

April 20, 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, April 20, 2021, at 7:02 p.m.

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

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Wednesday, April 7, 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 2021-06, "An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 14 of Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Vehicle Towing and Impounding."

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 grant permission for a block party to be held on Saturday, May 1, 2021 on 44th Street between Home and Wenonah Avenue, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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 the application was late because the requester was out-of-town. The proper signatures were included.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor informed us that a small flyer came out recently. Those who do not get it can see it on the website. He thanked Beth and Mitch for putting it together quickly. It contains save-the-dates. There are articles from the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Public Works Director. There is information on the Cinco De Mayo Fest on May 2, 2021. The front office will stay open during the months of May and June from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to accommodate vehicle sticker sales.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk reported that the Cook County Clerk will be certifying the Consolidated Election results on April 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The Official Certificate of Results can be downloaded from their website. The Clerk gave another reminder to the people who still need to complete their Statement of Economic Interest filing.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Kapolnek: Reminded people that the Village sponsored lawn cutting will start on May 1.

Trustee Torres: Information was provided about the Cinco De Mayo Fest May 2nd at 43rd and Ridgeland. There will be music by DJ Gabe from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Caliente from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be features for the kids. Food and drinks available.

Trustee Milenkovic: The Arbor Day Foundation wrote to congratulate Stickney on earning recognition as a 2020 Tree City USA. Residents of Stickney should be proud to live in a community where planting and caring for trees are a priority. The Trustee thanked the Tree Board for all their hard work and especially the Mayor and Beth Lukas for doing quite a bit of the work involved. He said, "I get quite a bit of the credit as the Chairman of the Tree Board, but they do quite a bit of the work."

Thursday, April 22, is Earth Day and Friday, April 30 is Arbor Day. The Midway Noise Compatibility meeting is next Thursday. Therefore, I will have a report at the next meeting.

Trustee Savopoulos: Announced a new business in the Village. It will be at 39th and Cicero Avenue. They have filed the paperwork to get a zoning variance on that property. The owner is looking to put in a gas station and a car wash. Gas stations are allowed. A car wash is a special use. The Zoning Board is scheduled to meet on May 11 at 6:00 p.m. to consider the applicant's request. The owner will be sending out notices to surrounding businesses and residents this Friday. This is within the timeframe required. Proof will be sent to the Building Inspector that the mailings have gone out. This facility will have a Dunkin Donuts with a drive thru and a Steak n Egger restaurant.

David Gonzalez, Finance Director: An update was provided of the previous ten months of the fiscal year. A couple of screens of information were presented. A focus was given of the General Fund. We did receive \$559,000 from the Cook County Covid-19 reimbursement. It helped us to stay within our budget. We had anticipated a lot more in permit fees from Hawthorne. Those were delayed. The reimbursement helped with police and fire. Expenditures were higher this year because of Covid overtime in certain departments. He anticipated that we would come in balanced as of April 30th. Moving forward we were told of the Village's commitment to the funding the Police Pension Fund and the IMRF. Another graphic was displayed that highlighted the Police Pension Fund over the last few years. It was mentioned that The American Rescue Plan would provide us \$811,000. We have not received it yet. We would get \$405,000 in fiscal year 2022 and in the next year we would get another \$405,000. He recommended that we use it for our normal operations in case the permits or sales taxes do not come in. We should remain conservative. We will create the 2022 fiscal budget with that \$405,000 in the General Fund. If we see that we are trending a little bit better, we could see within six months on how to spend that money. He advised that we run conservative like we have done the last four years. That would also keep the levy flat so we can keep funding the pensions.

The Mayor thanked him for all his help. The graphics were awesome. We were reminded that we have not received one cent of the \$811,000. We never spend any money we do not have.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: He thanked Trustee Milenkovic for helping the Village get trees for the Village.

Police Chief James Sasseti:

Stickney Police Department 2020 Annual Report

The Chief provided a synopsis of the past year's challenges faced by the Police Department. We overcame situations such as civil unrest and Covid-19 protocols. We did not have any civil unrest in our community.

We have twenty-one full-time officers. The most ever. The auxiliary officer contingency was increased to seventeen officers.

Adjudication was a challenge. Due to Covid-19 orders, hearings were held outdoors at the fire department, over Zoom, and in our normal courtroom with significant less capacity. Overall funds collected in 2020 increased significantly over previous years.

The Police Chief thanked the Mayor, the members of the Board of Trustees and the community.

<u>INDEX CRIMES OFFENSES</u>	2018	2019	2020
Homicides:	0	0	0
Rape:	0	1	0
Robbery:	2	2	0
Aggravated Assault & Battery:	0	1	2
Burglary:	6	6	9
Theft:	40	41	49
Motor Vehicle Theft:	1	3	1
Arson:	1	0	0
Human Trafficking:	0	0	0
Total:	55	54	63
Drug-related Arrests:	4	16	23

Most of our traffic enforcement citations were for speeding violations within our residential community and surrounding areas. People not having insurance decreased by 10% from prior years. The presence of the police helps to reducing our traffic violations. We issue parking citations to seek compliance. We issued a little over 2,800 parking citations. It is a 2 ½ % decrease over the prior year.

We have made technology upgrades to the police department to make our police officer's job more efficient, more effective, and easier. We will continue with the initiatives in 2021.

Ordinance Control Report for 2020

Ordinance Investigations:	1,749
Business License Investigations:	63
Violations Notices Issues:	156
Miscellaneous Details:	1,659
S.L.O.	54
Parking Citations Issued:	782

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 7:43 p.m.

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 4th day of May, 2021

Jeff Walik, President