

June 16, 2020

State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney

IMPORTANT NOTICE: During the COVID-19 pandemic and in compliance with the Executive Orders of the Governor of the State of Illinois, including but not limited to Executive Order Nos. 2020-07, 2020-10, 2020-18 and 2020-38 the Village of Stickney will hold its meetings via electronic methods. Information regarding how the meeting will be available to the public will be published on the Village's official Facebook page.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comments must be submitted to the Village Clerk no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the meeting. Please send public comments to the Village Clerk at villageclerk@villageofstickney.com.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met via Zoom electronic means on Tuesday, June 16, 2020, at 7:02 p.m.

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

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Walik thanked all the First Responders, especially the ones here in Stickney. He thanked everyone who was involved with Music on Wheels on Friday. It went well, although they fell behind and due to the cold, we had to call it so we didn't hurt any of the equipment. We are going to do the Music on Wheels with Dueling Pianos. This time we will park the trailer at Edison School, the Stickney North Clinic and Home School. We will do ½ hour at each stop. Details will be coming later. The Mayor mentioned the repaving of 45th Street. It took two years to get it done and get funding. The contractor told me that landscaping will be done at the end of this week. The second coat will be done thereafter.

CLERK'S REPORT: Information was provided pertaining to the Census. As of this morning our self-response rate was at 71.5%. In addition, Governor Pritzker has signed legislation that will expand Vote by Mail. It will promote safe participation in the 2020 election.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Milenkovic: He mentioned that several residents have inquired about planting trees in the parkway. He said that we have a no fee tree planting permit at the Village Hall. Before people do any planting, the Village Director of Public Works will have to review everything and grant approval. The specific criteria concerning the planting was given.

Trustee Torres: Remarked that people were commenting about how much they enjoyed the Music on Wheels.

Trustee Savopoulos: He wanted us to know that there is going to be a zoning change requested by the Hawthorne Race Course. The Special Zoning Board meeting has been set up for June 24th at 6:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. The notice was posted in the Chicago Sun-Times. Notices have been sent out to the neighbors. Village Attorney Jaworski explained the details of the hearing.

Attorney Tiffany Jaworski addressed the meeting explained an amendment to the Open Meetings Act. Senate Bill 2135 was signed into law. It will allow that we can continue with the electronic meetings. It requires that every vote in these electronic meeting must be done by a roll call. It requires that one member of the public body or the head of the public body must physically be present. Everyone else could be involved electronically. Prior to Covid 19 there had to be at least a quorum present for electronic attendance. The Governor and the General Assembly worked to put this law together. It only goes through when an emergency is declared. It is not a permanent change. It is a change in the course of the emergency.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: He asked people to check on your neighbors during the extreme heat that is expected.

Director of Public Works Joe Lopez: We were reminded to call JULIE to check for underground utilities or one of our water mains before digging. Hydrant testing will begin tomorrow starting at Ridgeland. Your water may appear cloudy. Let it run for approximately 30 seconds so it can clear up. He recommended that people clean out the screens in their faucets for sediment. Painting of the curbs is starting.

Police Chief Sassetti: He extended his gratitude to the Village Board for their support of the police department during the last few weeks. Everyone in the police department has done an outstanding job keeping the Village residents and visitors safe during these trying times. He then thanked residents within the Village who have provided meals, baked goods, water and soda. He said it goes a long way with the officer's moral.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:20 p.m.

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day of July, 2020

Jeff Walik, Mayor