

July 16, 2024

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at 7:09 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

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

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic, to approve the minutes of the Budget and Appropriation board meeting held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustees Kapolnek and White
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, July 2, 2024.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustees Kapolnek and White
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Prior to the vote, Village Attorney Jessica Fese explained the Village Engineer Timothy Geary has recommended that the low bid should be accepted. It is from Lindahl Brothers, Inc. submitting a bid in the amount of \$436,348.35, which is \$37,728.30 below the Engineer's Estimate of \$474,076.65. Their bid submittal also met the required DCEO Business Enterprise Plan and the Illinois Works Program Jobs Act Apprenticeship goals.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic 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 Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustees Kapolnek and White
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos, to grant permission to have a Block Party on the 4200 Block of Gunderson Avenue on September 2, 2024.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek and White

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to grant permission to have a Block Party on the 3900 block of Scoville Avenue on September 24, 2024. (Note that this date is incorrect. It should be August 24, per the clerk)

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustees Kapolnek and White

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor reminded us of Music in the Park tomorrow. There will be a mini car show. He mentioned that Trustees Hrejsa and Torres are working on the Family Day plans. He listed the events and components. He thanked the people who were at the bid opening for Oak Park Avenue. Grant is funding it. No Village money and came in under bid. It will be surfaces, curbs and sidewalks. I am extremely excited and proud.

The following proclamation was read:

Proclamation to Michael Del Galdo and the Del Galdo Law Group

(They have been our attorneys since 2015. They just celebrated their 25th Anniversary. We are proud and excited for them. We did place something in the paper recognizing them.)

WHEREAS: The Del Galdo Law Group celebrated their 25th Anniversary in June 2024. Michael Del Galdo has been with the Village of Stickney as a Municipal Attorney since 2015 through present. Michael Del Galdo Law Group has worked in a professional manner and has helped our Village to be one of the best. Michael and his team have assisted the Village with laws, ordinance creations, labor laws, employment, economic development, and counseling. We would also like to inform people that Mike is a "Super Lawyer" for ten-years straight. One of Michael's greatest accomplishments is to have a sandwich named after him at Stickney's Alexander's Restaurant. It is called MickyD. We also want to thank Mike for his generous donations to the Police Association, the Fire Association, our schools, our children's coat drive and our Support our Troops efforts within this Village. The mayor then thanked him personally for what he has done for himself as the mayor, the Village, and the Trustees. Mike is a great man, a great father, and a great friend. On behalf of myself, the Village officials here and the residents of the Village of Stickney, we would like to thank you for your 25 years of service to this community.

Therefore, I, Mayor Jeff Walik, proclaim July 16, 2024, as Michael Del Galdo Day in the Village of Stickney.

CLERK'S REPORT: On June 27th we had a Zoning Board meeting scheduled. It was concerning 4433 Harlem Avenue. They want to install a second-floor residential unit. This Zoning hearing was postponed for approximately three months. She then explained to the government students in attendance that this property is zoned commercial. This is a change in that zoning. They are asking for a variance in that

zoning. Therefore, the Zoning Board must approve it. She mentioned that there are two Zoning Board members in the audience today. They will make a recommendation and then it will go before the Village Board and then they must approve it. It is all about checks and balances. People just cannot get away with doing anything.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Hrejsa: He noted that in traveling through Berwyn and Cicero they experienced significant storm damage to their trees. Stickney looks good.

Trustee Torres: When the sirens went off for the storm she went in the basement. My house was perfect this morning.

Trustee Milenkovic: The mayor thanked him for his help with the proclamation.

Trustee Savopoulos: We were informed that Andreas and Sons started taking out the sidewalks on Monday. They were framing them today. Dependent on the weather, they plan to pour on Thursday. This is the earliest we have ever been in replacing the sidewalks. There were 126 squares replaced.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Deputy Fire Chief Omar Silvera: The National Weather Service activated the sirens at 9:28 p.m. last night. There were no calls for MS or Resue assistance. There was damage in Riverside and Summit.

Police Chief Jim Sasseti: He gave a holiday summary. Over the July 3rd and July 4th, we received or initiated twenty-two calls regarding fireworks. As a result of those twenty-two calls, we issued three tickets. We were much quieter than surrounding communities. By 11:00 p.m. each night it was over. In addition, he reminded everyone that the Police Department will be having their open house on August 3, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. He encouraged the residents to come out and see all the good that is being done. The mayor mentioned to the Trustees that the Police Chief works on July 4th at night with his officers and one of the Deputy Chief's works on July 3rd.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: We received calls from people complaining about sewers. We had storms on Saturday 3.5 inches, Sunday 3.95 inches, and Monday 3.5 inches. This is a total of 10.5 inches of rain. He said that one inch of rain equals ten inches of snow. We have a combined sewer system in the Village. The water drains from the houses combine with the rainwater produced. The sewers cannot hold all this water, it will back up. It looks for the least residence and finds a place to back up. If it is in your basement, that is where it is going to go. You need to find a way to stop that. A check valve is the safest and overhead sewers is the other best way to do it. He loves the weather. He watches the Weather Channel all the time.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 6th day of August, 2024

Jeff Walik, President