

September 1, 2009

State of Illinois  
County of Cook  
Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 1 2009, at 7:00 P.M. in the Stickney Village Hall, Council Chambers, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Cook County, Illinois

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:  
Trustees Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Trustee Schimel moved and duly seconded by Trustee Morelli to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session of the Board of Trustees held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk  
Nays: None  
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk, that the bills, approved by the various committees of the Board, be approved for payment, and to approve warrants which authorizes 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: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk  
Nays: None  
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

The President asked the boards consent to take a single Roll Call Vote on items 6 thru 10 that are grouped together for voting purposes under the designation "Omnibus Vote."

Item 6. Ordinance 2009-19, "An ordinance revising the definition, procedures and fines dealing with a snow emergency."

Item 7. Ordinance 2009-20, "An ordinance revising the rules pertaining to parking after snowfalls and the clearing of snow in alleys."

Item 8, Ordinance 2009-21, "An ordinance revising the rules pertaining to the days and times of street cleaning."

Item 9. Ordinance 2009-22, "An ordinance revising the yard waste and leaves procedures, and the fines involved with their violations."

Item 10. Ordinance 2009-23, "An ordinance revising the violation sum for infractions involving parking."

Highlights pertaining to the changes made in each ordinance were given.

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President O'Reilly asked if there were any items that a trustee needed to remove prior to a motion was given. Jim Lazansky objected to Ordinance 2009-23 pertaining to the violation fee of \$50 for a parking offense. He made a motion but failed to receive a second. The motion failed.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk to accept Ordinances 2009-19, 20, 21, 22, & 23.

## OMINIBUS VOTE

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: Lazansky

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

President O'Reilly announced that he has made his selection to fill the vacancy on the board of trustees caused by the death of Jim Roll. The term will expire in April of 2011 when the next election will take place. He asked the board to make a motion to accept his selection of the appointment of Jeffery Walik.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk to accept President O'Reilly's selection to appoint Jeffery Walik to fill the open Trustee position.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk

Nays: Lazansky

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

There was correspondence in the form of a thank you letter from Marlene Kubal and the Morelli family.

Clerk Audrey McAdams gave information pertaining to the 2010 Census.

## TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mares reported that Parks & Recreation will have a DJ in the Park on Friday, September 11, from 6:30 to 8:30. It will be at the pavilion on 41<sup>st</sup> and Ridgeland. There will be hot dogs and chips served for the kids. He also advised us that opened up the "Visitor's Center" located next to the front lobby. It contains pictures and he has more to add to it. People could also use it as a meeting area if they have business with the village.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month ending July, 2009.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk, Walik

Nays: none

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

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Trustee Morelli gave the fire department report for the month of August. There were 167 calls, 93 fire and service calls, 74 ambulance calls, and 1186 total calls for the year. Trustee Morelli also reminded us of the Saint Pius bingo starting up on September 12.

Trustee Schimel gave us an update on home demolitions. It took 3 ½ years to finally demolish 3913 Home. The job was completed this morning. The Coyote Club issue is due in court later this month. In addition, there were six apartment buildings/condo conversions on Harlem Avenue that were very delinquent with their water bills. He also felt that it is not the tenant's fault that the water bills are not paid. It is the owner's fault. They put red stickers on everyone's front doors that warned that the water would be turned off by September 1. All but one building owner came in to pay their water bill. Trustee Schimel provided three more addresses that may be demolished. The property located at 6944 40<sup>th</sup> Street for demolition only with a sale price of \$17,000. The home located at 4029 Euclid was an illegal four flat. The home located at 4103 Wisconsin they are waiting for a structural report and it is full of termites.

Trustee Zeedyk gave the police report for the month of August. There were a total of 965 calls, 126, E 911 calls, 57, E 911 calls dispatched, 69-non-emergency 911s, 419 arrests, 1375 miscellaneous details, 13,110 squad miles, 1228 gallons of gas equating to 11 miles per gallon. The ordinance officers report for August were: 273 ordinance investigations, 3 business investigations, 66 violations notices, 63 miscellaneous details, 1 Stickney Local Ordinance tickets, and 110 adjudication hours.

#### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Fire Chief Meyer reported that the department has been busy with training. They have someone going to training in Champaign and they have been in River Forest. The training is paid for by The Illinois Terrorist Task Force. He further gave a warning about a call for smoke in a home. The problem was caused by a furnace filter improperly installed.

Deputy Police Chief Frank Figueroa commented on a previous complaint given by a resident who lives on the 7000 block of 40<sup>th</sup> Place. She was reporting numerous cars parked without village vehicle tags. Officer Ortiz followed up by observing the situation and finally found one violation. The residents were encouraged to call the police 24 hours a day if they have a complaint.

Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez requested that residents call public works if they found graffiti on a street sign. The Public Works Department has special solutions that can remove the graffiti without harming the signs.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka reminded us that the administrative Village offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, due to Labor Day. The Treasurer also informed us that reimbursements for the expenses involved with the demolitions are trickling in.

## AUDIENCE QUESTIONS:

Donna Halfpenny of 4011 Home Avenue remarked on the lack respect for the residents during the street construction. Several examples were given. In addition, she complained over the about a neighbors tree being cut down. Supervisor Joe Lopez found a split in this tree that required an emergency reaction before it fell. She also complained on the manner in which her tree was trimmed. A response was given by a representative of Bluder's Tree Service.

Penny Gibas of 4425 S. Wisconsin promoted the Library's Health Fair. She wanted to know why the Stickney Police Department wasn't mentioned in the flyer as being involved with it. The answer to that was an omission. She also had an idea about the Parks & Recreation becoming involved with sharing the costs with a movie program the library is promoting. Trustee Mares addressed her concerns. Mrs. Gibas also announced her opinions concerning the appointment of Jeff Walik to the board.

Bea Callahan of 4126 S. Grove questioned if there were bids put out for the tree service and if they were arborists. Mrs. Callahan then proceeded to ask about the ordinances that were passed. Because she didn't include these questions on the sign-up sheet, as is dictated per Ordinance 2009-17, it was necessary to ask the board for a vote to give consent take leave to allow her to ask these questions.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares to consent to allow Bea Callahan to ask further questions that were not written on the sign-up sheet.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Zeedyk, Walik

Nays: none

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.


Bea Callahan continued to question the times involved with street sweeping. It was found that the time on the ordinance that was passed was incorrect. It will be changed at the next meeting. She also questioned the leaf program. Supervisor Joe Lopez said we had to change our procedures concerning leaves because it is a safety hazard, it will save our newly cleaned sewers from being plugged and comply with the EPA rules, and we will save on overtime,

Mike Gondos, 4423 Clinton questioned the rules on cutting grass and if it can be ejected into the streets. He gave the address of his offending neighbor. He also questioned the depositing of snow on the streets as well. He was told that the ordinances does not allow it and enforcement will be taken.

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There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which, said Board of Trustees adopted the motion at 7:42 p.m. and President O'Reilly declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me, this 2nd day of September, 2009

  
Daniel O'Reilly, President