

December 6, 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, December 6, 2016 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 Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Rivadeneira, Savopoulos and White**

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes, to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on November 15, 2016 as submitted by the clerk.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Rivadeneira, Savopoulos and White
Nays: None
President Morelli declared the motion carried.**

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa, to approve the payment of the bills.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Rivadeneira, Savopoulos and White
Nays: None
President Morelli declared the motion carried.**

The mayor announced the awards and recognitions of the Stickney Police Officers.

Police Chief John Sladetz explained that it is customary for the Deputy Police Chief or Commander to nominate officers for a job above and beyond their normal duties. Deputy Police Chief Rich Jaczak wrote the Chief and asked that the following Police personnel be recognized for the following two events:

On August 7, 2016 at 8:31 p.m. the Stickney Police Department received calls of shootings with multiple victims at Hawthorne Race Course. Police Officers from Stickney, as well as numerous surrounding jurisdictions, responded to HRC which was hosting the annual "Belize Fest". HRC had in excess of 1500 attendees at the event.

Sergeant William Merrill, Officer Sean Poindexter and Officer Ashley Sinkewich responded to the scene where Detective Corporal Cruz Ortiz was already present. During the resulting melee, two gunshot victims were located and multiple offenders were taken into custody. The bravery and composure of our first responders both potentially saved lives and removed dangerous felons from the street. While multiple police and fire agencies were responding, Telecommunicator

Kevin Kozelka was the only dispatcher on duty and, inexplicably, was able to remain composed and handle all necessary duties.

After the initial scene was secure other members assisted our first responders without hesitation. Detective Corporal Kevin McGuire responded as an investigator and Corporal Collin Lochridge and Officer Pedro Garcia reported for duty to provide patrol coverage. Dispatch Supervisor Dave Gesiorski responded to the station to assist with radio communications as well as other ancillary duties.

The extraordinary and courageous efforts of those named above saved lives, resulted in multiple felony charges and removed a gun from the hands of a violent individual. I am respectfully requesting the involved members of the Stickney Police Department be recognized for their actions.

At this point Police Chief John Sladetz presented Sergeant William Merrill, Officer Sean Poindexter, Officer Ashley Sinkewich and Telecommunicator Kevin Kozelka with a Certificate of Department Commendation. Honorable Mention awards were given to Detective Corporal Kevin McGuire and Corporal Collin Lochridge.

This is the second event recognized by Police Chief John Sladetz:

On Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 6:01 p.m. the Stickney 911 Center received a call of an unresponsive subject at Hawthorne Race Course. Police and Fire responded and discovered a male with stab wounds who succumbed to his injuries.

The Stickney Police, with assistance from the Major Case Assistance Team, initiated a homicide investigation. This case was a collaborative effort in every imaginable sense. The crime scene was preserved, witnesses were initially provided with protection (as there was literally a killer on the loose), the offender was located hiding in a relatives' home, eight search warrants were executed and dozens of interviews (including some children sensitive) were conducted. During this time the Department continued to provide patrol coverage throughout the Village.

The Stickney Police Department worked both professionally and tirelessly. Fifty hours after the stabbing, Miguel Salgado was charged with First Degree Murder.

Deputy Police Chief Rich Jaczak requested that Sergeant Merrill, Officer Poindexter, Officer Sinkewish, Telecommunicator Babiarz, Telecommunicator Kozelka, Detective Corporal Ortiz, Detective Corporal McGuire, Corporal Lochridge, Officer Garcia, Officer Guzman, Officer Lopez, Telecommunicator Supervisor Gesiorski and Telecommunicator Alicea-Zink received Department Commendations.

In addition, Chief Sladetz stated, "We have the best suburban police department in Cook County if not the whole state."

Trustee Fuentes moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to pass and approve Ordinance 2016-25, "The 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Fiscal Year, beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Rivadeneira and White

Nays: Trustees Hrejsa, Milenkovic and Savopoulos

The Mayor voted Yes to break the tie.

President Morelli declared the motion carried pursuant to the Mayor's vote.

Prior to the Mayor actually voting, Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told the Mayor that it is a tie. The vote does not carry. He then said, "The vote carried pursuant to the Mayor's vote."

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to pass and approve Ordinance 2016-26, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Stickney and the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Rivadeneira, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve Resolution 16-2016, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Certain Agreement with Current Technologies Corporation for the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Rivadeneira, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the appointment of Trustee Edwin Rivadeneira to fill all vacancies on the Trustee Committee previously filled by former Trustee Lazansky.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Rivadeneira, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the request from the Stickney- Forest View Lions Club to conduct Holiday Lights Recycling for Sight Event by placing a container in the Village lobby and distribution of fliers through the Village.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Rivadeneira, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

PRESIDENT REPORT: She thanked those that did attend and those who helped at the senior luncheon on December 3. It turned out really well. The entertainment was from the grammar school in LaGrange again. The seniors like it. The mayor then thanked the Parks and Recreation Committee for their help. The family Christmas party was at the Recreation Center. She thanked those that helped. She thanked Villa Nova for donating 25 pizzas for the Christmas party. We had the distribution of

turkeys for families in need. Jewel Store did a lot to help. She referred to the Village newsletter for additional information.

The mayor then said, "It was brought to my attention that we don't really have anything pressing on December 20, 2016 which would be our second meeting of this month. Since everything went with the tax levy, so at this time I would like to tell everyone that we won't have a meeting for our second meeting. I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Thank you."

Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo asked that we have a motion to cancel the second meeting of the month.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Rivadeneira to cancel the second meeting of the month.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Rivadeneira, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

CLERKS' REPORT: Clerk McAdams said, "Since our mayor cancelled the December 20, 2016 meeting, what we normally do at that meeting is to approve the dates for the 2017 board meetings. Since I was not privy to any of this, I will only give you the dates for January. It will be January 3 and 17, 2017. On January 3, I will give you all the 2017 meeting dates. In addition, one of the jobs of the Stickney Clerk is to serve as the Local Election Official or Specialist. The 2017 Consolidated Election Petition Filing dates were given. The objection filing dates were given as well as the lottery date. In addition the clerk provided information on a Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program to help people with their heating bills.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS: Trustee Fuentes Trustee Fuentes gave the fire department report for the month of November, 2016 as follows: Ambulance calls: 47; Mutual Aid Calls: 6; Service Calls: 8; Fire Calls: 10; Hazardous Condition Calls: 0; Motor Vehicle Accidents: 7; Working Fires: 0; Brush/Trash Fire Calls: 0; Car Fires: 0; Outside Equipment Fires: 0; Total calls for the month of: November 78; Total calls for 2016: 1015.

In addition, Trustee Fuentes thanked everybody for participating in the food drive. The Home School Student Counsel raised over 900 non-perishable items. We distributed everything the weekend before Thanksgiving to the residents in need ie. people who came forward, people who were recommended by others in the town or we heard through the schools. Hopefully next year we could match that or go above and beyond. The coat drive will continue for another week. They will distribute them to the schools prior to the Christmas break. She then thanked the people involved in the senior luncheon and the children's party. The next Parks & Rec. meeting will be January 10.

Trustee Hrejsa advised people to shovel their sidewalks. She mentioned that it is a myth that if you shovel and someone falls, you would be liable. That is not true. She sees a lot of people walking in the streets.

Trustee Rivadeneira gave the Police Department Total Monthly Activity Report for the month of November, 2016: Total number of calls for service; 1,324; Total number of E911 calls received; 422; Arrest by type: Traffic: 75; Village Ordinance Offences: 22; Warrants and Complaints: 10; Parking violations: 182; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 289; Total number of squad miles: 9,139; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,080.2 gallons; Average gas mileage/squad: 8.460 mpg.

He added in Christmas greetings.

Trustee Milenkovic reminded us that tomorrow is Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day. He asked that people reflect on what happened that day. Operation Support Our Troops collection will end soon. Within a week or so they will make the delivery to the Lisle warehouse. The Friends of the Library will be sponsoring Santa Clause on December 20, at 6:00 p.m. He asked that people register so they have enough snacks. There will be photos taken. Next, Trustee Milenkovic said, "I have had a few residents ask me if the Village is suing Jeff Walik. I told them that I would ask about it at the meeting here. Attorney Del Galdo, is there any truth to that? Is the Village of Stickney suing Jeff Walik?" Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo responded, "Not to my knowledge." Trustee Milenkovic asked Stickney Police Chief John Sladetz, "Is there any investigation going on with Jeff Walik stealing money?" Stickney Police Chief John Sladetz answered, "No there isn't." Trustee Milenkovic asked Stickney Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka, "Does Jeff Walik owe the Village any money?" Stickney Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka responded, "Not that I am aware of." Trustee Milenkovic said, "Thank you. Again, several residents asked me and I said I would find out tonight. He finished by saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee Savopoulos informed everyone that there is a public meeting at the Holiday Inn in Countryside on December 7, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It pertains to the I-55 corridor between I-355 and I-90. They will talk about the addition of one lane in each direction within the existing median of I-55. The new managed lane will be proposed as a tolled Express Toll Lane. The scope of the work will be discussed including drainage improvements and installation of noise walls.

In addition, Trustee Savopoulos said, "I would like to remind Mayor Morelli that it is unethical to pass out political propaganda at a Village paid event. He asked her to refrain from doing so in the future. Thank you."

Trustee White said, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. It is a happy time of year for most everybody. A time where you care, you share and give gifts. Unfortunately it is the time for the scams. I received two phone calls within the last two days. The calls came from 309 area code another came from a 217 area code. He wanted everybody to have a happy holiday and not give money to people over the phone. If they are knocking on your door and you are leery, just call the police."

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Sladetz once again we had the murder and it is done. He updated us on the Toys for Tots Drive. There are about 150 toys. He is

about ready to take them to the Marine Reserve unit on Foster and Kedzie. The collection runs to December 18. Christmas and New Year greeting were given.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian informed us that the leaf program is over for this year. We are now in the plowing and salt mode. He asked people to rake up their remaining leaves and they would pick them up through the month of December. He reminded people that the snow restrictions are two inches or more. He suggested that people check the information signs throughout the Village. Snow removal takes precedent over any street cleaning. East Avenue is done. There is a slight problem that he is working on with the engineer. It will be rectified in the spring. The generator will be dropped off in a couple of days. We are a little behind due to truck issues and manpower issues. Public Works Supervisor Boyajian then made the following announcement, "I don't know if you all know. Sam Alonzo who is an employee of Public Works and the Fire Department, last week he was notified at 10:00 a.m. that his fiancée was rushed to the hospital. She had a massive heartache. They shocked her four times. She had open heart surgery on Friday. She is now back at home. She is 37 years old. There is a heart-to-heart benefit this weekend. They had to postpone their wedding which was scheduled for December 10." Lastly, he received a letter from Com Ed for a planned power outage from Pershing Road to 40th from Grove to Clinton Avenue from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to repair a damaged disk on all three lines.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer referenced the information we learned about Sam Alonzo's fiancée. Last week the fire department held a CPR course called Friends and Family. It is the quickest course that takes a couple of hours with a focus on children and family. He then referred to how important it was when Sam Alonzo's fiancée collapsed at work. One of her coworkers knew CPR and kept her alive until the paramedics arrived. She is alive. The fire department offers CPR classes and sometime only five or six people show up. Thankfully this happened when people were around her.

In addition, the insurance company inspection was held last week. They didn't like some of their storage methods upstairs. They had to move things around. During this they found that the hot water tank was leaking. It is a 200 gallon commercial tank. One of our engines is getting new brakes. It also requires new tires because of age. Holiday greets were given.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka reminded us that the administrative offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26. The offices will be closed on January 2, 2017 for New Years Day.

The Mayor mentioned, "The unethical problem that you were referring to covers both sides, not just the mayor." Trustee Savopoulos said, "We didn't pass out anything." The Mayor said, "No, but if you reflect back at the Fall Festival I think there were enough people who saw yellow t-shirts over there in the middle of the fest. I know that a lot of people got t-shirts. I don't want this to turn into an argument."

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.

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Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 4th day of January, 2017

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor