

June 18, 2013

**State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 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 De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White**

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez 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: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky
Nays: Savopoulos, Walik and White**

Trustee Lazansky, chairman of the finance committee, questioned why they were voting no. Trustee White responded that he had a problem with the John S. Xydakis attorney bill. He went on to say that he is the adjudicator and prosecutor. We have a \$900 bill for each of those. Then we have a \$9,660 additional charge. Trustee White remarked that Donald Kreger is the Village Attorney and he didn't know that Mr. Xydakis is the Village Attorney. Because, if he is, that needed to be voted on by this board and it was not. Trustee Walik seconded that. Trustee Lazansky responded, "What Mr. Xydakis was doing was in the changeover was helping President Morelli out." "Because", he said, "Mr. Kreger at times was not able to do so." "So, Mr. Xydakis was in there helping President Morelli at everything that she could possibly do or see." Trustee White continued to dispute some charges that were made on a Sunday, May12, we have three hours of phone conversations. He felt that there are a lot of discrepancies that he would like explained. No one has been able to explain them to him this week. If someone can explain these charges to me then he wouldn't have a problem going forward. Trustees DeLeshe and Gomez asked for a copy of the bill. Trustees Walik and White asked Attorney Donald Kreger if John Xydakis was working for him. We learned that he wasn't. Trustee Lazansky said he was working for the

village. Attorney Kreger explained that a vote was already taken. He went on to say that we are discussing it now. The Mayor is either going to vote to break the tie or try to discuss this with the board as to why this occurred. At this time, Mayor Morelli explained that she would rather discuss this with the trustees so that everybody is on board with this. Donald Kreger recommended that everyone would have to withdraw their vote right now so that we could get a vote to amend the bill list. All votes were withdrawn.

Trustee White moved to amend the bill list to remove this particular bill from the Law Office of John Xydakis in order to approve the payment of the existent bill list, duly seconded by Trustee DeLeshe.

Discussion continued where Trustee White reminded us that the discrepancy is the \$9,660. Attorney Donald Kreger explained that the Mayor will discuss the issue with John Xydakis and there may not be a discrepancy or she will make a determination. She would like to do that first before breaking the tie vote. Trustee DeLeshe recommend that they go into a closed session. It would be allowed seeing that it concerns personnel.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared amendment to the motion carried

Mayor Morelli called the vote as amended to pay the remainder of the bills.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of March, 2013 indicating the sum of \$38,603.57.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation motor fuel tax for the month of May, 2013 indicating the sum of \$17,256.17.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to approve a Block Party on 40th Place between Home and Wisconsin on July 27, 2013 between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote the Clerk explained that she called the person representing the block party and asked if they were going to have any of the things specified in the new guidelines that required special insurance. She was told that they were not.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Mayor Morelli announced that representatives from the Cook County Assessor's office will give a presentation to our residents after this meeting. They will answer any questions and help the residents fill out flood appeal forms. She has also arranged to have the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District here on July 2, at 7:15. to deliver a presentation on the causes of the flood and answer questions.

CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk explained a new feature she will be highlighting during each board meeting during this centennial year. She will be reading passages from the minutes written over the last 100 years.

Third Installment of the Centennial Minutes

On April 6, 1920, Marshall Joseph Slepicka resigned. (The term Marshall was used instead of Police Chief.)

As of April 20, 1920 the license fees for a one horse wagon or vehicle was \$1.00. A six or more horse wagon or vehicle was \$6.00. Automobiles or vehicles propelled by gasoline or other explosive liquids having more than thirty-five horse power was \$5.00. At this same meeting the canvass results of the most recent election was reported. There were six people running for three trustee positions. Two people ran for Village Clerk. The votes for each were recorded as such: The name of the candidate.....received 45 men's votes, 39 women's votes, 84 total votes for Village Clerk.

On May 4, 1920 the new Marshall Charles F. Eisele was named.

A bill of \$4.50 was paid on July 6, 1920 for six Police Clubs. The Marshall reported the salaries for the services of four officers. Two were paid \$25 and two at \$10. (The police department is growing) On November 16, 1920 a bill of \$19.00 was paid for the Marshall Charles Eisele's trousers and vest.

On June 7, 1921 a petition of Erna Renc was read and voted upon to demand that gypsies living on the land of Trustee Fred Kuhlmann be evicted. The verbal agreement will end on April 30, 1922 and the gypsies will have to move.

On May 15, 1923 a resolution was read calling for improvements lifting Stickney out of the mud. The Village Attorney was directed to proceed in obtaining a system of sewers and water supply in the Village of Stickney. A second resolution was passed to confer with Anton J. Cermak, President of Board of County Commissioners to ask for proper paving of Harlem Avenue south of Ogden to 45th Street.

On September 4, 1923 an ordinance was passed to authorize Public Service Company of Northern Illinois to construct, operate and maintain an electric light and power system in Stickney.

August 4, 1925 the Police Magistrate reported \$353.00 in fines were collected

March 2, 1926 street lights were to be installed on the following streets: 41st and Columbia, 42nd and Wisconsin, 43rd and Wisconsin, 43rd and Wenonah, 42nd and Wenonah, 42nd and Wenonah, 44th and Wenonah, 42nd and Home, 44th and Herold, 44th and Clinton, 44th and Kenilworth, 43rd Greenwood , 43rd and LaVergne, 41st and Maple and 41st and Wenonah.

On May 18, 1926 an ordinance was passed that the license fees for each billiard table, pool table, pigeon hold table, bagatelle table, Jenny Lind table, bowling alley (with more than three alleys), nine or ten pin alley, all alley, shuffle board, or shooting gallery shall be \$60.00.

October 5, 1926 a Resolution was read stating: The improvement of the Harlem Avenue superhighway from the entire length of Cook County is nearing its completion in the summer of 1927. The resolve is requesting the urgency and necessity of the construction of the Sanitary District Bridge.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee De Leshe reported that he held a centennial meeting at 6:00 p.m. prior to the board meeting. He thanked the people for attending. There will be another meeting prior to the next board meeting at 6:00 p.m. on July 2.

Trustee Lazansky followed up from the previous board meeting where he failed to thank the people also involved with the Memorial Day program. He mentioned Mayor Deborah Morelli and the three guest speakers which included former clerk Art Rawers.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to accept the treasurer's report for the month of March, 2013.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky gave the Police Department Activity Report for the month of May, 2013. The total number of calls for service: 1,935 Total number of E911 calls received: 451, Arrest by type: Traffic: 186, Village Ordinance Offences: 17, Warrants and Complaints: 7, Parking violations: 135, Total number of arrests/citations issued: 345, Total number of squad miles: 10,718, Total amount of gasoline used: 1,109.4, Average gas mileage/squad: 9.6611 mpg.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of May, 2013.

Ordinance Investigations: 370, Business License Investigations: 6, Violation Notices Issued: 28, Miscellaneous Details: 195, S.L.O. Tickets: 1, Parking Citations Issued: 91

Trustee Savopoulos advised people that over 100 recycling cans have been ordered and available for \$25. He suggested that people come into the village hall and put their name on the list. The cans will be in within two weeks.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Chief of Police John Sladetz spoke about hiring a new police recruit who will start the academy on July 8. He is named Richard Foytik. He has gone through his screening, went through the board and his power test is on June 25. He is 24 years old.

Chief Sladetz reported that on Saturday while he was at a funeral in the vicinity of Countryside, a radio alert came through that there was an armed robbery at a currency exchange where the offender shot a number of times at the window and proceeded to ram a Hodgkins squad. The offender got on I55 going toward the city. One of our officers, Mark Kozelka, pursued the offender at speeds of 100 mph. The offender crashed his car at I55 and Pulaski. We were provided the news that the Forest View Police Department Dispatch will be moving back to their own station on July 1. In addition, a reminder was given to watch out for the kids now that they are off school.

Treasurer Kasnicka informed us that the vehicle stickers are for sale. Additional hours are available on June 29, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you have not purchased your sticker yet, please come in, use the drop box or the mail.

There being no further business, Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 3rd day of July, 2013

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor