

**November 7, 2018**

**State of Illinois**

**County of Cook**

**Village of Stickney**

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at 7:04 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:**

**Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**

**Absent: Trustee Torres**

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, October 16, 2018.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**

**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.**

**Prior to the vote, Trustee Jeff White provided a summary indicating the source of funds used to pay the bills and the totals to be approved. Treasurer Paul Nosek was absent.**

**Corporate Fund: \$81,005.88**

**Motor Fuel Tax Fund: \$0**

**Badge Fund: \$0**

**Water Fund: \$203,333.29**  
**Police Pension Fund: \$0**  
**911 Account: \$0**  
**1505 Account: \$0**  
**Family Day: \$0**  
**Police Revenue Sharing: \$0**  
**Capital Projects Fund: \$11,877.85**  
**Bond & Interest Fund: \$0**  
**Subtotal: \$296,217.02**  
**General Fund Payroll: \$119,338.69**  
**Water Fund Payroll: \$11,062.17**  
**Subtotal: \$130,400.86**  
**Total to be approved by Village Trustees: \$426,617.88**

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**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**

**Absent: Trustee Torres**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**At this time the Mayor read the following proclamation:**

**PROCLAMATION**

**IN APPRECIATION TO**

**MAIL CARRIER DONALD BARRETT**

**WHEREAS, Don Barrett became a mail carrier 46 years ago after serving in the Army for two years; and**

**WHEREAS, Don has been married to Diane for 47 years and lived in Stickney for most of those years; and**

**WHEREAS, During his time as a mail carrier he watched his family grow to two sons and two grandchildren; and**

**WHEREAS, The weather was not a force that stopped Don, he walked the same path each day and we watched Don's hair go gray; and**

**WHEREAS, Donald was the first to see our tax bills and political promotions; and**

**WHEREAS, Don took personal ownership of our streets watching the fabric of our community change and its children grow up; and**

WHEREAS, Don had the reputation of giving personalized attention with his kindly genuine concern for everyone on his route; and

WHEREAS, After October 30, 2018 when he retires, Stickney will miss Don Barrett's friendly face; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeff Walik, President of the Village of Stickney, do hereby proclaim November 7, 2018 as Donald Barrett Day in the Village of Stickney for his dedicated service and as a staple in our community and will be missed.

**Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2018-43" "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-141 and Division 9 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Vehicle Immobilization, Towing and Impounding"**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**

**Absent: Trustee Torres**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Prior to the vote, Mayor Walik explained this is an update again for people with five unpaid parking tickets we will tow their car.**

**Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2018-44, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-120 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois regarding stop streets"**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**

**Absent: Trustee Torres**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Prior to the vote, Mayor Walik said this is working in conjunction with and assisting our neighboring community of Forest View. They are putting up stop signs along 45<sup>th</sup> Street. We will complete the coverage with stop signs on 45<sup>th</sup> and Kenilworth and 45<sup>th</sup> and Grove.**

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**We have serious traffic problems with people speeding, cutting through town and disobeying every traffic law.**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2018-45, "An Ordinance Providing for the issuance of Not to Exceed \$6,500,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2018 of the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois and for the Levy of a Direct Annual Tax Sufficient to Pay the Principal and Interest on said Bonds"**

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

**Ayes:** Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

**Absent:** Trustee Torres

**Nays:** None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Attorney James M. Vasselli informed us that Ordinance 2018-45 provides for the issuance of refunding bonds. The Village will refund the outstanding 2008 and 2011 bonds. This refunding does come with the recommendations of the financial advisors of the Village. It will result in a cost savings to the Village. Trustee White commented that we had bonds from 2008 and 2011 that were roughly \$9 million. Our balance right now is less than \$6.4 million. We put "not to exceed \$6.5" in the ordinance because of the fees. But by refunding these bonds, we will still be whole in 2028. He believes it is the same end date. We are taking advantage of low interest rates now and we don't expect them to go any lower. We will save about \$300,000 over the term by refunding now. The Mayor explained that Attorney Vasselli is a specialist in bonds and works for Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Congratulated Don Barrett on his retirement and wished Don and his wife good luck. The LED lighting is completed in our Village. The savings is expected to come back to us in two years. We are working on ComEd to get our parks done. The Mayor met with Representative Mike Zalewski and he is receptive in helping us with grants or bond issues. Trustee White added that Representative Zalewski's law firm will be handling our end of the bond reissuance. In addition, the Mayor invited everyone to our Veteran's Day ceremony at 39<sup>th</sup> and Ridgeland on Sunday, November 11, at 11:00. There will be a lite lunch at the American Legion. The Mayor informed us that he met with Commissioner Tobolski to discuss resurfacing 45<sup>th</sup> Street. He will help us get our paperwork together. We showed him pictures. The approximate cost is \$672,000. The Commissioner said he would get us \$100,000 towards that. Eventually he agreed to give us \$200,000. He suggested that we get back to him in the Spring when he may be able to give us another \$100,000.

Attorney Vasselli injected a change of information that the bonds could go out until 2029. He added in that they closed last week on the sale of the Sokol property. It was owned by the Village. It will eventually have two single-family homes built on the land. This will allow the properties to go back on the tax rolls to generate income for the Village.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The Clerk read a Thank You note to the fire department.

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**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee White** spoke about having Don Barrett as his mailman for some 29 years. He felt that people who work on a job for 46 years is a thing of the past. The opportunities don't exist anymore.

Trustee Savopoulos brought us information on the plans for two pavilions (15' x 20') that will be built at the Veteran's Memorial. It has been the Mayor's vision. The cost will all be donated. Koppers will be building it. Robert Andreas will be doing the concrete. Trustee Savopoulos showed pictures of the plans. It should be ready in April 2019.

Trustee Milenkovic reported on the Midway Noise Compatibility meeting on October 25. There were two noise complaints from Stickney. The third quarter decibel level was 53.4. Last year it was 54.9. In addition, Operation Support Our Troops is going great. We should be completing it at the end of November.

Trustee Kapolnek provided information about the addition of Vietnam veterans to the Honor Flight Chicago. Applications will be available in the lobby.

Trustee Hrejsa lamented over the loss of Don Barrett as their mailman.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Deputy Police Chief Jaczak addressed the Vehicular Mobilization Program (the boot) has been changed. Over the last nine months it has been successful and brought in tens of thousands of dollars. Unfortunately someone was able to move their vehicle and get the boot off of it. Our officers were able to find the vehicle in Lyons. They arrested the individual and recovered the boot which was damaged. Now what we are able to do is, with adequate notice (which is in compliance with state law) we can just remove the vehicle when we see it. We don't have to put a boot on it anymore. The Mayor brought up the stop signs. Luckily we have been OK in Stickney. But, there have been horrendous traffic accidents everywhere. Lots of children that have been hit are on the news lately. Sergeant Figueroa has been overseeing the stop signs in the Village. We have traffic cars dedicated to traffic enforcement a couple of hours in the morning and afternoon. Since yesterday morning they have written two dozen traffic tickets. This afternoon they arrested two more. We are stepping up our enforcement to ticket people from out of town who don't belong here. Lastly, our dispatch consolidation is still being worked on. We had a site visit from Comcast because we need connection between us and Cicero. Cicero is filing for permits from the state to get the work done.

Fire Chief Boyajian wished Don Barrett best of luck.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez advised us that the leaf program started this week. The leaf vacuum broke a belt. It was repaired. The sweeper is broken and needs repairs to the front wheel seals. Some residents were placing their leaves out front in bags. This can't be done. Waste Management doesn't allow plastic bags in the recycling. Tree trimming is going on. All individual houses will be done first.

**Tomorrow some entire blocks will be done. Although Monday is a holiday, we will be working to pick up the leaves. They received a recommendation from an individual that pushing the leaves to a big pile and then have the leaf vacuum pick them up. It does save time. The trucks are ready for snow. The Mayor admitted that the Public Works employees are taking their time and doing a great job on the streets. Three guys volunteered to take Friday off and come in on Veteran's Day to keep the streets clean.**

**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 7:40 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk**

**Approved by me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018**

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**Jeff Walik, Mayor**