

June 4, 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, June 4, 2024, at 7:07 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

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

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

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

Trustee Savopoulos 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 Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee White
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to pass, and approve Ordinance 2024-07, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-108 of the Municipal code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Left Turn Regulations"

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

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2024-08, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2, Section 2-41 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Electronic Participation at Meetings"

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

The mayor said that this is going back and updating our ordinance for electronic participation going back for the need in the future for zoom. The Governor cancelled the regular zoom. The clerk asked if this included phone participation. The attorney explained that it means any type of electronic participation. The mayor mentioned that we have the new screens to use for zoom.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor thanked Linda for setting up our Senior Lunch on June 10, 2024, at 11:30 with bingo following. He informed people of the 65th birthday celebration for Darlene from the front office. There was a cut out picture statue there, cake and luncheon.

The mayor then diverted to former-Senator Munozo, who is now our lobbyist from Amicus Government Strategies, for his report. He explained that the session went into overtime session ending this past Wednesday. We were told that the Governor raised taxes on a lot of the entities to the tune of over \$700 million. He said he was there as a senator for over 23 years and is retired now. He is now our lobbyist/consultant in Springfield. We were able to get \$150,000 for police and fire. We did get money for Capital. We are working with reappropriations for funds for the community center. There will be more money coming in for operational costs. We might try to change some of that for fixtures that you still need beside the sidewalks and pumps that you need. They go back into the veto session in October and November. We must make sure that the money that was allocated for 2025 for your village no one can take it away. We can start drawing from the budget and it can be released through the leadership, Senator Elizabeth Hernandez. We will continue to update your mayor. Money will come in increments. Most of the time when you do projects, it is \$5 or \$6 million at a time. They try to space it out like \$500,000 or \$600,000 at a time. Whoever the bank is you do your bonding with looks at the state money. They know you do have the money from the state. It gives you a lot of opportunity when they see the money in the budget allocated by the state.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Hrejsa: He reminded people of Music in the Park starting tomorrow. The menu was given.

Trustee Kapolnek: He will be managing the bingo at the Senior Picnic.

Trustee Torres: The mayor added in at this time that they will be having meetings concerning Family Day. Also, they are looking for one more hay wagon for the Haunted Hayride. The clerk added in that she has contacted the people for the Wienermobile for Family Day

Trustee Milenkovic: He reported on the Tree Committee. Public Works Director Joe Lopez brought a few suggestions to the board that they are considering. We are fine-tuning our parkway tree planning. They had questions from residents to consider. There will be future reports on other matters to address. In addition, he noted that he received a few more matchbook covers for the visitor's center from Ken's Bungalow. He found binder pages that hold matchbook covers.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: Public Works has started painting the yellow lines and the curbs starting on Maple then going east. The handicap spots will also be painted. The mayor extended the thank you from the library for all the help they provided for their event. They also included the police and fire departments.

Police Chief James Sasseti: He reminded people that as we enter the summer months and events like graduation parties, Stickney has a loud noise ordinance. It allows loud noise until 10:00 p.m. We have seen an increase in loud noise complaints in the last couple of weeks. He also reminded us that fireworks are illegal. He assured us that they are going out there to control the situation. There will be a police department open house held on August 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can tour the facility. The mayor asked him to explain his compliance with the Safety Act. The Chief then explained that pursuant to the Safety Act it mandates an extreme amount of training from our officers. It is a continual process. We were notified that we are 100% compliant. In fact, the training officers skipped our location because we are in 100% compliance with all the requirements by law. Larger departments have more difficulty achieving this. Our training officer and our deputy chiefs have done a phenomenal job navigating those waters and we are 100% compliant. I checked the portal again today and everyone is right where we need them to be. At this time Trustee Savopoulos commented that he appreciated the help of the police and the township to rescue a dog that was left inside an abandoned house for five days. Chief Sasseti then explained that this was a situation where the people were evicted, and the people left their dog in a cage for three to five days. The dog appeared to be in decent health considering what it went through. It was taken to Waggin Tails Shelter. He hoped that this would bring some peace and quiet to the area where this problem house was. The mayor added that the training is hard to put together with the shifts. It is great to hear that we put it all together, especially with surrounding towns within the state. This is things like first aid to other high-risk things. Chief Sasseti then mentioned that Hawthorne Racetrack allowed the police to use their area for police high-risk traffic stop training. It was an entire eight-hour block. The officers come in and have a two-hour classroom session and then do six hours of actual scenario-based training. They used a simulation gun that is a paintball smart gun. Various adaptations can be done to make it seem authentic. We had the training board there and participated in the training. We are one of the only agencies that incorporated the use of K-9's in traffic stop training. Instead of officers going to the car to extract the bad guy, we sent in the dog. Then the dog extracts the bad guy. The training board sent a representative here for eight hours and went through the entire training block. He is going to recommend that the use of K-9's be included in that type of training. They were impressed with our training officer and our K-9 unit. Our officers can work with these dogs, so they know what their abilities are. We were then told that this compliance training is staggered but is constantly changing. We have a portal that tells us what is done and when. Some officers have accomplished things in the academy. Other officers still need to do things. He then thanked Fire Chief Boyajian and Deputy Chief Silvare for conducting the CPR training for the department. We are already projected out to the third quarter.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: We learned that the company came out last week to assess our ground ladders so we could be compliant. The inspection was done on our stair chairs and lifts. Any parts for repairs were done and installed. He warned people to stay out of the sun and stay hydrated. The salesman for the ladder truck will meet with us to go over the drawings for the last time. They are still saying that January or February should be the due date. It will be eight months total.

There being no further business, Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 18th of June, 2024

Jeff Walik, President