

October 1, 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, October 1, 2013 at 7:05 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Present: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Trustee De Leshe moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve the minutes as amended of the previous regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 2013.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

At this point, Mayor Morelli introduced, John Vann, principal of LandTech Design Ltd. who has worked with the Village since 2010 trying to get a park grant. We learned that the Village received a grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for 50% of the cost of the park. The cost of the park will be \$250,000 from demolition to construction. Of that, we will get \$125,000 back from the state after it is completed. The project is currently in the planning mode and the bids will occur sometime in January with construction happening in the spring. He then proceeded to make a presentation concerning the Children's Park on Oak Park Avenue improvements. We were given an explanation of the park equipment components, trees, ground surface of pour and place rubber surface and fencing. It was noted that this park will be ADA compliant. He suggested that recommendations can be given on colors and so on. If there is something that we want to do that was not in the original budget that was mandated, we are free to add to it. Although we would not be able to get 50% back from the state. He mentioned that the first grant that he applied for included a security camera. The state rejected it. We could put one in but at our own expense. Mr. Vann will keep the board updated. Mr. Vann hopes to continue working for the Village in updating our other parks. Questions from the officials and audience were taken. He offered to continue to work as the project manager of our park.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Mayor Morelli reminded everyone that this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Next she introduced our Civil Engineer Tim Geary. We learned that the Ridgeland Avenue paving project was awarded to James D. Fiala Paving. They are scheduled to start on October 7. A completion date is projected to be at the beginning of November dependent on the weather. This project is being funded by Federal Aid money. The Village is matching 30% of the cost. The project will include gutter removal and replacement, grinding out 3 ½ inches of existing street, patching holes and rebuilding the surface with two layers of asphalt. They will be using an IDOT polymer mix to prevent cracks.

Mayor Morelli informed us that she had a conversation with Brian Levy from the Water Reclamation District. She spoke to him about the blockage of debris at the railroad bridge south of 47th Street. The railroad was responsible and cleared out the water way and it is now flowing freely.

CLERKS REPORT:

In keeping with the new centennial tradition, Clerk McAdams read the following:

Tenth Installment of the Centennial Minutes

A motion was made on January 7, 1969 to accept a check in the amount of \$2,000 for the recreation program from the Estate of Thomas Carey be accepted.

During 1969 and the '70s various alleys in the village were paved.

On October 13, 1969 a letter was directed to be sent to West Towns Bus Company to request that the Ridgeland Avenue Route be extended to 43rd Street and the Oak Park Avenue Route be extended southward to 45th Street and then westward to Harlem Avenue.

The Police Longevity Pay Schedule Ordinance was passed. It reads in part: After completing 10 years of service, Members of the Department shall thereafter receive additional annual compensation equal to 3% of their base salary. After completing 15 years of service will receive additional annual compensation to 6% of their base salary increment includes the 3% received under sub-paragraph 1 of this Section and is not in addition thereto. After 20 years they shall receive additional annual compensation equal to 9% of their base salary.

The Annual Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 1972-73 showed that the retainer for attorney for the Village amounted to \$2,400, Legal services other than retainer was \$10,000 and the Village Prosecutor was \$2,400.

On October 17, 1972 the Stickney Woman's Civic Club donated \$300 to be used toward equipment for the Kiddie Park on Oak Park Avenue.

An amendment to the municipal code was read on October 2, 1973 that created an executive department to be known as the Department of Police. The Police Department shall consist of twelve full time members including a Chief of Police, one Captain, one Lieutenant, two Sergeants and such patrolmen as necessary to provide twelve full time members.

An Amusement Tax Amendment was passed on August 17, 1975 in the sum of \$.10 for each person entering into or upon the amusement area or grounds of the ticket admission. If they are more than one day, then the said sum of \$.10 for each day that the same shall be used. This shall apply to all public shows, theatricals, circuses and other amusements. It shall not apply to racetrack operations.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Trustee Lazansky informed us that there will be a Freedom Flight the next day that will be taking World War II veterans to visit Washington D.C. memorials. Former Clerk Arthur Rawers will be on this flight.

Trustee Walik announced that he will be continuing his Support Our Troops tradition by collecting non-perishable items for our troops deployed in harm's way. The collection will take place October 1 to October 31.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief John Sladetz updated us on the graduation of our newest police recruit Ricky Foytik last Friday. Our new guy is now on the streets in the FTO program.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer informed us that back in April they talked about a grant that they were successful in getting. It was part of the firefighters program. Some of the items available were power cots. They were \$11,111.20 each and they got two. They have to install them as well. These are electric power stretchers that are powered by DeWalt electric tool batteries. They were at the train wreck yesterday with an engine and an ambulance. Normally at this time of the year they are flushing fire hydrants. It may be postponed or eliminated due to the painting of the water tower. They cannot do it too late in the year due to the water freezing on the streets. They will be holding a 40-hours training class and trench rescue class in the cemetery.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka announced that the offices will be closed on Columbus Day October 14. Garbage pickup will be delayed one day.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to adjourn to go into closed session.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Prior to the vote, Attorney Donald Kreger announced that this closed session was to discuss and consider personnel and pending litigation.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to return to open session to consider returning to regular session at 8:13 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Present: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to authorize the appeal by Laner Muchin Law for the court decision of ILFOPLC case against the Village.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

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 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 16th day of October, 2013

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor