicle poses a public danger or nuisance, the chief of police may authorize a towing service to relocate or tow and impound the vehicle.

Registered owners of vehicles that have not moved or are inoperable as defined by the definition for abandoned vehicles shall have a notice posted to their vehicle or otherwise issued, and a notice sent by certified or registered mail informing the registered owner that the vehicle will be deemed an abandoned vehicle if it has not been moved or operated in five business consecutive days and it will be towed on the sixth business day if the vehicle is not relocated. The registered owner shall be responsible for the costs of the towing, the storage of the vehicle, and an administrative penalty of \$750.00.

SECTION 3.3 AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-276.

That the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution, or Village Code section to the contrary, by amending Chapter 14, Section 14-276 by striking out any language to be removed or repealed and underlining the new language as follows:

Sec. 14-276. - Vehicle located on private property.

The chief of police is hereby authorized to order the removal and impoundment of any vehicle illegally abandoned upon private property after said vehicle has remained upon said property for a period of seven-five days.

SECTION 3.4 OTHER ACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

The officers, employees, and/or agents of the Village shall take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the amendments contemplated by this Ordinance and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith, including, but not limited to, the installation of any street or parking signs as contemplated herein. The officers, employees, and/or agents of the Village are specifically authorized and directed to draft and disseminate any and all necessary forms or notices to be utilized in connection with the intent of this Ordinance.

**ARTICLE III.
HEADINGS, SAVINGS CLAUSES, PUBLICATION,
EFFECTIVE DATE**

SECTION 4. HEADINGS.

The headings of the articles, sections, paragraphs, and subparagraphs of this Ordinance are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Ordinance nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision of this Ordinance be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute, or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable, and as though not provided for herein and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid, and in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SUPERSEDER.

All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules, and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

A full, true, and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form or in a newspaper published and of general circulation within the Village as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective and in full force ten (10) days after its passage, approval and publication in accordance with Illinois law.

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PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

APPROVED by me this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Jeff Walik, President

ATTESTED AND FILED in my
office this ____ day of _____, 2022.

Beth Lukas, Deputy Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF STICKNEY

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Village President

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Tim Kapolnek

Village Trustees
Mitchell Milenkovic
Sam Savopoulos

Leandra Torres
Jeff White



Audrey McAdams
Village Clerk

Dear Ms. Nevaeh Reyes,

March 1, 2022

On behalf of myself, Mayor Jeff Walik, and the Village of Stickney Officials we want to congratulate you for winning the student writing contest that you participated in at Home School.

It is exciting that your story was selected and published online. What an amazing accomplishment.

I'm sure children all over the world can relate to your words, your story. We are so proud of you as I'm sure your family, friends, and your classmates are.

Keep up the good work.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Walik".

Mayor, Jeff Walik

