

February 2, 2016

**State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 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 Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**

Trustee Fuentes moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli 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: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to accept the Stickney Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2015.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

Prior to the vote, Mayor Morelli introduced Bob Grapenthien from Crowe Horwath Auditing Firm to make a presentation on the results of the audit. He talked about the required communications and audit highlights. They are here to give an opinion about the village's financial statements. Governments have multiple units of opinion units. They have to give an opinion on eight. There is a general fund, a debt service fund, capital projects fund, motor fuel tax fund and water fund. All the other funds are not considered major funds. All capital assets and debts are layered on top. They come into the village with nothing. They ask the village to prove how much cash they have. They confirm all the bonds. They do procedures on water fund revenues and

expenses and that sort of thing. For all the village's opinion years we are able to render a clean opinion. This is the highest level you can get. They are required by auditing standards to discuss certain points of the audit. He provided details. Management has to have certain estimates. This could set off red lights to make things look good. After this test, there were no biases this year. They test the pension and employee health care benefits after retirement. They test the census data sent to the actuarial. There were no exceptions. There was a bond refund this year. There were no selective corrections. As far as corrected misstatements, he told us all the data submitted to us contains no uncorrected misstatements. During their audit there were no significant disagreements with management. Everything that you find in the financial statement has been tested. This report is useful because budget to actuals are presented for all funds in the back. If you want to see how you are doing budget to actual for any fund, you can flip to the back side of this financial statement to see how you are doing.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to pass and approve Ordinance 2016-06, "An Ordinance Amending the Issuance of Liquor Licenses."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Trustee Fuentes was referring to the substance of this ordinance. Trustee White suggested that she ask the mayor who is the liquor commissioner. Village Attorney Del Galdo responded that there never was a Class G liquor license. He didn't know if a Class G license was ever intended to be in the code. So this reestablishes this class of liquor license and sets the limit at six which is consistent with the other number of licenses.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to table Ordinance 2016-07, "An Ordinance Clarifying the Duties of the Village Attorney for two weeks.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Trustee White explained that during this past week....first of all we thought it would be cost savings to the village to merge the prosecutor's office along with the Village Attorney. We thought we could save some money by doing that. But when John Xydakis, (who by the way is not approved by the village board) caught wind of what we were doing a few days ago, John Xydakis sent a correspondence to our Village Attorney threatening to sue four trustees along with the Village of Stickney. We got past that and we were still going to do this ordinance. Then today at the bewitching hour, 4:30 this afternoon, and another email was sent to our Village Attorney. We have not had a chance to have our attorney look into. At this time, I would like to table this for two weeks. We would like to have Attorney Mike Del Galdo look into it.

Trustee Lazansky asked, "Was a reason for bringing it?" "I guess we could talk about that when you comes back in two weeks". Trustee White said, "I just gave you the reason, it is cost savings". Trustee Lazansky responded, "I didn't think there was going to be any cost savings". Trustee White said, "It was debatable". Trustee Lazansky added, " John Xydakis does an excellent job". Trustee White responded, "He is not approved by this board by the way". Trustee Lazansky replied, "He was appointed by the mayor and the mayor has the authority to do so, and that is good enough for me". "The man does a great job and that is good enough for me". Trustee White added, "It may be good enough for you, but it is not good enough for me". Trustee Savopoulos injected, "The Village Attorney is also appointed by the Mayor". "It would still be an appointment". Lastly, Trustee White included this final comment. "We hired this person to enforce our ordinances and he turns around to sue four members of this board and the Village of Stickney".

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor introduced Heather Shlah, Stickney-Forest View Library Director. We were informed of the Library's Renovation Plans. They are doing an esthetic-space-redesign to bring the library into the 21st century. She invited all of us to the February 17, 2016 public engagement event. We could talk to her and her library board about the financing of this project. She would like our opinions. We could weigh in on the choices for the selections. It is at 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk provided EPA notice information on a local business. She gave information from the Cook County Clerk's office pertaining to the March 15, 2016 primary election. She provided information for registering to become an election judge.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS: Trustee Fuentes gave the fire department report for the month of January, 2016 as follows: Ambulance calls: 52; Mutual Aid Calls: 17; Service Calls: 5; Fire Calls:19; Hazardous Condition Calls: 3; Motor Vehicle Accidents: 5; Working Fires: 0; Brush/Trash Fire Calls:0; Car Fires: 1; Outside Equipment Fires: 0; Total calls for the month of January: 102; Total calls for 2016: 102.

Trustee Hrejsa wished to table her report for another meeting. She then advised us that she read on Facebook that Jeff Boyajian has attained rank of Deputy Fire Chief. It was confirmed.

Trustee Lazansky provided information that Cook County veterans with a 70% disability can obtain property tax deductions. He suggested that people go to the Cook County web site. There were meetings mentioned.

Trustee Milenkovic said that at the last board meeting the mayor said some untrue statements about him. He had a written response. He would like to give it to the clerk to include in the minutes. The clerk asked if she should read it. Village Attorney clarified that the clerk can site it and attach it as an exhibit to the minutes. The Clerk was told to say: This was tendered as a statement and he elected not to read them and attach them verbatim to the minutes.

**EXHIBIT A: The following is the written response from Trustee Milenkovic:
President Morelli,**

At the last village board meeting, Jan. 19th, 2016, you assailed my character by falsely accusing me of sexual harassment against you. No investigating was performed and no evidence was submitted. According to the statement you read at that board meeting, this incident occurred on July 22, 2015. I do recall you barging into the office that I share with the building inspector. You accused me of defacing a picture from a local newspaper that included you. The picture was posted because it contained the building inspector. The picture was posted on a shared bulletin board, in a shared office. I told you at the time that I did not deface the picture and had no knowledge of who might have. I also explained to you that the door to the office is commonly left open by the building inspector. As a result of that I had keys made to lock my desk and brought in a small locking file cabinet. I certainly did not invite you in you in so you either wandered in on your own or were invited in by the building inspector. I have no idea who else travels in and out of the office when the door is left open.

During our exchange at the Jan. 19th, 2016 board meeting, you claimed that we never had the aforementioned conversation. That is not true. I find it curious that you bring this matter up 6 months after it occurred, in an open board meeting. Perhaps this was timed to coincide with your upcoming political fundraiser or your dissatisfaction with my proposed ordinance merging the village prosecutor duties with the Village Attorney.

After three years as the Village President, you should have learned the proper protocol for dealing with personnel issues. Why wouldn't you contact our Police Department to undertake a proper investigation? A proper investigation ensures an assessment of evidence. Perhaps you should have looked for advice from IRMA (Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency). Instead you publically attacked me without following professional procedures. You have brought embarrassment to the office of the Village President and the Village of Stickney. I would like to formally request for you to resign your position immediately.

Signed Trustee Mitch Milenkovic

Trustee Savopoulos recognized Cicero Town President Larry Dominick in the audience.

Trustee White provided scam information. He mentioned the Com Ed scam and the IRS scam. He explained that Com Ed is not going to call you on the phone and say that they didn't get your payment and they will turn your electric off in two hours unless you give them your credit card information and pay this bill right now. The IRS will not call you on the phone and tell you that you will go to jail right now until you give us your credit card and give us some money right now. Be aware.

In addition, Trustee White informed us that we are close to working with our new electric company. Our old contract is not up until March 16. Although, some of our residents will start getting letters later this month. It is based on the billing cycle. If you want to go with Eligo Energy, our new electric provider, you don't have to do

anything. You will be automatically switched. If you don't want to go with this new company, you need to fill out the Opt Out form and send it back.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Deputy Police Chief Rich Jaczak reminded us that public works will never come to your house and ask you to fill buckets of water in your basement. This happened a few weeks ago on Grove Avenue. Someone did get scammed. We are working with the Special Illinois State Police Task Force to focus specifically on those. They are not optimistic but are putting every effort toward it that they can. Additionally, last Wednesday, January 27, we had a very bad accident on Harlem Avenue. No alcohol or drugs were involved. There was a fatality. It is the first one lately on a public street. It closed Harlem Avenue for about four hours. Two weekends back we had about five catalytic convertor thefts in the area of 41st and Wisconsin. Those are very loud when they do this and it is done very fast. We had three witnesses with zero calls. They told us about it the next day when one of our officers went door-to-door. They said they saw people outside. That someone was throwing up and someone was under the car. We needed those calls and didn't get them. Concerning the consolidation of the telecommunication centers: We have a meeting set up in the next coming weeks with several agencies. Trustee Savopolous facilitated a meeting between us and Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore, they didn't know what was in this bill. With the two of the three (dispatch centers) that we have spoken to so far, if we consolidate with them, we can't afford to. It may involve layoffs with police officers and not only dispatchers to afford what we have to do. The best option came from Cicero. If we do have to consolidate, Cicero is at the top of our opinion list. Then it has to go before the board. The Deputy Chief extended an invitation to the consolidation meeting that was previously mentioned. He asked for a confirmation from them. Otherwise it is not open to the public. The attendees are coming from a vast territory.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian reassured everyone in light of what has happened in Flint, Michigan, we have our water tested twice per month with the EPA to get a clean bill of health. Otherwise we would have to issue a boil order. The lead is tested by the EPA every three years. Last summer we passed that test. It is a health issue. It is a fire issue.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer alerted people to change their furnace filters and their dryer lint traps. He suggested that people not leave their dryers running when they leave their homes.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka reminded us that the administrative offices will be closed on February 15, 2016 for Presidents' Day.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the treasurer's report for the month of September, 2015.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to convene into Closed Session at 7:26 p.m.

Convening into executive session under Section 2 (c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act for discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes for approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06.

Discussion regarding the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. (Consideration of this matter held in Closed Meeting/Executive Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6)(2014)).

Discussion Regarding Probable and Imminent Litigation (Consideration of this matter held in Closed Meeting/Executive Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11)(2014)).

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to return to Open Session at 8:24 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to authorize the clerk to draft a resolution that has to do with release of closed session minutes.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to have the Village Attorney negotiate terms with Verizon pursuant to the closed session.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 17th day of February, 2016

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor