

September 1, 2020

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 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 not attending 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](mailto:villageclerk@villageofstickney.com).

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met via Zoom electronic means on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Tuesday, August 18, 2020.

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

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2020-18, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Disposal of Personal Property for the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee Hrejsa dropped off the Zoom meeting

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

After the vote the Mayor explained that this is just the Police Department that is selling a piece of property and public works is selling a piece of property, so we had to get it on the agenda.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2020-19, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Master Tax-Exempt Lease/Purchase Agreement with U.S. Bancorp Government Leasing and Finance, Inc. Related to the Previously Authorized Purchase of Certain Vehicles for the Village of Stickney Police Department."

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 Tiffany Nelson Jaworski explained that June 20, 2020 the Village Board voted at a Special Meeting to approve the purchase of four squad cars for the Stickney Police Department. The money has been appropriated. This agreement is required by U.S. Bancorp for the lease agreement. The police still have the discretion to approve the agreement.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Walik thanked all our first responders for all they do for us. On Sunday, September 6, at 9:00 p.m. we will be having fireworks at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Ridgeland. Labor Day festivities were cancelled since we could not get insurance and the state would not give approval. On September 9, at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Pavilion on 42<sup>nd</sup> and Ridgeland, we will have polka music by Eddie Korosa Jr. He thanked former Mayor Don Tabor for putting the plans together.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Information was provided pertaining to the Census. As of this morning our self-response rate was at 75.5%.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Kapolnek** confirmed that St. Pius X Parish will be conducting a flea market located on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and Grove on September 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Trustee Milenkovic:** A tree report was given. As a result of the last storm we had to take down 25 trees that were damaged. There were ten trees that were dead previously to the storm that were removed. There were approximately 33 trees that had several branches broken off causing "hangers". We have wood chips available for the residents on Ridgeland and 41<sup>st</sup> Street. Help yourself. We are accepting applications for the tree lottery through the month of September. This is for a tree to

be located in the parkway. The application is available for download from the website. Or there are applications from the front office. Usually the residents who want one will get one.

**Trustee Savopoulos:** He told us about the 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. There are 91 squares requested which is ½ of what we had last year. Administrative Assistant Beth is collecting the monies due for the prepay. We will start after Labor Day dependent on the weather. Tentative date to finish is October 9<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Beth and public works for all their help.

**Trustee Torres:** She wanted to draw some recognition for all the hours Building Inspector Josh Brniak has given to the Hawthorne Race Track project. In addition, she provided information concerning early voting. Locations and times were given. Look for information available on the web site.

**Trustee Hrejsa:** The trustee spoke to Tracy at the Stickney Township Environmental Health Department about the rat issue in the Village. She said that if you have problems with rodents you can call the Township Environmental Health Department. They will come out and set traps. Their traps are checked every eight weeks. If a resident wants to set their own traps they will have to dispose of the rats on their own. Lastly, they said that all garbage needs to be kept in closed garbage cans.

**Police Chief James Sesetti:** He reminded people to move their cars for street sweeping. He asked that more people should sign up for the Ring Neighborhood app. The Stickney Police Department puts out messages via the app.

**Director of Public Works Joe Lopez:** He reminded people of the Labor Day holiday this weekend. There will be no street sweeping on Monday. There will be normal sweeping on Tuesday. We had a shredding event on August 22. There was 2,685 pounds of paper collected for shredding. In addition, two tons of small electronics was collected.

**Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:** He announced that very often Stickney is used as a steppingstone for firefighters before they become a full-time firefighter. Austin McGee started here at the age of 17 and completed all his training here. He will be advancing to Madison, Alabama. Another firefighter/EMT, Caroline Mercado was just recently promoted and will be deployed for the next 12 to 18 months out-of-state with the National Guard. Lastly, our Deputy Fire Chief Omari Silvera, who works full-time as a firefighter for the Harvey Fire Department was recognized. On August 25, the Harvey Fire Department responded to a house fire at 10:30 p.m. There was a fire that appeared to be in the basement of the home. Upon arrival, Silvera and his crew made a snap decision to enter this heavy-smoked-filled home and pulled the resident out and placed him on the ambulance stretcher. The victim experienced burns over 40% of his body and a compromised airway. He was treated at the scene and was later treated at Engles Hospital and later moved to the Loyola Hospital burn center. We are extremely proud of Deputy Chief Silvera and his accomplishments. He is a great asset to the Stickney Fire Department. The Mayor congratulated Omari.

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 7:24 p.m.

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020

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Jeff Walik, Mayor