

February 20, 2024

**State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 7:01 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

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

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres 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 Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Approve the Request to hire one (1) Probationary Police Officer

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Prior to the vote Police Chief James Sasseti explained that this position request to fill this position is based on a resignation.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Approve Resolution 02-2024, "A Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes"

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

At this point, the Mayor read the following proclamation:

**Proclamation in Honor of
Evelyn Marsala**

WHEREAS: Evelyn Marsala is honored today by her family and friends and community on the occasion of her 100th birthday on February 3, 2024; and

WHEREAS: She was born Evelyn Stankovich on the westside of Chicago in a family of five; and

WHEREAS: Evelyn joined the SPARS, which is the Coast Guard Reserve for Women and at the age of nineteen, she left for Washington D.C. and proudly served for 2 years with Air Sea Rescue and processed reports which included plane crashes, bombing of ships and recorded the age and ranks of those shot down or lost at sea; and

WHEREAS: After the war, Evelyn was accepted to the School of the Art Institute in Chicago but did not attend because Evelyn married the love of her life, John Marsala on November 15, 1947, and was married for 69 years. They have two daughters, four grandchildren and six great – grandchildren; and

WHEREAS: Evelyn has hands of gold and made many quilts, clothes, drapery, Halloween costumes and much more for family and friends throughout the years; and

WHEREAS: At the young age of seventy-three she worked as a hostess for her daughter and son-in-law's restaurant, Marconi's when it first opened. This was supposed to be for the first two weeks, but she ended up staying until she was ninety when she finally retired, but only because her daughter and son-in law retired; and

WHEREAS: In 2015 Evelyn and her husband John moved in with her daughter Patti and husband John who live in Stickney; and

WHEREAS: Evelyn learned to use Facebook, email, and texts to keep her relatives near-and-far away close to her heart. She never misses a birthday or anniversary with her email and text shoutouts to family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Officials of the Village of Stickney do hereby proclaim February 20th, 2024, as Evelyn Marsala Day in the Village of Stickney.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor mentioned that since we have not had any snow lately, the Public Works Department has been able to get a lot of work done getting the parks cleaned up. He thanked Public Work Director for getting things cleaned up and using the street sweeper on the alleys. The preseason repairs had been done on the sweeper only to have a belt break afterward.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk told people that we have the Primary Election coming up. There is a notice in the lobby that contains the dates and hours of the early voting. People could go to the Cook County Clerk's website to see the offices that will be voted upon. Also, the Democratic organization has the names of the people running and you can read about their background.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: All the trustees gave their personal Happy Birthday wishes to Evelyn Marsala.

Trustee Torres: Thanked Public Works for cleaning the alleys. They are working on the Senior Luncheon that is coming up in March.

Trustee Kapolnek: Added to his birthday wishes a thank you for her service. He mentioned that he knew her entire family very well.

Trustee Hrejsa: After his birthday greetings, he told the people of a fund raiser being held by the Stickney Police Association on April 13, 2024. It is a good organization that does good things. They could use our support. He has flyers available for those who are interested.

Trustee Milenkovic: After his birthday greetings to Evelyn, he thanked her for her service.

Trustee White: He offered his sentiments on Evelyn's birthday. He invited the students in attendance to approach any of the Board to sign their assignment sheets.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: All department heads gave their birthday wishes to Evelyn.

The Mayor mentioned to the Police Chief that he had some veterans here. Our Police Commander Demato stepped forward to personally introduce himself as being a Naval Officer in the Reserves and wished Evelyn a happy birthday and thanked her for leading path for people like himself.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: We were told that since there is no snow Public Works is trying to catch up with everything they can.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 5th of March, 2024

Jeff Walik, President