

**June 6, 2017**

**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, 2017, 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 Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White**

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.**

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

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek 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  
Nays: None  
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to pass and approve Ordinance 2017-06, "An Ordinance Opting Out of the Cook County Earned Sick leave Ordinance and the Cook County Minimum Wage Ordinance.**

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

**Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to pass and approve Ordinance 2017-07, "An Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wage Rates for the Construction of Public Works Projects for the Village of Stickney.**

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

Prior to the vote, Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "This is a requirement of state law that all municipalities, including Stickney, adopt an ordinance setting the prevailing wage rates for this region."

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to pass and approve Ordinance 2017-08, "An Ordinance Amending One-Way Roadways in the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Trustee White told the audience, "Just so everybody knows, this is because of the construction on Harlem Avenue. We don't want people cutting through our town so we are making those streets one way going west. The construction will go on until the end of the year." Mayor Walik also explained, "It will be 44<sup>th</sup> and Harlem, 43<sup>rd</sup> and Harlem and 42<sup>nd</sup> and Harlem west bound."

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to pass and approve Ordinance 2017-09, "An Ordinance Amending Water Rates in the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to ratify the request for the June 3, 2017 block party at the Stickney-Forest View Library.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Clerk McAdams explained the discussion concerning the approval of this block party. "The Block Party Application specifies that I have to have the request application in to me 15 business days prior to the block party. On Wednesday of last week, the Block Party Application was delivered to the Village Hall by Heather who is the Director of the Stickney-Forest View Library. Obviously it was not 15 days prior to the event. I had to scramble to contact all of the trustees to see if they would ratify the event (which they did). It was too late to place it on the agenda. It was not something that was easy to do. She did contact the police department, fire department and public works on her own prior to me knowing about the event. This was done a full week and a half before but never contacted the Village Hall. It was an effort to do this but the library is very important to us and I wanted it to go as smoothly as possible." Note: It is the clerk's responsibility to make sure that all proof of liability insurance is in order to protect the village.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Walik let people know that the Little League parade and the Memorial Day program went off great. There was great weather for both. He thanked all the volunteers for both programs. He told us that he has attended a couple of the baseball games. We were notified that we received our "Tree City USA" status once again. We had this status a couple of years ago and lost it. Trustee Milenkovic kept it going. We have our four-year plaque and four-year stickers that will be applied. He displayed the "Tree USA" pins. We were told that the "Tree City USA" flag would be kept indoors to protect it from the weather. We are proud to get our "Tree City USA" status back. The Mayor then spoke about the Memorial Day program. He explained that he was told by former military personnel that after the honor guard portion of the program people can't talk. Therefore, he was not able to properly address the individual who played taps. At this time he asked a young man in the audience to come forward. The Mayor then gave Daniel Reiter a Certificate of Appreciation from the Village of Stickney for a job well done. This is a fourteen-year-old who played as well as a forty-year-old. In addition, the mayor handed Trustee Torres and Trustee Kapolnek their Village of Stickney Trustee badges.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk McAdams announced that one of the jobs of the Village Clerk is elections. On May 29, the Illinois General Assembly passed legislation for automatic voter registration. It is expected that Governor Bruce Rauner will sign it into law. The proposal will modernize the voter registration system and increase participation. People would register automatically when they visit the Secretary of State offices unless they opt out. A person who has obtained a state ID at a state facility has demonstrated proof of identity and had it recognized by the state.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

Trustee Savopoulos reported that he reached out to Tom Fagan from Azavar, the utilities' audit firm that was approved in March. They are in the process in collecting all the data. At the end of the month he would like to meet with Mayor Walik and give us an updated report. Trustee Savopoulos reminded people of the music fest in Stickney on July 22. He has tickets for purchase at the restaurant.

Trustee Milenkovic informed us that the Tree Board Committee met on June 1. The Tree Lottery Applications were discussed. The applications will be taken July 3 to 31. There will be 15 trees. Edison School and Home School will each receive a tree. The varieties of the trees were given. The next meeting will be on August 22, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. The "Tree City" program was initially brought to the Village of Stickney by Mayor Walik when he was Trustee Walik. Lastly, we were told that the Blue Kangaroo Laundromat had a payment due of \$13,500.00 to the village for their permit fees. The board, with the help of Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo, was able to recoup the \$13,500.00. Thanks were given.

Trustee Torres told us that we now have a Blight Inspector, Ed Bartunek. If you see him out there he will be checking out properties and sending out blight notices. If you have any complaints or if you want to talk about anything, you can call the village hall and ask for him. He does have an extension. Hopefully the properties will start looking better now. She also mentioned that the newsletter is out and we have copies available here today. It gives a little history of all of us and what we could expect to have happen in the village.

Trustee Hrejsa gave us the Music in the Park updates. She announced a neighborhood cleanup in the alleys on June 17, at 8:00 a.m. She is asking for volunteers. Flyers are available. Please join.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Treasurer Paul Nosek informed us that the Village has started its audit process. It should be done by September. We are starting the budget process for the year. We are meeting with the department heads for their wish lists. We will do a three-year projection from now on so we will have better planning from now on. Finally, he told us that the vehicle stickers are on sale right now.

Police Chief Dan Babich stated that construction has started on Harlem Avenue, so for safety of our residents and children in the area we will be blocking off traffic turning eastbound from Harlem Avenue at 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and 44<sup>th</sup> Street making them all a one way street from Maple Avenue alleyway going westbound to Harlem Avenue on all three streets until construction is complete. He asked that people take extra precaution and time during this transition.

An important piece of information was given that in the near future we will be using the Town of Cicero's Animal Shelter called Waggin Tails located at 1800 S. Laramie. They will help house our stray dogs and cats in a proper safe environment. This agreement was made through the help and co-ordination of our Mayor Jeff Walik and the President of Cicero, Larry Dominick. The Shelter is a 24/7 operation with proper kennels and veterinarian staff to evaluate all types of animals in a controlled environment. No animals are to be destroyed, but adopted out if they can't identify the owners. Prior to this, we were trying to house them here in what we call our sally port. That wasn't working out when we were trying to bring in prisoners through this garage. This is the best solution and cheapest solution.

In addition, we will have the new lateral list for the hiring of new police officers completed by the Police and Fire Commissioners this Friday, June 9, 2017. Some of them will be 20-year veteran police officers and know our area. We won't have to send them to the academy and we could turn them out in a couple of weeks. Someone who was in the academy has to go through 10 weeks in the academy and another 10 weeks with a field training officer. We are a little short of man power and we need to get them going.

Just so people know, we are going to have two officers out there in between schools watching the alley ways. We have been receiving complaints on that. They are playing music and beeping horns. He then told us about his own confrontation with an alley user going through a stop sign.

Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez added in that if you have a neighbor who has a yard or alley that needs cleaning, he asked that you let them know or let us know that we are have the alley cleanup. The trees overhanging in the alleys will also be trimmed. These branches interfere with the garbage truck. He also informed us that some of the workers have seen cockroaches.

The Mayor informed the audience that in the past we had a police and fire report given at the meetings. In the future our Fire Chief and Deputy Fire Chief and our Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief will be giving us six month reports. They will probably give this report in January and June or July. He enforced the fact that we want more information on actual police activity and not how many gallons of gas they use .

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2017

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Jeff Walik, Mayor