

June 21, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 7:01 p.m.

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

Trustee Savopoulos made a motion to elect Trustee White as President Pro Tempore for the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Village of Stickney. Motion was seconded by Trustee Kapolnek.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek, and Hrejsa
Nays: None**

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek, and Hrejsa
Nays: None**

Motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos 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 Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustee White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek, and Hrejsa
Nays: None**

Motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Pass and Approve Ordinance No. 2022-10 "An Ordinance adopting the combined annual budget and appropriation ordinance for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2023."

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Present: Jeff White
Nays: None**

Motion carried.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to Pass and Approve Ordinance No. 2022-11 - "An Ordinance Authorizing the disposal of personal property for the Fire Department of the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek, and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Torres, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance No. 2022-12 “An Ordinance Authorizing the disposal of personal property for the Police Department of the Village of Stickney, Cook County, State of Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek, and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Milenkovic, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Pass and Approve Ordinance No. 2022-13 “An Ordinance to establish an administrative procedure for assessing and determining claims under the public safety benefits act for the Village of Stickney, Cook County, State of Illinois.

In addition, Attorney Jessica Feese explained that this is a code amendment which establishes a procedure called PSEBA – an act that Illinois has that is related to Police Officers and Fire Fighters in the event there is a catastrophic injury while on duty while responding to an emergency, if they are deceased or survive but unable to work, they and their family dependents are entitled to certain health insurance benefits thru the Village. This is a nice benefit, and it also allows the Village to have some sort of control over the process. There hasn’t been anything on the books before and will be great for our Police Officers and Fire Fighters.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek, and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Trustee Savopoulos, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Pass and Approve Resolution No. 10-2022 “A Resolution waiving bidding requirements for certain emergency repairs for the Village of Stickney, Cook County, State of Illinois.”

In addition, Attorney Jessica Feese explained that the Village received a memo from the Village Engineer regarding the water main on East Avenue between 43rd and 41st near the school that is in bad shape and in need of repair ideally before school starts. If something were to happen with the water main during the school year, the school would most likely have to be shut down for the repair. To avoid this happening, we are waiving the formal bidding process to accelerate the start of the repair. The Village will attempt to get multiple bids/quotes to get the best possible bid.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek, and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Trustee Jeff White Mayor Pro Tempore reported for Mayor Walik. He said the Mayor can't be here tonight but he would like to thank all departments for all their hard during the storm. Everyone worked very hard and tirelessly the whole week. The Mayor was even out helping with the clean-up.

Trustee Torres reported that the Village will have additional hours this Saturday, June 25 from 9am-3pm. Last day of stickers sales will be next Thursday, June 30th. Make sure you have your stickers on by midnight July 1, because the police will be ticketing. If you buy a sticker but forget to display it, you are eligible to get a ticket, so make sure you put it on your windshield.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: Reported that tomorrow the new ambulance will be put in to service and will be on the streets. You'll see it, and can't miss it, it's red, black with gold lettering. We finally got the state to come out and certify and the village paid the \$26 licensing fee. Last week during the storm, we took 55 calls in the first 4 hours, mostly trees down, we had one garage fire where an electrical line hit the medal door. No one was hurt so I was happy about that. Public Works did a great job. Almost everything was cleaned up by Friday.

Police Chief James Sasseti: Reported that the Stickney Police Department is participating in a program which will provide extra police officers on the street between now and the 5th of July and will be detecting and arresting impaired drivers.

Public Work's Supervisor Joe Lopez: Reported that the storm did do a lot of damage in the village with downed trees and tree branches. His department worked very hard getting everything cleaned up. By last Thursday the town was about 85% complete. They're still working on cleaning up "hangers" in the trees, but they are hard to spot because the fullness of the trees so they will address on an as needed basis.

Public Comment:

Resident wanted to thank the public service departments and their excellent work during the storm last week. He said that it was good to see even neighbors on his block that don't talk to each other, they all pitched in and helped remove branches. It was good to see. He also wanted to thank the Police department for helping out with the procession with St. Leonard and St. Pius on Sunday while they walked on the street all the way from Berwyn and helped them cross Pershing Rd. and walked down Oak Park Avenue.

Resident had a tree on her property fall in her backyard and was asking for help in getting it removed. Joe Lopez asked her if she contacted her insurance company and she said she did. but they can't help because she didn't have any property damage. She was told that because it's private property that it's her responsibility to take care of. It was decided that if she can get it cut into pieces and put it on the parkway that the Village will remove it.

Resident complained about loud music by her house at 1:00 in the morning. It's very annoying and she can't sleep. Jeff White asked her if she calls the police and she said she does but what happens is that they show up and tell them to turn down the music but as soon as they leave the music gets loud again. She asked if she could make fliers to hand out with the times. Police chief told her she could print the noise ordinance off the website so it's accurate. She was told that she can request a ticket to be given and she can appear in court to talk to the Judge about her complaint. She also complained that the street work that was done in front of the laundry mat on Pershing Rd. She said it looked terrible and she showed a picture. Joe Lopez said the work was temporary and that is has been fixed. Trustee White advised her that there is a 3-minute time limit on her comment and that she can talk to Joe Lopez after the meeting. She said ok and then had another complaint about a tree by her house that has cables running thru the middle of the trees. She was told that ComEd would handle that.

There being no further business, Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:22 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lukas, Deputy Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day of July 2022

Jeff Walik, Mayor