

May 7, 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, May 7, 2024, at 7:02 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

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

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, April 18, 2024.

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

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to approve the recommendation of the promotion of Firefighter Justin Lewandowski to the position of Lieutenant in the Stickney Fire Department.

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

Mayor Walik proceeded with giving the Oath of Lieutenant of the Stickney Fire Department to Justin Lewandowski. Presenting of the badge and pictures were taken. The mayor also thanked the fire department for what they do for us. We are fully staffed, unlike some surrounding communities.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Approve Resolution 05-2024, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Agreement by and Between Ryan, LLC. And the Village of Stickney for Economic Consulting Services"

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

The mayor said that this is cleaning up paperwork. Prior to the vote, Village Attorney Jessica Fese explained that this is an agreement with Ryan LLC, they used to be Kane McKenna. They assist us with the TIF development and reports.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Approve Resolution 06-2024, "A Resolution Authorizing, Approving and Accepting a Certain Quote with Cummins, Inc. for the Planned Equipment Maintenance for the Village of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote the mayor explained that this is just a routine maintenance quote.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve Resolution 07-2024, "A Resolution authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Cook County for the Build Up Cook Program for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote the mayor introduced Public Works Director Joe Lopez to explain this vote. Through the office of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, they allocated \$21 million to this program for communities that need help with their infrastructure. We were allocated \$600,000 total. Of that, \$400,000 will go toward sidewalks and \$200,000 towards the pumping station. The pumping station needs to have the system upgraded. He then stated that we have already spent over \$200,000 on the pumping station in the past such a new generator, roof, and the building redone with new tuck pointing. With this new \$200,000 we will have the ability to upgrade our pumps. This is needed to compensate for the increase in population. We will focus on replacing sidewalks around the schools, churches, municipality, and parks. The parks need sidewalks to assist people with disabilities. The mayor thanked him and his guys for putting a lot of hours into this. The Director then stated that if there was anything left over, he would consider hooking up another line with McCook.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Approve Resolution 08-2024, "A Resolution Appointing Certain Members of the Board of Trustees and Certain Officers, Employees and Officials of the Village of Stickney to Certain Positions for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Mayor Walik these are all the appointments.

Trustee Milenkovich moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the request from the Stickney-Forest View Public Library District to close 43rd Street from Oak Park Avenue to Grove Avenue on June 8, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

and close the alley between Oak Park Avenue and Grove from 42nd to 43rd Streets to vehicle traffic. This is for their annual Summer Reading Program.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote the mayor asked the fire chief and police chief to check into this as to what time to close off the streets. There will be a dog demonstration.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the request for a Block Party on May 4, 2024, on 44th Street from Home Avenue between Home and Wenonah.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote the mayor explained that the requester was late submitting his application and the mayor ratified the Block Party approval with four of the six trustees in time to expedite the May 4, 2024, Block Party. The requester had his correct paperwork submitted before the event.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the Request for a Block Party on June 15, 2024, on the 3900 Block of Clinton.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor thanked Trustee Torres, Linda, Beth, and our Police, Fire and Public Works for putting together the Cinco de Mayo event. The weather and the band were good. The face painting guy was great. He thanked all the volunteers. The mayor then said Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers. He reminded people of the Memorial Day event on May 27, at 11:00 a.m. This Saturday is the soccer/little league parade.

The mayor then read a Proclamation Recognizing the 55th Annual Professional Municipal Clerks Week May 5-11, 2024. He recognized and congratulated Clerk Audrey McAdams.

The mayor read a proclamation recognizing National Safe Boating Week May 18-24, 2024.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk updated everyone that all the people on the Ethics Statement list have fulfilled filing their statements with the Cook County Clerk. She also named Beth Lukas her Deputy Clerk which will expire on May 1, 2025.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: All the Trustees congratulated our new Fire Department Lieutenant Justin Lewandowski.

Trustee Hrejsa: He thanked everyone that helped with Cinco de Mayo. We do have the little league and soccer parade this Saturday at noon from Haley Park at 4100

Home to 41st and Ridgeland. The Parks and Recreation people will be riding on the wagon to throw out the candy and then judge the best floats.

Trustee Kapolnek: He thanked Trustees Torres and Hrejsa for all their hard work for Cinco de Mayo and all the volunteers.

Trustee Torres: She thanked the mayor for all his help with Cinco de Mayo. He had the golf cart, and she had the scooter. There were over 774 people participating. On the next day one of the kindergarten teachers called to tell her that all the little kids were talking about the baby animals that were there at Cinco de Mayo. The trustee said that all our volunteers are priceless. We could not have had such an event without their help. We did not have one incident inside or outside the park. The police manage it efficiently. They deserve a hand. She then focused on Public Works Director Joe Lopez and his staff overseeing all the set up and tear-down of the components of the event. The kids loved all the kids' stuff this year. She mentioned the thirty coloring pictures hanging in the lobby that the kids made for a contest. The fire department did not have any events to take care of. The mayor then said that the public works employees also enjoyed feeding the goats. Because of the heavy rain parking was a challenge they had to concur.

Trustee Milenkovic: He reported on the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission meeting held on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 6:30 at the Mayfield, 6072 S. Archer, Chicago. The next meeting will be on July 25th at 6:30. He then reported on the Residential Sound Insulation Program Odor Mitigation Phase One: 216 Homes invited; 195 homes enrolled; it is going out to bid in the third quarter.

Phase Two: 242 Homes Invited; 134 submitted paperwork so far.

The airport noise management system was installed in 1996. There is a network of thirteen noise monitors around Midway Airport.

Monthly aircraft noise operations at Midway were January; 14,659, February; 15,050, and March; 15,306; They said that this is a 5% decrease because of the Boeing Aircraft issue.

In 1990 Congress passed the Airport Noise and Capacity Act. It consists of Stages One through Five designating the noise level of the airplanes. Right now, Midway has all aircraft in stage three or four. Stage five will apply to aircraft designed, manufactured, and certified after December 31, 2020.

Aircraft performance requirements make it necessary for aircraft to take off and land into the wind for safety purposes.

Noise complaints: January; 102, February; 109, and March; 74: This is 50% below last year's complaints.

Southwest Airlines averages 348 operations per day, which represents 68% of the total at Midway. Their fleet consists of the B737.

Stickney first quarter of 2024 had 50.8 decibels of sound; first quarter of 2023 had 52.00 decibels of sound. We are down a little over one decibel. We had zero noise complaints in our first quarter.

The trustee then showed a matchbook from the Red Arrow and Rockys Pizzeria at 6927 Pershing Road in Stickney. Another resident donated four fire department glasses. They will be placed in the Visitors Center.

Trustee Savopoulos: He recommended that people look at the sidewalks they put in at the east side of the village. They are all ADA accessible.

Trustee Jeff White: The trustee explained to the students that when Trustee Kapolnek voted present that was because he was sick that day and he could not vote on the minutes because he was not there. He also told the students to feel free to come forward after the meeting to have their assignment sheet signed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

The mayor thanked the police department for all their help with this past weekend.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: He provided information about hydrant testing starting with the area with the highest pressure. If people have low pressure on their faucet, he explained that the screens need to be cleaned. Sometimes people must monitor multiple faucets being used within the house. They will have a Code Red to alert people to hydrant testing.

Recognition was given to Nurse's and Teacher's Week.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: He thanked the mayor and the board for considering his recommendation to promote Justin Lewandowski to Lieutenant. He has gone through the ranks of firefighter and now to Lieutenant. He has been with us for eight years. He is a good instructor and worker. In addition, the fire truck salesperson is coming in June for a final meeting. We are expecting the truck at the end of December or the beginning of next year.

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 to adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 21st of May, 2024

Jeff Walik, President