

**March 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 Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 7:03 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 Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, March 5, 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 Milenkovic 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 based on the retirement of Deputy Chief Frank Figueroa from the Stickney Police Department**

**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 Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to Approve Ordinance 2024-02, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 2-178 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Village Officers and Appointing a Specific Individual to a Specified Position."**

**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.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The mayor thanked everyone for coming out. Today we went to the senior luncheon. It was amazing. He thanked them for inviting us and then offered the Village's help in anything they need help with. He welcomed his grandkids at the meeting.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The Clerk reminded everyone that needs to, to fill out their Ethics Statement. It has been delivered to your email boxes. Quite a few people have already filled it out. It is due May 1. She will keep reminding them.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Milenkovic:** He informed us that there will be fifteen trees for the tree lottery. There will be two additional trees for the schools.

**Trustee Torres:** She announced that they are planning the Cinco De Mayo fest on May 5, 2024, Sunday from 2:00 to 7:00.

**Trustee Kapolnek:** The Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Saint Pius was well attended.

**Trustee Hrejsa:** This Saturday is the Easter Egg Hunt at noon on Ridgeland. It is a new location on Ridgeland. Sign up for it. We will welcome anybody. He thanked the senior club. It was a nice luncheon today.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Public Works Director Joe Lopez:** He reminded us that street sweeping starts on Sunday, April 1, 2024. We have not had a lot of snow, so we have been cleaning the alleys again this year. We have also started to do the sidewalk grinding again this year. The Village bought us a grinding machine and some other tools. They have been focusing on sidewalks around the two schools and the churches. If someone sees a sidewalk that needs to have grinding, just let him know. He then told us a joke.

**Deputy Chief Chlada:** On behalf of Chief Sasseti, who is taking a much-needed vacation, he thanked the Mayor and the Board for their continued support of the police department and for their approval of a replacement for Deputy Chief Figueroa. Your support makes our job easier.

**Deputy Chief Mark Kozelka:** Concerning street sweeping, he wanted to remind people to move their cars. The people started placing reminders on the cars, so it will not be a shock in two weeks. The mayor said we will place an alert on Facebook and the website.

**Watch Commander Kevin McGuire:** He thanked the Board. Tonight, now we have seven officers manning our streets. He said that it was unheard of. The mayor remembered when he was on the street there, we two of us on the street. Then he referred to an occurrence he recently came across at the Shell and there were six officers and the K-9 backing up each other.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: He thanked the Senior Club for lunch today. He offered his assistance with anything they needed. He then thanked the Board for everything they did for the fire department.

## **Stickney Fire Department 2023 Annual Report**

The Stickney Fire Department mission statement was read. The power-point presentation included pictures of each apparatus used in the Fire Department. We have a 2022 Ford Type 1 Ambulance; 2015 Ford Type 1 Ambulance which is the backup; 2007 HME Engine with a pumping capacity of 1250 GPM NS 1000 Gallon Water Tank; 2009 Ford F350 utility truck; The newest addition is a 2023 Tracker UTV all terrain four-by-four. It can be used as a special event vehicle, utility/carry all, maintenance and patient transport. It also has a plow to help with maintenance for the fire department. In addition, they have a MABAS light trailer. It can be used for Village events or at emergency scenes when MABAS/Homeland Security has a request for it. It was used during Covid when they used it for lighting a tent. The next focus was on new equipment purchased and upgrades for the firehouse from a grant they received from The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the sum of \$150,000. They purchased nineteen sets of new Firedex turnout gear (\$3,700 apiece) which included coats and pants through the IDCE grant. In addition, they obtained new equipment which included 2.5 inch quick-attack nozzles and a 4-inch ground monitor/deck gun. Lifting air bags of various capacities were also acquired at a price of \$9,000. Now both our engines have airbags. A Kodiak Stabilization kit was added. It is designed to stabilize objects such as a car or machinery, may move while rescuers who are working to remove a patient from entrapment. This IDCE grant also allowed the remodeling of the 22-year-old fire department kitchen. Lastly, one of the three furnaces and air conditioning units that services an area of the fire station was replaced. The unit that was replaced was an original unit from when the fire department was built in 2002. One was replaced in 2017.

The following statistics were given:

**Total 2023 Run Totals**  
**EMS Calls—769**  
**Structure/Other Fires—23**  
**Fire/Service Calls—487**  
**Includes Mutual Aid**  
**Hazardous Condition Calls**  
**False Alarms/False Calls**  
**Auto/Mutual Aid**  
**Total Runs 1279**

Sixty percent of our calls are EMS ambulance calls. That is the direction the fire service has gone more towards EMS. The Fire Chief sees that number increasing. We have gone up approximately one hundred calls per year.

**Fire prevention: They are out doing inspections now. We added two new inspectors to assist Deputy Chief Silvera. They are inspecting businesses in town, the apartment buildings and all the industry on the east side of town. We acquired new software called FLOW MSP. The inspectors take pictures of the outside and inside of businesses. Any information on hazards is noted. Pertinent information such as the alarm panel locations, sprinkler connections, riser locations as well as hydrant locations near the building.**

**Training in classrooms or hands-on-training is done on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays and Thursdays. Pictures of training classes were shown.**

**The fire department is heavily involved with the community. They regularly attend Home and Edison school's field days to spray water on the kids. In addition, they assisted Home School with the distribution back packs that were obtained through a grant. They assisted at the Stickney Haunted Hayride.**

**Within one year we should have a new fire truck. On April 8 & 9 we will be going over the specifications with the company.**

**Chief Boyajian thanked everyone for their support.**

**There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk**

**Approved by me this 2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2024**

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**Jeff Walik, President**