

May 17, 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, May 17, 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, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, May 3, 2016.

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

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of February, 2016 indicating the sum of \$33,671.96.

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

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the month of April, 2016 in the amount of \$15,443.67.

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

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to pass and approve Ordinance 2016-14, "An Ordinance Amending Ambulance Fees."

Prior to the vote Trustee Fuentes stated that at the last board meeting we said that we were going to add this to the agenda. She said that she is not opposed to increasing the fees; she just wondered how it jumped from adding it to the agenda to already having the fees set up. Trustee White responded that he got a call from one of the attorneys from Village Attorney Del Galdo's Law Firm asking what we wanted to do about that. Trustee White told him that we needed to get up to speed to be in line with everybody around us with their fees. He then directed him to the Fire Chief. The Chief provided him with the chart that he had with the fees.

Mayor Morelli then introduced Kristen Anzelmo and Don Bettenhausen. The speakers were from Medical Reimbursement Service. Mr. Bettenhausen said that they did look over our rates and they were well below the average of other municipalities' rates. The last increase we did was in 2011. The times are changing and the costs are rising. At MBS Care they do work with the chief. We do serve at the pleasure of the village. Kristen Anzelmo spoke of the higher rates in the surrounding communities. She informed us of the Portable Care Act and those changes. They are seeing a lot of replacement plans. They used to be paid at commercial insurance Blue/Cross Blue/Shield rates that are now Blue Cross/Blue Shield replacement plans that are being paid at Medicaid rates. They feel that it is important that we keep our rates current. Medicare offers between a 2 and 4% increase in their allowables each year. We recommend to our clients that they pass that on so that you always stay current with your rates. We recommended to the Chief that now is the time to get in there to get your rates up to what they should be with the surrounding communities.

A question came from audience member Donald Tabor. He wanted to know what that means to the people of Stickney who call for an ambulance. He was told by Trustee White that residents are not going to be charged. Fire Chief Meyer explained that we take whatever the insurance or Medicare pays. He asked that people call with the balance and they write off whatever is owed. Trustee White further explained that it is for non-residents for an accident.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Fuentes moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to grant permission to the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District to conduct their Block Party on June 4, 2016, starting at 8:00 a.m. for set up and ending at 1:00 p.m. This includes blocking off 43rd Street from Oak Park Avenue to the alley.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to grant permission to The Salvation Army to conduct their Donut Day solicitation on Friday and Saturday, June 3-4, 2016.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to grant permission to the Stickney Fire Department to conduct their Muscular Dystrophy Association Solicitation "Fill the Boot" on June 10, 17 and 24.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve a Block Party for June 11, 2016 on the 4400 block of Maple.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS:

Mayor Morelli named the two non-voting members to the Emergency Telephone System Board (911) Police Chief John Sladetz and Fire Chief Larry Meyer were named.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to concur with Mayor Morelli to name Police Chief John Sladetz and Fire Chief Larry Meyer to the position of non-voting members of the Emergency Telephone System Board.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Mayor Morelli named the following to the Parks and Recreation Commission with their terms ending April 30, 2017:

Trustee Kathleen Fuentes, Edward Dabrowski, Fernando Galarza, Lois Koc, Mark Kusper, Jody Nolte, Darrio Ramirez, Mike Salazar and Sheri Young

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to concur with the appointments to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Prior to the vote, Trustee Hrejsa wanted to know if they all have been finger printed and had a background check. The Mayor said that it has to be done now. Trustee Hrejsa asked, "Shouldn't it be done before the appointment?" The Mayor said, "These are new people." The mayor asked that Deputy Chief Jaczak talk to them afterwards and tell them what they need to do, although most of them are. The Deputy Chief will set something up with Officer Lochridge.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and possible vote regarding a proposed lease agreement with Verizon:

Trustee Savopoulos explained that about three meetings ago we discussed accepting Offer B which was \$3,400.00 monthly rent with at \$1,500.00 signing bonus. But, they revised that offer to \$3,200.00 with a \$1,500.00 signing bonus. He believed that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation will not be getting any of that. Village Attorney Del Galdo informed us that they require a \$5,000.00 annual license fee but not a percentage of the rent for this particular transaction. Village Attorney Del Galdo further explained that we had dealt with Mike Dushaunt from Dolan Realty Advisors. He had agreed to an amount that was subject to his client's approval which was Verizon. Then he went to Verizon and they didn't accept \$3,400.00, but would only accept \$3,200.00 per month. That is why there is a differential than what was discussed three meetings ago and what is on the table currently.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to accept the revised offer dated April 19, 2016.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Consideration and possible action directing legal counsel to file a demolition action or other legal action related to the property located at 3943 Home Avenue.

