

**June 20, 2023**

**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 6, 2023, at 7:06 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.**

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

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023**

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

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

**Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the promotion of Officer David DeMato to the rank of Corporal.**

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

**Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the appointment of David DeMato to Watch Commander.**

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

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to approve the request to hire one (1) Probationary Patrol Officer.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Police Chief James Sasseti explained that Commander DeMato will be in charge of one of our midnight shifts. The Board approved at the last meeting a replacement officer to take the place for the officer who previously left. That money was previously budgeted for. We are in the process of doing our lateral testing now. Upon completion and posting of the final list, we will do an immediate hiring from that list.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White, to grant permission to conduct a block party in the 4000 block of Clinton, July 8, 2023. 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The Mayor reported that the next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 5, 2023 due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July being on a Tuesday. The budget meeting will be held at 6:45 p.m. He displayed a picture drawn by Lois Hrejsa, the 91-year-old mother of Trustee Hrejsa. She made this picture for the Mayor. Trustee Hrejsa explained that his mother has been an artist for many years. The Mayor said that he went to school with one of Trustee Hrejsa's brothers. When he was in school, Mrs. Hrejsa would go to their school and make them paint. She has painted some of the famous "Cows on Parade". She has also painted objects for LaGrange. She was featured in a newspaper in Romania.

The Illinois Department of Public Health recognized Omar Silvera, Deputy Fire Chief, for achieving 20 years as an Emergency Medical Technician/Medical Services. Also, The Illinois Department of Public Health recognized Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian for achieving 35 years as an Emergency Medical Technician/Medical Services.

The Mayor now read a proclamation recognizing Donald Tabor.

**In appreciation to Mayor Tabor**

WHEREAS: Donald Tabor has been a resident of Stickney for 62 years;

WHEREAS: Donald Tabor has been married to his lovely wife Vivian Tabor for 66 years;

WHEREAS: Donald Tabor retired after 25 years with Nalco Chemicals;

WHEREAS: Donald began his political career with the Village of Stickney serving five years, 1983 to 1989 on the Zoning Board;

WHEREAS: Donald served for ten years, 1989 to 1999 as a Trustee for the Village of Stickney;

WHEREAS: Donald J. Tabor served his community as Mayor from May 1999 to May 2009, going above and beyond to accommodate all the residents of Stickney;

Now therefore, I Jeff Walik President of the Village of Stickney, proclaim June 20, 2023 as Mayor Donald J. Tabor Day in the Village of Stickney for his dedicated service to this community:

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The clerk reminded people that there will be a budget hearing on the Proposed Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. The meeting will take place just prior to our regular Board meeting at 6:45 p.m. The notice has been posted correctly in the newspaper.

All the Trustees congratulated Watch Commander David DeMato and thanked Mayor Tabor for all his service.

**Trustee White:** He will be on vacation and will miss the next meeting.

**Trustee Milenkovic:** The Mayor said that Trustee Milenkovic helped research the information used in the Donald Tabor proclamation.

**Trustee Torres:** We will have a Village-Wide Garage/Yard Sale on Saturday, July 29. She announced that Congressman Chuy Garcia will be holding a satellite office here in the Village of Stickney on Thursday, June 22, 2023. He will handle inquiries pertaining to Federal issues.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:** Congratulated Commander DeMato. He told us about a fire that took place two weeks ago. There were several fires in the forest between 41<sup>st</sup> and Pershing. There were 17 departments answering the call. No houses were ever in danger. It is all dry in there. Be careful with fireworks. Leave it to the professionals.

**Police Chief James Sasseti:** He congratulated Mayor Tabor. He alerted people that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is just a couple of weeks away. Historically we see a great increase in fireworks related calls. Generally, people call the police and aren't happy with the timely response. At times on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> there is an abundance of fireworks calls. We are out there fully staffed. We will be bringing in additional staff for these holidays. If you call, a majority of our time out there on patrol is spent answering these calls. He knows this is a repetitive effort. I know you don't want to hear it. Please be patient. We will respond to them. Finally, the May, 2023 Calls for Service Report: 2038 calls for service for the month of May. It is repetitive but it is an all time high. We make up 24% of the calls to the 911 center. We have seen our calls increase month over month.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 5<sup>th</sup> of July, 2023

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Jeff Walik, President