

November 5, 2013

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Present: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos and White

Absent: Trustee Walik

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to approve the minutes as amended of the previous regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2013.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos and White

Absent: Trustee Walik

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez 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 De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos and White

Absent: Trustee Walik

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the Annual Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos and White

Absent: Trustee Walik

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Mayor Morelli explained that the next agenda item is the consideration to conduct a forensic audit. She then introduced Bob Grapenthien, CPA of the auditing firm Crowe Horwath LLC. Mr. Grapenthien explained that he is a Senior Manager. He went on to say that his firm was engaged by the village to perform a financial audit for the year ending April 30, 2013 financial statements. Our job is to come in and tell you whether "Yes" these numbers are appropriate, or, "No" they are not. While they have not issued their report yet, they have finished their field work and it is very positive news. This is a first year audit and there is usually a lot of disagreement with the management as to what we should be looking at. They have come to the conclusion that the village is going to receive a clean or unmodified opinion, which is the highest level you can get. You have to prove everything to them. They look at bank statements, invoices, checks, billing registers etc. They put on extra people due to this being our first year. There were zero adjustment journal entries that were given to us. He mentioned two similar sized villages were found to have had 50 adjustments each. The zero adjustments speak well for the village. Their job is to tell us how the numbers look and not to analyze them or tell you how to spend your money. They will give us a clean opinion.

Trustee Lazansky made a statement about his understanding of what a forensic audit was. The CPA said that it is usually suitable in the court of law. It is to protect yourself. It can be used for a risk assessment to look for some recommendations. That would be used to protect the village against some litigation.

Trustee Savopoulos asked when we could expect the audit to be done. The CPA said that they have all the numbers and speculated that it could be finalized the first week in December dependent on how long it takes the village to review it. The village will have the first draft around Thanksgiving. Mr. Grapenthien told us that Stickney is the first community that didn't have any journal entries.

Trustee Lazansky made a motion, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to not to consider doing a forensic audit.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Gomez, Lazansky

Absent: Trustee Walik

Nays: Trustee De Leshe, Savopoulos and White

Mayor Morelli declared the motion failed

No comments were given prior to the vote.

Trustee White made a motion, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to table the forensic audit and reopen it at a time when we get the final report.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos and White

Absent: Trustee Walik

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee De Leshe to concur with Mayor Morelli on the appointment of Dave Gesiorski to the Emergency Telephone Systems Board.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to this vote, Attorney Donald Kreger instructed the Clerk to not call Trustee Walik absent because he resigned. The clerk said that the resignation had not been publically accepted by the Mayor in this meeting at this time.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mayor Morelli thanked everyone for their involvement with the Haunted House at the Recreation Center. A long list of helpers was read off. We were reminded of the Veteran's Day program on November 11, inside the VFW Hall for the entire program.

Mayor Morelli sadly accepted the resignation of Trustee Jeff Walik. She wanted to wish him the best. She is sorry for him to be stepping down with all of this. She thanked him for all the work he has done with the committees here on the board. Again she said, "Thank you, Jeff." "And, the Best to You." Trustee Lazansky interjected his thanks to Jeff Walik for always remembering the veterans.

CLERKS REPORT: An email was read that concerned the Firearm Concealed Carry Act. The law became effective on July 9, 2013 and mandates that areas where the possession of firearms is prohibited must be "clearly and conspicuously" posted with an Illinois State Police approved sign. A list of those prohibited areas was read. The village's government buildings, playgrounds and parks will be our focus of responsibility. An example of the temporary sign was shown to the audience. A final version will be proposed during a December 2013 Illinois State Police hearing.

In keeping with the new centennial tradition, Clerk McAdams read the following:

Twelfth Installment of the Centennial Minutes

On December 6, 1983 Trustee Baley moved to approve the request of Police Chief Dolezal to make the inner lane, north bound on Oak Park Avenue at 39th Street, designated as a "Left Turn Only" lane.

A vote was taken on July 3, 1984 to authorize the village police chief to sell the old squad cars.

Ordinance 84-6 was passed on August 7, 1984 amending the Qualifications of Village Employees. The ordinance reads: All officers or employees assigned to the department of village supervisor shall within three years of the date of the enactment of this ordinance qualify as a Certified Firefighter 2 and an Emergency Medical Technician according to the applicable rules, regulations and standards set out by the State of Illinois and the Illinois State Fire Marshal.

It was on January 2, 1985 that Ordinance 85-1 was adopted that any resident of the Village of Stickney who offers adequate proof of having been a prisoner of war shall be exempt from the fees provided for in this section.

On December 3, 1985 an amendment to the Stickney Zoning Ordinance was passed that in the single family district, there shall be a side yard on each side of the building, and neither side yard shall be less than three (3) feet in width.

Trustee Pietrzyk moved on May 4, 1987 to authorize the village engineer to draw up specifications and put out for bids for an enclosure (building) around the emergency generator at the pumping station.

Edward Noska was appointed to the Police and Fire Board on April 4, 1988. His term runs from May 1, 1988 to April 30, 1991.

On July 8, 1988 bids were closed for a dump truck, with a salt spreader and a 10 foot snow plow from International Truck Company for \$41,200.00.

An amendment to the regulating animals running at large was passed on May 2, 1989. It read in part: No person shall cause or permit any dog or other animal to run at large on any public place, public hall, restaurant, office, grocery, meat market, bakery, or within any shop or store. Any such dog or animals shall be deemed to be running at large unless such animal is on a leash no longer than eight feet in length and controlled by the owner or a responsible person and obedient to that person's commands. Any person charged with a violation may avoid prosecution by paying \$10 within ten days of the notice of violation.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Trustee Gomez gave her sincere thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the Haunted House.

Trustee Gomez gave the Fire Department Report for the month of October, 2013 there were a total of 120 calls: Ambulance calls; 84: Mutual Aid/Automatic Aid to other towns; 10: Service Calls; 5: Automatic/Trouble Fire Alarms; 10: Accidents with injuries; 9: Working Fires; 2 (House fire, Garage fire): In the year of 2013, the Stickney Fire Department has responded to a total of 1058 calls.

Trustee Lazansky gave the police report for the month of October, 2013. The total number of calls for service; 2,047: Total number of E911 calls received; 337: Arrest by type: Traffic: 207; Village Ordinance Offences: 22; Warrants and Complaints: 7; Parking violations: 256; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 492; Total number of squad miles: 10,784; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,139; Average gas mileage/squad: 9.468 mpg.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of October, 2013. Ordinance Investigations: 500, Business License Investigations: 5, Violation Notices Issued: 13, Miscellaneous Details: 264, S.L.O. Tickets: 1, Parking Citations Issued: 95

Trustee Savopoulos alerted us that a resident informed him that there are people saying they are from the insurance company going door-to-door on 39th and Clarence inspecting for storm damage. The resident didn't call the police. He asked that people do call the police if this happens to them.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief John Sladetz updated us that our neighbors to the north in Berwyn and Oak Park are experiencing residential, garage burglaries and theft from vehicles. Most of these are coming from unlocked vehicles and houses. He warned, if you are going to go to the store, lock the house. We have taken a "theft from vehicle report" and the thieves are going car to car and checking if the doors are locked. If they find one unlocked they take something. Some people think that if they are going to be gone a few minutes they won't lock the garage. The Chief referred to Trustee Savopoulos' comment of someone coming to your door and saying that they are from some insurance company, the water department and so on. He told us, if you didn't call them, they don't belong there. He suggested that the police should be called.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian told us that the water tank painting is now completed. Ridgeland Avenue paving has been completed. They will go over a punch list with the engineer. A reminder was given that next Monday is Veterans' Day and the public works schedule will be pushed back a day.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer informed us that the hydrant flushing is complete. They found a hydrant near the Jewel Store was hit by a truck. The reverse 911 calling alert never went out to inform the residents that the flushing was to take place. The flushing caused the water to be cloudy. There were a few signs posted on the corners but not enough to let everyone know. He will address this with the police chief. The trenching training exercise in the cemetery is now complete. Chief Engineer Donald Kerbs has been with us since 1985 and is in the process of completing the Emergency Vehicle Technicians Certification. He has recently completed four more of the tests leaving him only two more to go before he becomes certified.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka announced that the offices will be closed on Veteran's Day November 11.

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 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 20th day of November, 2013

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor