

September 20, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 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 White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos with an excused absence**

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

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

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa 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 White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2022-16, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 78, Section 78-318 and Adopting Chapter 78, Article XII(B) of the Village of Stickney Municipal Code Regarding Local Motor Fuel Tax for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"

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

Prior to the vote, Stickney Finance Director David Gonzalez gave a recap of this ordinance. In July 2019, the State of Illinois allowed Stickney and other municipalities to pass a \$.03 gas tax on the purchase of gas. The board did vote to approve it in July 2019. There was some confusion in terms if some of the gas stations would pay us directly. Others were confused that the state was collecting it. The Ordinance that was passed in 2019 was never filed with the Department of Revenue. This is not a new tax. It is correcting it. Working with the Village Attorney the original format was corrected so the Department of Revenue would accept it. The problem originated because there was a transition in July 2019 when the previous Finance Director left and the new accounting firm came in August 2019. There must

have been a misunderstanding as to who would send it on to the state. We want to get everyone on the same level as to who is collecting. It should be the state collecting the tax. By us correcting this ordinance and sending it to the state by October 1st, then by January 1st everyone will be paying directly to the state. This is not an increase.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The newsletter will be coming out soon. Family Day was bigger and better along with the children's games and the fireworks. We have the haunted hayride coming up. The newsletter will be coming out around Thanksgiving.

Trustee White: The trustee informed us that on September 27, between the hours of 9:00 and 1:00, Com Ed will be doing some maintenance on the west side of the village. There may be a few houses without electricity for a brief period. The outage will not be widespread.

We were also informed that at the next board meeting Dennis Brennan will be presenting information about natural gas. We were reminded that the costs of natural gas are rising. This opportunity has nothing to do with the homeowners. It may be an opportunity for the Village of save on our facilities. We have gas bills for the police station , village hall, fire station, public works, and the water pumping station. Mr. Brennan would be able to save us 40% on our bills if we were able to vote on this today. Hopefully that rate will stay the same for the next meeting. The trustee would like to include this item on the next agenda and have a vote at that time. The Mayor asked if this would be locked in for a certain length of time. Trustee White was unsure currently. Our treasurer has questions pertaining to this opportunity.

Trustee Milenkovic: We will be starting up our Operation Support Our Troops drive again. This is where we collect items to send out to the troops and military personnel around the world. We gather things in the front foyer and transfer them to a warehouse in Lisle. The organization boxes it up and ships it off. This will start on October 1 and go until Christmas time. Please be generous. We will have a list of items that they are looking for in the front lobby. There will be signs in the front lobby. Mayor Walik started this program years ago when he was a trustee. He asked me to continue the program.

Trustee Torres: Our Family Day was excellent. We could not have done it without all the help from the departments and the volunteers. We also had a successful Pet Fest. The trustee commented that she never saw so many different dogs. The dogs were going in the pools to cool off. There were all kinds of freebies. Our Public Works Director adopted a dog from there.

Trustee Hrejsa: The trustee reminded people of the Haunted Hayride on October 15. We are looking for volunteers to participate in the event.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: We learned that the East Avenue project will be completed in October. The sidewalks will be replaced, and the grass planted.

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 7:14 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lukas, Deputy Village Clerk

Approved by me this 4th day of October, 2022

Jeff Walik, Mayor