

**October 15, 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, October 15, 2024, at 7:10 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.**

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

**Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024.**

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

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos 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, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa  
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Approve Engineer's Payment Estimate No. 1 for \$420,235.82 to Lindahl Brothers, Inc. for Oak Park Avenue Resurfacing. (The cost of for this project will be paid by a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity Grant.)**

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

**Prior to the vote the mayor explained that 20% is being held back. Village Attorney Jessica Fese said that this is the first of three payments. We still have a punch list of issues that need to be addressed. Otherwise, the project was outstanding.**

**Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Approve Resolution 13-2024, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Amended Agreement with NTIVA, Inc., for Information Technology for the Village of Stickney (This is an amendment to the NTIVA agreement passed on August 6, 2024.)"**

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** He thanked resident Ed Dabrowski for taking the pictures at Family Day and posting them for us to watch on the courtroom screen. He thanked Public Works for cleaning the area where the Haunted Hayride will take place. He mentioned that Trustee Torres and Hrejsa got together last Saturday to take the volunteers through the course of the Hayride for them to better understand the area. He mentioned the Veterans Day event. The firehouse would be used for the lite lunch. He then read the following:

“Too many Americans have known the pain of the loss of a mother, sister, wife, or brother or loved one to breast cancer. This is Breast Cancer Awareness month. We honor the memory of those who have been lost to this devastating disease. We give strength to support to the families, to the caregivers, the survivors and those who are still undergoing treatment. We express our gratitude to all medical professionals and health researchers working tirelessly to end cancer as we know it. Today there are over four million breast cancer survivors in America. This year alone hundreds of thousands will be diagnosed alone. Scientists have made significant breakthroughs to better prevent, detect and treat breast cancer. Patients often are flooded with complex medical information and forced to advocate for thousands themselves to receive basic care. Some patients are left saddled with exuberant medical bills while they are going through treatment. It is National Breast Cancer Month. Let us each promise to do their part and give more support and hope to patients and families that are dealing with breast cancer. I encourage you to join in activities that will increase awareness in what Americans can prevent and control breast cancer and pay tribute to those who have lost their lives to this disease. Now therefore, I Jeff Walik, President of the Village of Stickney, proclaim October 2024, as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the Village of Stickney.”

**CLERK'S REPORT:** She reminded people that our next board meeting is Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> due to the Presidential Election on November 5<sup>th</sup>. She then announced that she was also going to talk about breast cancer because her daughter is a three-year survivor. “October is National Breast Cancer Awareness month. In 2024 more than 360,000 people will be diagnosed. Nine percent of new cases in the U.S. are diagnosed in women younger than forty-five. In 2024, it is estimated that 42,250 women will die from breast cancer in the U.S. When caught in its earliest, localized stages, the 5-year survival rate is 99%. According to the American Cancer Society, 2,700 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed in 2024 and about 530 are expected to die from it. Black and Hispanic women have a higher risk of dying from breast cancer than white women. Let us each do our part to give support, hope, and care to patients, families, and survivors of breast cancer. If you care about someone, make sure they get their mammograms.”

She received a notice from the Cook County TAP people informing us that the Lead Copper Rule Improvements was finalized and released on October 8<sup>th</sup> by the White House. It says that the majority of water systems will be required to replace all lead service lines within 10 years. All systems must comply with the LCRI beginning in late 2027, and most systems will have until late 2037 to replace all lead service lines and certain galvanized pipes.

She informed people that early voting begins on October 21, 2024, at the Stickney-Forest View Library. The schedule is available in the lobby.

Veterans Day ceremonies will be on November 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a lite lunch afterwards.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Hrejsa:** The Haunted Hayride is this Saturday. We have a large crowd of volunteers. We received a good response to the flyer we put out asking for volunteers. We took the volunteers on the hayride route in order for them to understand the course. The weather is supposed to be good. In addition, he informed us that he will be attending the annual educational seminar for the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency, our municipal insurance company. It consists of fifty municipalities. He expects to learn about grants and education. He will report on the experience at the next Board Meeting. This is the first in-person meeting since Covid.

**Trustee Torres:** She thanked the Fire Chief for the open house. It was very informative with a lot of giveaways. She reported on the pumpkin patch that will be held in conjunction with the haunted hayride. It is for residents only. Proof of identification is required. There will be snacks and ice cream available.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Police Chief Jim Sassetti:** He reported that the Stickney Police Department answered 2832 calls for the month of September 2024. The mayor included the information that since Oak Park Avenue has been resurfaced, there has been increased traffic and therefore many more tickets have been written on that road.

**Public Works Director Joe Lopez:** He anticipated that next week they would go out to pick up leaves. Garden waste pick up will end at the end of October. A discussion was held over parking restrictions.

**Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:** He thanked the mayor and the board for their support for having a successful open house. He received many compliments from the people who came by. He thanked the Public Works Director and his crew for all their assistance. He thanked Police Chief Sassetti for attending and having his department watch over the event. He thanked the men and women of the fire department for making the fire department tip top. Nobs Towing supplied and cooked hot dogs. Kopper Industries provided a table there and sponsored a jumpy house for the kids. Ed Dabrowski was thanked for taking pictures. He is currently getting the wood for the Haunted Hayride bonfire.

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 to adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024

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Jeff Walik, President