

November 15, 2011

**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 15, 2011 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 Mares, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk.
Trustee Morelli was absent**

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee White, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2011.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
Absent: Morelli
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares, to approve the minutes of the previous special session on Monday, November 7, 2011.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
Absent: Morelli
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Schimel 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: Mares, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
Absent: Morelli
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.**

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of August, 2011 indicating the sum of \$41,670.00.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Mares, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Morelli

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation motor fuel tax for the month of October, 2011 indicating the sum of \$14,493.47.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Mares, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Morelli

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Schimel moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk, to grant permission to the American Legion Stickney Post 687 to conduct their Christmas Drive solicitation for local needy families by having the Boy Scout Troop distribution of a flyer with an envelope attached during the weekend of November 26 & 27.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Mares, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: Morelli

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

PRESIDENT REPORT: President O'Reilly remarked that at the last board meeting we had a few statements made from audience members. One statement came from Penelope Gibas stating that the police department sent out an e-mail message about a possible abduction at one of our schools. This was false. We did not send any e-mails out. There was a Nixle report for an unconfirmed possible abduction that was happening in neighboring towns. So, Stickney did not send any e-mails out. Another statement came from Bea Callahan that the board meeting agenda was not posted on the web site. That again was false. It was in fact on the web site. Jim Lazansky made a statement that the newly purchased Sokol property was unsafe and had numerous electrical problems. That was false and unfounded. President O'Reilly then provided his wish to all for a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving. He asked that we keep our service men and women serving away from their homes this Thanksgiving in our thoughts and prayers.

CLERKS REPORT: Audrey McAdams reported on a question posed to her prior to the start of the meeting. Doris Helebrandt questioned her about a solicitor named Spark Electric that is going door-to-door. She wanted some background information on this company. She remarked that they wanted to see a copy of her electric bill. The clerk gave an explanation about this particular company. This company received a permit from the village to do solicitation as far back as August. They do go through

a strenuous amount of information in order to get this permit. Every person involved in doing the solicitation has to allow us to make a copy of their state photo ID. There is an extensive questionnaire that they must fill out. She explained that Victoria in the front office is the person who handles these requests. The solicitor is also given information from us such as: A copy of our ordinance that provided our rules on solicitations and they are given a list of addresses that do not want solicitations. The solicitors are not to bother any of the people at these addresses. If they do and the people complain to the village, the permit will be pulled. In order to check on whether Spark Electric is giving you a good deal, the clerk recommended that people could go to www.pluginillinois.org to find comparisons for the various electric companies in Illinois. People can then look for other hidden charges that are listed at this site. Perhaps there are no hidden charges. It was suggested that people do their homework. People need to be wise consumers.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Mares reported that the Sokol building construction is coming along smoothly. He is looking forward to opening it up for the spring when we could use it for a lot of different events and activities.

Trustee Schimel informed us of Property Tax Outreach program that will be on December 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Stickney Township North Clinic located at 6721 W. 40th Street. The Cook County Assessor's office will be there to provide help for homeowners to have the Cook County Board of Review evaluate the appraisal of their property. He suggested that people bring their recent property tax bill and also a copy of their new assessment. He felt that people need to do a little effort in filing this appeal. He suggested that people should compare your house with a few recent sales around you. He recommended that people could go to a major realtor in this area and ask to appraise your house and bring that information with you. This way you can win your appeal. Having the Board of Review doesn't happen too often.

Trustee Walik thanked everyone for the donations for our troops. The donations were taken in on the previous Saturday. There was over 1,000 pounds. He then extended a Happy Thanksgiving to all.

Trustee White wished all a happy, healthy and safe Thanksgiving.

Trustee Zeedyk gave the police report for the month of October
Total number of calls for service: 1,751; Total number of E911 calls: 421;
Arrests by type: Traffic: 197; Village Ordinance Offences: 27; Warrants and Complaints: 13; Parking violations: 180; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 417; Total number of squad miles: 15,217; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,342; Average gas mileage per squad: 11.339046 mpg
Ordinance Control Activity for the month of October 2011.
Ordinance investigations: 391; Business license investigations: 3;
Violation notices issued: 25; Miscellaneous details: 184; S.L.O. tickets: 6; Parking citations: 117

In addition, Trustee Zeedyk questioned the village president if a text message or an e-mail was ever sent out prior to the November 7, Special Session meeting. President O'Reilly informed him that the notice was in your mailbox five days prior to the meeting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez reported that public works will be off on Thanksgiving and the day after. He told us if your regular scheduled pick up for recycling is on Thursday, the recycling will be picked up the day before the holiday on Wednesday, November 23. In addition, we were reminded not to rake the leaves in to the street. It was noted that yard waste pickup is year around.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka reminded us that the village hall will be closed on Thanksgiving and the Friday after. There will be a representative from the Illinois Treasurer's office here on Friday, November 18, for a Cash Dash program. This program is put people together with their unclaimed property and assets.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day of December, 2011

Daniel A. O'Reilly, Village President