

June 15, 2021

State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney

IMPORTANT NOTICE: As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor of the State of Illinois' declaration of an emergency, the special meeting will be conducted in person and via Zoom in compliance with P.A. 101-0640. All persons attending the meeting in-person will be required to wear a face mask at all times while in the building and will further be subject to strict social distancing (6 feet separation). Electronic attendance via Zoom is strongly encouraged. The information for the Zoom meeting is as follows:

Website: Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 312 915 7558
Password: 768782

PUBLIC COMMENT: Persons wishing to attend via Zoom or not wanting to attend the meeting in person may submit "Public Comment" to the Village Clerk no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the meeting. Please send public comments to the Village Clerk at villageclerk@villageofstickney.com.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met via Zoom electronic means on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 7:01p.m.

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

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White
Absent: None
Nays: None
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 Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White
Absent: None
Nays: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved, duly second by Trustee Hrejsa to pass and approve Ordinance 2021-12, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Article VII, Sections 14-271 and 14-272 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Abandoned Vehicles."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, the Mayor explained that this is mostly housekeeping. Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski stated that this changes the time frame to determine whether a vehicle was abandoned from seven days to five days.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2021-13, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 42, Article VI, Division 2, Section 42-432 and Chapter 90, Article II, Sections 90-31 and 90-33 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Graffiti and Weeds."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski explained that this ordinance also changes some time frames. Graffiti removal changes to five days rather than 15 days. It also requires weeds to be abated within five days rather than ten days. That is for weeds over six inches.

The Mayor elaborated that we have people in town who only cut their grass twice a year when they are cited. We are trying to tighten this up to get people to cut their grass or get someone to do it for them.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2021-14, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Article II, Division 2, Division 2, Section 18-69 and Chapter 78, Article IV, Section 78-123 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Building Permits and Transfer Stamps."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski explained that this resolution is for the transfer stamps. It provides that permits shall not be issued to the owner of the dwelling, apartment or any other place that has local ordinance violations or any other unpaid debt to the village. They must pay their debt before they get their transfer stamps. This is the standard practice. The Mayor asked if we had this before. Ms. Jaworski said we had some of it, but it was not clear. We made it

clear, so people understand what is required, which is no debt to transfer their property.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Approve Resolution 08-2021, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Certain Municipal Finance Agreement and Progress Payments Addendum with Canon Financial Services, Inc. Related to License Plate Reader Cameras for the Village of Stickney".

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to Approve Resolution 09-2021, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Certain Quote from Foster Coach Sales, Inc. Related to the Purchase of an Ambulance for the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor thanked Trustee Milenkovic for keeping us informed of dates coming up. He wished those Happy Father's Day coming up. We have Music in the Park on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Last week we had 105 in attendance and 76 the week before. The Senior Clubs will be starting up again. Ninety percent of the club is vaccinated.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk read a letter from resident Cyndi Chervinko concerning an issue with being disturbed by loud music coming from a neighboring home located at 6604 41st Street. She also mentioned beer bottles being thrown on her lawn and street after these parties. The clerk was instructed to keep this type of correspondence for the Public Comment portion of the meetings. Anonymous comments will not be considered per Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski.

In addition, the Clerk reminded that our next board meeting will be on July 6th. Trustee White included that the meetings will be in person again.

Trustee Reports: All Trustees extended Father's Day greetings.

The Mayor stated that Trustee Kapolnek is currently working on updating the rodent letter that will be going out with a stiff penalty along with it.

Trustee Torres: She told us that she is glad to be back and thanked everyone for their support. We are still planning on the Village-wide garage sale on Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you want to be put on the participation list call Linda.

Trustee Savopoulos: We were updated on the 50/50 sidewalk program. We are doing it early this year. So far, we have 167 squares to be replaced. They are planning to start the construction on June 28th. It should take a week to complete. All participants have paid the Village.

Trustee Milenkovic: The Trustee was in communication with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. They have replaced some 90-year-old tanks that have been in use since the 1930s with a new air filtration system that is state-of-the-art. They are designed to push the air away from the center of the tanks and remove odors. They did give him a hot line number to report offensive odors. They would like to track the times and dates of the complaints. The number is 800-332-3867. It is also on their website. We were also told that the MWRD is giving away four varieties of sapling trees.

The Mayor informed us that Public Works is working with the MWRD to create a wet land feature near the tennis courts. This is something that we have to do with MWRD. It will cost us a minimal amount considering that Public Works will be doing most of the work. MWRD will be helping us. We will get a few trees and the mulch from them. We had three different options with more trees. This was the best fit for our budget and for Public Works to do some of the project. The Mayor pointed out that it will also include Trustee Milenkovic because it includes trees and MWRD.

Department Reports:

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: There is a new brush on the street sweeper.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: He thanked the Board and the Mayor for the approval of the purchase of the new ambulance and moving forward with it. Unfortunately, it takes one year to build. We probably will not see it until next March. Last week Braniff Communication did their annual maintenance of the warning siren at O'Reilly Park. They inspected it and the only issue they had was they replaced the battery back up inside the system in case the power goes off. In addition, the Chief told us that the ambulance we are replacing is a 2007. We are at 14 years old. The other ambulance is a 2015.

Police Chief James Sasseti: He announced that we are participating in the Cook County Sheriff's Drug Take Back Program. The Cook County Sheriff installed the prescription drug drop box in the outer lobby of the police station. It is available to residents 24/7, 365 days to bring their unwanted prescription drugs. With the help of Trustee White, we previously had one connected with CVS Drugs which was labor intensive. He urged people to utilize the drop box. People were requested to drop their prescription drugs themselves.

The Police Department is aware of several loud music and noise complaints/disturbance complaints around the adjacent area of Mount Auburn Cemetery including some residents. Year to date the Stickney Police Department has received 16 calls in total related to loud music/noise and disturbances in that entire section of the Village. As a result of recent numerous calls, multiple Stickney Local Ordinance citations were issued. Those citations have a court date of next Thursday, June 24, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. All the residents that live in that general area that are affected by the noise and disturbances around Mount Auburn

and the residential area have been notified of the 24th court date. We encourage them to appear to voice their concerns to the Village adjudicator and help the police in rectifying these issues. We encourage the residents to contact the police when this destructive behavior is happening. The Chief reminded us that the police have a large geographic area in the Village to cover from Cicero Avenue to Harlem Avenue. Our officers cannot be everywhere all the time. We rely on residents to contact us. We encourage you to continue to do so. In addition, the Chief is proud of our police department. Over the last week we have not seen any major incidents here in the Village of Stickney. But our surrounding communities have been dealing with some major crimes. Our officers, in the past few days, have assisted with a couple of homicide investigations. One north of us and one south of us. We played a critical role in bringing cases to a resolution. Riverside had a carjacking at 26th and Harlem. Our officers being out on patrol and being diligent spotted the vehicle and initiated a pursuit and the offenders were subsequently captured in Channahon, Illinois. If it were not for the fine work of our officers, we probably would not have spotted the carjacked vehicle and be able to relay information to other units that assisted in the apprehension for the Riverside Police Department. Finally, our next meeting is after the 4th of July. We will be out there for the 4th of July. He encouraged people leave the fireworks to the professionals. We realize if this 4th of July is like last year, we should expect an over abundance of residential fireworks. We are increasing our manpower. We ask for your patience. We are going to cover the entire 4th of July weekend. He suggested that we leave the fireworks for the professionals.

The Mayor asked when the seniors meet, could they give their unwanted drugs to a police officer to bring into the drop box. The Chief suggested that people bring them in themselves or give them to a relative to bring into the drop box.

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 7:44p.m.

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 6th day of July, 2021

Jeff Walik, President