

May 16, 2017

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 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 Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Torres and White
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos**

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 2017.

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

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

At this time Mayor Walik presented the following award to Coach Arturo Terrazas. The Mayor said, "Thank you for your time, talent and commitment to the youth of our community, thank you for your dedication." "Congratulations on your successful 2016-2017 basketball season." Coach Terrazas then presented certificates to each member of the fifth grade teams from Edison and also Home Schools. A certificate was also presented to the Cheerleading Coaches. There were certificates given to the cheerleaders.

Mayor Walik conducted the swearing in oath for Cruz Ortiz Jr. for the rank of Sergeant of the Stickney Police Department. William Ramski received his swearing in oath as our new Probationary Officer for the Stickney Police Department.

Deputy Police Chief Rich Jaczak and Deputy Fire Chief Andrea Acosta received their swearing in oath for their appointments.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to concur with the Mayor's appointments.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to approve Resolution 10-2017, A Resolution Authorizing and Approving Certain Changes to Bank Accounts of the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee White explained prior to the vote that this resolution will enable our new mayor and treasurer to get on all the accounts. The clerk is already on the accounts. We need two signers on all our accounts. This is a change in our banking so we could conduct business.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to strike item 13 from the agenda.

The Mayor asked, "All in favor" "Aye" was the response given. Trustee Savopoulos was absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Walik thanked people for showing up. He then thanked all the kids for a great (basketball) season. The mayor then reported on the Arbor Day program that was held at Edison School and Home School. Each school will be receiving a tree in honor of Arbor Day. The planting must be postponed due to the weather and the year-end-budget. Trustee Milenkovic is the chairman of the Tree Board. A reminder was given for the Memorial Day Program on Monday, May 29, 2017. It will be at the Veteran's Memorial in the 3900 block of Ridgeland. The program will take place rain or shine. A luncheon will be served at the American Legion Post located at 6431 Pershing Road. All are invited. The mayor announced that they will be organizing a program for well-being checks for seniors or disabled. He asked for suggestions. We will have the ability to register family or friends. Lastly, the mayor read a Proclamation recognizing May 7 to 13, 2017 as Municipal Clerks Week and extended appreciation to Clerk Audrey McAdams.

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk McAdams announced that the newsletter should be in your mailboxes by June 3. Expect the newsletter to be larger than ever with a lot of information.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Hrejsa is the trustee for Parks & Recreation along with Trustee Torres. They had a meeting on May 10, 2017. They will be in the Little League Parade on May 13. Music in the Park will start on June 7. Friends of the Library will be cooking. There will be three cruise nights. She hopes that Trustee Savopoulos will help out with his car club for the cruise nights. She mentioned that Parks & Recreation wants to bring back some activities that they had in the past. She asked for people to volunteer especially for activities in the fall.

Trustee Torres told us that she oversees Police, Homeland Security/Disasters and Blight. She explained that she is working to get our new blight inspector out there to do the inspections on the homes. Most of this information will be in our newsletter. She then took the time to thank our Mayor. He has put in over 80 hours this week. He is working hard to get everything in our village in order. It is a pleasure working with him to get these things started.

Trustee Kapolnek reported that the Municipal Water Reclamation District is having an open house this Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon they are having tours. He then congratulated all the kids and the coaches for a job well done.

Trustee Milenkovic attended the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission meeting. Our airplane noise levels are down to 52.1 decibels. The threshold is 65 decibels for insulation remediation. There were no noise complaints from Stickney this quarter. The next meeting is July 22. He informed us that resident Mark Kusper attended this current meeting.

Mayor Walik asked that we notice that Trustee Savopoulos was not at this meeting because his father is not well and he was in the hospital with him.

Trustee White commented that these last two weeks have been like a honeymoon. We are getting used to each other. No divorces yet. He then commended the Mayor on all his appointments. Everyone is on the same page. It is refreshing. The Mayor is here every day and all day. He is accessible. If you have questions don't hesitate to call. We started on our new fiscal year 2017-2018. The department heads will be starting their worksheets. The budget has to be posted by July 1.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez informed us that construction on Harlem Avenue will begin on June 1. We are expecting a lot of traffic. Our garbage pickup and recycling will be pushed back a day. He asked that people move their cars for sweeping.

Treasurer Paul Nosek was introduced. He comes to us from Darien with 12-years of experience. We were told that we are transitioning over from the finance department from the gentlemen who had been here for a very long time. He thanked for the help he received from the department heads. He explained that we will rescind the contract with GW and Associates for the consulting. We will save \$4,000. Hopefully we will be a more transparent government. If anyone had questions on finances, they are free to call him.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian elaborated on the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District tour. They provide an important service at that plant.

Police Chief Dan Babich stated that he has been in law enforcement for 30 years and never caught a bank robber. Within one month it happened twice and it was done by female officers who captured these people. On May 9th the Stickney Police Department received a 911 call from the U.S. Bank at 4001 S. Harlem Avenue that they are being held up by a male white subject wearing a blue ball cap wearing carhart tan bibs. Officers Guzman and Sergeant Figueroa and Officer Pedro Garcia arrived at the bank as Officer Guzman observed a subject sitting in a red commercial van with a subject fitting that description. It was confirmed by Officer Guzman that this was the man we were looking for who robbed the bank. When the man saw the officers the subject began to exit his vehicle and run across Harlem Avenue but was stopped by traffic. Officer Guzman and Sergeant Figueroa gave chase and were able to grab the offender pulling him to the ground. They search him and found no weapon. He had a drill and probably told the woman it was a gun. The offender had \$7,500 in cash inside the van, which was stolen out of Chicago. The offender and situation was turned over to the FBI for prosecution. Nobody got hurt. It was due to the dedication of these officers. The fact that the bank called 911 and got us there quicker instead of calling the bank service.

There have been changes within the Stickney Police Department. Three of our police officers have resigned from the police department to take on new positions within other police departments and we wish them well in their endeavors.

Sergeant Gary Wiseman, who served the Stickney Police Department for 37 years, has retired and now has become the Chief of Police for Forest View. He will be greatly missed but within reach.

We have one new police officer, William Ramski Jr. graduating from the College of DuPage Police Academy June 23, 2017 and will then go through an extensive 10-week field training program with certified officers with the Stickney Police Department before being left on his own.

Two new SUV Police Vehicles, one is a Tahoe and the other an Explorer, will be coming in June and we will be working on better efficient lighting for these vehicles to protect officers on traffic stops. A majority of police officers are hit while making traffic stops. We are also making each of the vehicles unified inside and out the same for officer safety and consistency. Every year when we purchase a new vehicle, everything will be kept the same.

We lost three officers who moved on to other towns because they wanted to go to bigger locations. We wish them the best. The Village of Stickney will be hiring three new police officers in the month of June through a process call Lateral Hiring. This process saves the village revenue because we are hiring seasoned veteran police officers who have worked five to fifteen years and are already trained police officers certified through the Illinois Training Board. These officers will be put through a 6-week Field Training Program with our training officers and then they will be released to work as officers on the street. This way it is saving the village a lot of money in

training and a lot of money in sending them to the academy. If they really know the area, we have them up and running in two weeks. At this time we have been able to still provide adequate manpower for the Village of Stickney and the safety of our community and residents.

Starting June 1, 2017 the Stickney Police Department will be condensing and conducting a major inventory collected over the last fifty years in our evidence room. It is going to be computerized, reinvigorated, things that need to be destroyed will be gotten rid of. This will all done in the next few months so that we meet all state requirements, while safe guarding the integrity of all our evidence placed in our evidence rooms. We are going to try to condense it in one area.

He then told us that he is honored to be part of this board and a part of this community. He thanked us for allowing him to be here.

Finally, Mayor Walik recognized Gary Wisemen in the audience. Gary Wisemen had been his boss for half of his career. He wished him luck in Forest View.

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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th of June, 2017

Jeff Walik, Mayor