Trustee White said that he understood that the person that bought this property agreed to demolish the property after they took possession of it. He went on; "This consideration for action is not for the village to take action to tear this down." "Is this somehow or another to push them to do what they were supposed to do?" Village Attorney Del Galdo explained, "This was at the request of Dave Schmidt, Building Inspector." "He couldn't be here today so he asked that we write a memo to the board explaining his position." The board was asked if they received that. Village Attorney Del Galdo stated, "The owner signed on August 28, 2015 a letter of agreement for demolition." "This said that they agreed that they would only buy the property on the condition that they would only demolish it." "The village relied upon their signed

statement and issued transfer stamps at the closing.” “They now refuse to demolish it.” “The matter before you tonight is for discussion.” “If you want to take action, you can take action on whether to direct the village to file a demolition action against them.” “Which would require the village to demolish it and you would lien the property.” Trustee White wanted to know if we have written them a SLO (Stickney Local Ordinance) to the owner on the property for not doing what he was supposed to do. Village Attorney Del Galdo explained, “He could tell us all about the legal process; I don’t know what has been done.” Trustee White clarified the SLO process. “He is written a SLO and he winds up in court and he doesn’t do what he is supposed to do and then we can fine him \$500.00 a day.” “Then I think he will do what he is supposed to do rather than the village taking on the expense of tearing down the property.” Village Attorney Del Galdo didn’t know if he has done that or not. Trustee Savopoulos asked, “We should make a motion to fine him the max.” Village Attorney Del Galdo said, “You wouldn’t really need to.” “This was set for discussion.” “I thought you have been briefed.” “You can discuss it and take no action, and at the meeting in June. . . . You don’t have to do anything to direct him to write tickets on code.” “ You only need to take action tonight if you want to authorize my office to file a demolition action. “ Trustee White doesn’t want the village to take that on and then get stuck with a demolition and get stuck with an empty lot that is not worth what it the cost us to tear it down. Trustee White went on, “I think if we could write him a SLO to start with and it winds up in court, then our adjudicator, if he doesn’t comply, we could fine him up to \$500.00 per day.” “That way we will know for sure that he is going to tear it down.” Trustee Savopoulos said, “Or we could enforce this agreement that he signed for \$500.00 per day after January.” Trustee Lazansky then started reading the signed agreement out loud. He continued by saying that he is sure that Arturo has been writing them SLO’s for years. It has been vacant. Trustee White admitted that he goes to the adjudication proceedings frequently and never heard this property called. Trustee Savopoulos told us that this property was purchased in August of last year. Village Attorney Del Galdo admitted, “I don’t know all the facts in what has occurred.” “On an inspector level, we were asked by Inspector Dave Schmidt to add this to the agenda and they wrote a memo to the board.” “I don’t know why he wants to go to the drastic remedy of demolition in terms of whether all other efforts in terms of ticketing and liens have failed.” “The legal fees would be significant to file a demolition action.” Trustee Fuentes asked, “That we move this to the next meeting.”

MAYOR’S REPORT: We were told that there will be a Memorial Day program on May 30, 2016. The program will take place on 39th and Ridgeland at the Veteran’s Memorial at 10:30 a.m. Following that we will go the Recreation Center at 41st and Home. There will be light snacks, a light lunch.

CLERK’S REPORT: No report

TRUSTEES’ REPORTS: Trustee Fuentes informed us that there will be a Parks and Recreation meeting on May 18, 2016 at 6:30 in the board room over by the bathrooms. She referred to information provided to the trustees by Public Works Supervisor, Jeff Boyajian concerning MWRD and effluent water. She asked that this be added to the next agenda. Village Attorney Del Galdo acknowledged that his office

has been waiting for input from the board. Trustee White wanted to make sure that we are protected. Village Attorney Del Galdo will revise it. They frankly didn't want to revise the agreement. The board is required to repeal an ordinance. If you want to move forward, they can propose revisions. He said that there will be impact with this. If there are things that you want that has impact, you can pass it along and they can work it into the agreement.

Trustee Hrejsa mentioned that the Little League parade was last Saturday. She added in that the MWRD open house is May 21.

Trustee Lazansky gave the Police Department Total Monthly Activity Report for the month of April, 2016: Total number of calls for service; 1,602; Total number of E911 calls received; 469; Arrest by type: Traffic: 139; Village Ordinance Offences: 24; Warrants and Complaints: 13; Parking violations: 315; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 491; Total number of squad miles: 10,809; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,235.8; Average gas mileage/squad: 8.747.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of April, 2016. Ordinance Investigations: 348; Business License Investigations: 5; Violation Notices Issued: 4; Miscellaneous Details: 175; S.L.O. Tickets: 1; Parking Citations Issued: 117; Tow Tag: 1;

Trustee Milenkovic provided us information that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District has a program called, "Restore the Canopy" where they will be giving away oak saplings every Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. till noon. This is for schools, organizations, neighborhoods or municipalities. At the tour that they will be having this Saturday, they will be giving away individual pots and bulk bags of 100 from 9:00 till noon. In addition, Trustee Milenkovic mentioned that we have all our Tree City USA paperwork submitted. He believed that the ruling would be made in October. He noted that May 21, 2016 is Armed Forces Day.

Trustee Savopoulos reminded us that about a month ago he reported that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District and the DEA held a drug collection. It was a success. Between April 29-30, they collected 457 pounds of drugs. Therefore, they will have permanent boxes at their locations. They will be available seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Trustee White thanked our fire chief. He has reported in the past the attempt to receive grants for air packs for our fire department. They are aging and expensive to keep them up to a safety standard. Last year the grant was denied. He reapplied for the grant and did receive a \$160,000.00 grant. The way he comprehends it, the village is only obligated for an additional \$8,000.00.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the treasurer's report for the month of February, 2016.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Deputy Chief Rich Jaczak informed us that he just attended a meeting in Countryside concerning the meeting/hearing on the I-55 Managed Lane Project. Excluding what is currently happening on First Avenue now and the additional traffic here, over 150,000 vehicles travel over our roads in the Village of Stickney every single day. It looks like the I-55 Managed Lane Project is going to go through. There is going to be a toll lane going through 355 to 90/94. There will be no exits. You will pay at 355 and get through. They are hoping that this eliminates the traffic and congesting that will hit our streets also as being just north of I-55. It is not funded by taxpayers. Whoever operates the toll lane will fund the entire project. He is hoping that this goes through. In addition, he told us that on May 8th our dispatch got a call that there was a fire at Las Fuentes Restaurant at 8:30 a.m. Our officers were on the scene. The fire department arrived soon after. It was found that someone lit an intentional fire at Las Fuentes. Detective McGuire was called in, he is a certified arson investigator, along with Tommy Heller from the fire department. There was a suspect interrogated. They did file arson charges against her. It is a Class II felony that could face years in jail. As far as anyone in the police department could remember, it was the first arson arrest made.

We also were informed that he is going to get our Emergency Telephone Systems Board within the next week or so to discuss the consolidated dispatch. He mentioned that he will need a resolution from the board to submit a waiver. A waiver is only kicking the can down the road. It is not a permanent solution. It will give us a waiver for three or five years. During that time we will have to budget to set money aside. If the waiver is denied, it will be financially draining for the village. The *Landmark Newspaper* announced that Brookfield, Riverside and North Riverside just came to an agreement to consolidate their dispatch centers. They acknowledge that they won't save any money for at least ten years. They still have no idea how much it is going to cost them. The Deputy Chief will be submitting a waiver, assuming that the Emergency Telephone Systems Board and the Village Board is in favor of it, based on it being financially infeasible and also public safety. He said that in 2009 he was the watch commander on afternoons when a gentleman ran into our lobby after being stabbed in his throat. He couldn't speak. He could never pick up a phone to connect with a dispatch center 15 miles away. He stood there. The dispatcher contacted the fire department. Then the police came in. We arrested someone for attempted murder. Secondly, our police department by state law is a Safe Haven. Someone could drop off a one-week-old child in front of our station and walk away without criminal charges being filed. We don't have someone in that dispatch center or lobby overnight, our police officers enter and leave the building at the side entrance where it is quicker and convenient. Public Safety is the second aspect as to why he is asking for a waiver. It will have to be done at the next meeting. It is due July 1, 2016. We have to have it submitted before that. If we don't get a waiver, we can talk to various entities about consolidating with them. There is no good option, but we will have to decide what the best option is. He added that there are some villages that are simply not complying. They are not submitting a waiver. They are not consolidating. They are just going forward. There is no clear punishment has been laid out yet. We were also told that our Ordinance Control Officer, Arturo Terrazas has been writing tons of notice of violations tickets.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer provided us news concerning the grant. It is a lot of money. Our required \$8,000.00 is 5% of the money. He explained that on last Friday he received an 1199A form. There were other specifics that will be required. He told us that they will be receiving 24 air packs with the money. They are somewhere around \$6,000.00 apiece. When his application was denied last year, he wasn't told why. He asked a consultant to look at it. He resubmitted the application just like it was. We got it this year. Our current air packs are 14-years- old. They have a 10 year warranty. But, repairs for the electronics are expensive.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kurt Kasnicka reminded us that the administrative offices will be closed on Memorial Day. Garbage collection will be one day behind. Our office is preparing the vehicle sticker and animal license applications to be mailed out at the end of the month. They will go on sale on June 1. He asked that people buy their stickers and licenses early.

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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 8th day of June, 2016

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor