

November 3, 2015

State of Illinois

County of Cook

Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 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 Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 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 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 Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to pass and approve

Resolution Appropriating \$80,450.00 of Motor Fuel funds for Maintenance for the 2015 General Maintenance—Rock Salt—MRT Section No. 15-00000-00 GM

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 Savopoulos to pass and approve Ordinance 2015-18, “An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Certain Agreement with Chicago Eye Consultants for 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.

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Prior to the vote, Trustee White mentioned that he would like to be able to revisit any changes that are in the license agreement given to the trustees today. He also asked that any expenses from our engineer or any attorney fees be forwarded to the Chicago Eye Consultants by our Village of Stickney Attorney, Mike Del Galdo. The Attorney agreed to do so.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to grant permission to the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club to conduct a Holiday Lights Recycling for Sight event in the Village of Stickney Including Permission to Distribute Promotional Fliers.

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.

MAYOR’S REPORT: The mayor relayed a complement from resident Terry Hiller. She directed her comment to the police and fire chief. The children from the local schools were

thanking the chiefs for working with them with Trick and Treating. A letter of appreciation was read from the Mayor of Oak Park for the assistance received on October 20, from the Stickney Fire Department.

TRUSTEES REPORTS: Trustee Fuentes gave the fire department report for the month of October, 2015 as follows: Ambulance calls; 63: Mutual Aid Calls; 21: Service Calls; 4: Fire Calls; 11: Hazardous Condition Calls; 5: Motor Vehicle Accidents; 1: Working Fires; 0: Brush/Trash Fire Calls; 2: Car Fires; 0: Total calls for the month of October: 107; Total calls for 2015: 914.

In addition, she reported that we are partnering with the library for a children's coat drive. They are collecting new or gently used kid's coats. There will be collection containers in the Village Hall and also the library. We will also have a mitten tree here in the lobby. She is working with Morton College to hold a college night for the residents of Stickney on November 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. They will have representatives to explain the courses available including continuing education, financial aid and admissions.

Trustee Hrejsa notified the audience that on November 14, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stickney Recreation Center, "The Lego Movie" will be shown. Refreshments will be served. She asked that people register by calling the village hall. Fliers are out at the schools. On December 5, there will be a Family Holiday Party from 3:30 to 6:30 at the Recreation Center. A raffle will start at 3:30. Fliers will go out to the schools shortly. In addition, she understands that there will be a senior Christmas party also on December 5, at 11:30 a.m. at the fire house. She is not quite sure if it is open to all Stickney seniors. Trustee Lazansky responded that he is not concerned about it. He then said that it is open to all senior citizens who live in the Village of Stickney, and all of those who are in one of the clubs. Trustee Hrejsa clarified that there are seniors who live in the Village and they don't know about it because there is no flier. Trustee Lazansky remarked that there would be one before it comes. Trustee Hrejsa explained that she understood that it is for club members only for the Wednesday and Thursday clubs. They were told about it at their meeting last week. They are

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calling the Village giving their names. She went on to say that all other Village seniors who do not belong to any clubs don't know about it. She mentioned that this has happened the last few years. If it is only open to club members and if Stickney isn't paying for it that is fine, if it is personal funds out of yours (Lazansky) or the mayors that's fine. Maybe in the next year or two we could invite all the seniors in the village. Trustee Lazansky responded by saying, in the past two years that he has been preparing the food every senior that wanted to could come. Nobody had been turned away. They made sure that anyone who wanted to come was welcomed. They turned nobody away. Trustee Hrejsa continued with her emotional dialogue saying that many of the seniors are alone at the holidays. They have no family. The holidays are crucial to them. She works with a lot of seniors. She said that hopefully in the next year or maybe in two years we could get all the seniors involved. The mayor then reminded Trustee Hrejsa that she was on the Parks & Rec Committee. There was some vocal opposition from the audience. Audience member Mark Kusper questioned Trustee Hrejsa about who says that it is not open to all seniors? Where do you see it posted that only senior club members are invited. She responded that it is not posted anywhere,

that any seniors are invited. Mark Kusper continued and said that no seniors are invited. Audience member Daniel Fuentes stated that Trustee Hrejsa should make a flier herself, that she has a month if you are so concerned. Trustee White asked that we continue with our meeting.

Trustee Hrejsa carried on with her information by saying that Christmas tree trimming will take place on Saturday, November 28. There will be hot chocolate. She asked the Parks and Recreation member Jody to invite Edison and Home School because they haven't been asked in a couple of years.

Trustee Lazansky encouraged everybody to attend the Veteran's Day program on November 11, at the Recreation Center. Let's honor those who have served our country. He also thanked the board for agreeing to the parking situation at the Chicago Eye Consultants.

Trustee Milenkovic told us that the FAA has put together a task force to prepare some recommendations on drones by November 20. They are accepting comments through November 6. Go to regulations.gov. He mentioned that our next tree board meeting is November 12, at 10:00 a.m. Trustee Milenkovic and the Public Works Supervisor did approve three trees for planting in the parkway at 4427 Clinton. He attended the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission meeting. The City of Chicago is asking for a five year extension. Each municipality will be given paperwork. We are down to 49.4 decibels. The monitor is located at 4308 Wenonah. There were two complaints. He thanked Clerk McAdams and Beth Lukas for the great job they did on the newsletter. It is a lot of work. He thanked people for making donations for the troops.

Trustee Savopoulos stated that finally after two years we got the curbs fixed in front of the Village Hall. The payment of \$5,950.00 was taken out of the remainder of the \$50,000 grant. He attended the Stickney Township Board meeting. He heard them speak about a rat problem in Burbank. He warned that feeding wildlife attracts rodents.

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Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to accept the treasurer's report for the month of July, 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 mentioned that he received a letter from a senior citizen. She is concerned over her electric bill. He said that as you all know, in March our current electric contract ends and we are switching to a different company. If you don't want to go with this company, you can opt out. This particular lady has an average electric bill of \$40.00. The Trustee advised her to go back to Com Ed. For her to pay a \$4.95 monthly fee along with the rates we will be paying doesn't make sense. When the opt out letter comes, all you have to do is opt out.

The Trustee also warned people about door-to-door salesmen. He confronted two of them. Just call the police and see if they are legitimate. They must apply with the village for a permit, plus pay a fee.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief John Sladetz announced a rather non-eventful Halloween. He and some of his officers have been visiting the clinic preschool plus the day care schools to teach about safety. The police department is a Toys For Tots drop off location.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian reminded people that Public Works employees will be off on next Friday for Veterans Day. He mentioned the sidewalk and curbs in the front have been replaced. It appears that people are catching on to the leaf program by raking their leaves into the street by the curb.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer explained that our fire department worked at a fire in Oak Park. There was an explosion at Kopper's. The explosion was caused by a propane burner going out. The propane continued to flow and ultimately exploded. The tank lid blew off and flew 40 feet through the air and landed on the railroad tracks. Had it gone in another direction it could have landed on 35 or 40 construction workers. He mentioned that they do have Narcan on the ambulances to block drug overdoses. We were informed that our old ambulance is in the shop for repairs. The Chief has talked about applying in December for a grant to be used to obtain air packs. After not hearing about the results, he made a phone to FEMA and learned we weren't approved. He was encouraged to apply again. There was nothing wrong with the application, he just wasn't picked. Each air pack cost \$7,000. Our air packs are 14 years old and they are repairing them constantly.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka informed us that the proposed tax levy is scheduled to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting on December 1st. The proposed total levy is estimated at \$3,209,413 and is based on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. In the next week he will make a copy of the draft available for the trustees to review the tax levy. He also noted that the administrative offices will be

closed on Wednesday, November 11, for Veteran's Day. An audience member asked the treasurer about the changes in the tax levy. He explained that for corporate purposes, which include the general fund, the police pension fund is zero or no change. There is just a real small change in the amount for bonds and interest. This is already predetermined by the previous bond ordinance. He thought that it would go up \$7,000 or \$8,000 for next year's payments.

The clerk announced that we would not go into an executive session because there is no need to do so.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 18th of November, 2015

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor