

July 21, 2009

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 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

A moment of silence was held to remember the death of Trustee Jim Roll on July 13.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:
Trustees Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Trustee Schimel moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2009.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk 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: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Schimel moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to approve the payment of Engineer's Payment Estimate No. 2, on Street Rehabilitation Phase 2 for \$562,770.31 to Orange Crush.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-16, "An Ordinance for the Annual Budget and Appropriations for the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year, beginning May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk, to accept the report of the Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, and indicating Motor Fuel Tax collected for the month of June, 2009 indicating the sum of \$8,920.45.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the month of April, 2009 indicating the sum of \$47,802.14.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli, to approve and pass Ordinance 2009-17, "An Ordinance Regarding Rules of Procedure for Public Comment at Village Meetings."

Questions were made about this ordinance by Trustee Lazansky about the time allocated and how many times an audience member can speak. It was confirmed that they can speak only once for a total of three minutes. Trustee Schimel needed clarification pertaining to when people want to know more about reports he gives at meetings. He preferred to keep the audience interactive. Attorney Stanley Kusper explained that if a report is given and someone wishes to ask a question about it, at the point of public comment they could ask the board to take leave to ask a question on the report that was given. Mr. Kusper went on to explain that there are rules in every public agency that he represents. The purpose of it is to avoid the "bobbing up and down" where people keep getting up again and again. This ordinance was needed to curtail it.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk
Nays: Schimel
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares to approve a request for a block party on August 22, 2009 between 44th and 45th on Home Avenue.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel and Zeedyk

Nays:

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: A special presentation was made to Retired Police Chief Gary Dunow recognizing his 26-years of service to the Village of Stickney. His retirement star was also given to him at this time.

CLERKS REPORT: The Clerk reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation held back funds for the Vehicle Inspection Fund Transfer which lowered the allocation by 47%. The next reduction will be seen in September where Diesel Transfer and IFTA Payments will be taken out. In addition, she gave Census 2010 information and asked for people who can serve on the Census committee.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mares gave the Parks and Recreation report.

Trustee Morelli gave the Fire Department report for the month of June.

Trustee Schimel reported that on last Thursday he went before a judge in court to be granted a demolition order located on a home at 3913 Home and the right to recoup the expenses. Vince McFadden, Dave Schmidt, and Attorney Agatto went with him. He also informed us that there is now only one home at the 3924 Grove location which is for sale. The second house on the lot was demolished. The banker involved with 4207 Gunderson will demolish the house on his own.

Trustee Zeedyk informed us that the stump removal will start this week. There are 62 stumps to be removed, the remains will be ground down and filled with black dirt.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Meyer reported that the funds obtained during their Muscular Dystrophy collection amounted to \$4880.76. The firemen personally added the difference to make their goal of \$5000. This money goes to the summer camp for children with burns. They had an emergency call to Water Reclamation where a man fell 25 feet into one of the holding tanks. They took him to the hospital where he was found to be severely injured.

Police Chief Joe Kretch gave the police department web site location of www.stickneypolice.com and to look for the blotter portion for up-to-date information about the activities in the department. Bret is the web master who is also working on the fire department web site. We have just received two new squad cars which are black and white.

Village Supervisor Joe Lopez displayed three sheets of tree trimming requests. The trimming is being done by our public works employees instead of an outside contractor. Mr. Lopez also told of the sewer televising on Euclid and how they found a significant amount of tree roots blocking the 12-inch main.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS:

Donna Jahiri of 4236 Clinton described a persistent sewer problem she is experiencing. She wanted some satisfaction from the Village that it was not being caused by something involving the street sewer and if the Village is responsible for the costs. She also questioned the maximum height of new homes. Trustee Schimel responded that it is 35 feet in the residential and 45 feet in commercial. There was an additional question pertaining to the total amount of families allowed living in one home. Trustee Schimel responded that Illinois law described as family being related by blood or marriage.

A resident residing at 3921 Elmwood complained about fire equipment driving the wrong way down her street. She also questioned the condition of a home at 4244 Scoville. It was noted by the appropriate departments.

Penny Gibas of 4425 Wisconsin remarked on Village purchases. She also questioned the safety in the parks. In addition she wanted to know what Trustees have offices. She was told that they have a shared office. Mrs. Gibas questioned how old police vehicles are sold.

Doris Helebrant of 6528 41st Street felt that the bunting on the front of the building should be hung in a more prominent manner.

Janette Jahiri of 4236 Clinton made remarks concerning the writing of a speeding ticket she received in the Village and how the police officer addressed the court on the ticket. Next she made a statement over two cars that were set on fire, one of which was her own.

Lisa representing the Little League offered to include the Stickney Parks & Recreation Soccer flyer in the information that she will be dispensing. Trustee Mares remarked that he would like to see the soccer kids and the Little League kids join in a parade.

Bea Callihan of 41st and Grove remarked on the painting done in the Village Hall and why conference room furniture was bought.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams
Village Clerk

Approved by me this 22th day of July, 2009

Daniel A. O'Reilly, President