

September 16, 2014

State of Illinois

County of Cook

Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, September 16, 2014 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 De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Trustee Sleigher moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday September 2, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher 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: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of June, 2014 indicating the sum of \$46,856.95.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the month of August, 2014 in the amount of \$10,054.49.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

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Mayor Deborah Morelli introduced Koppers' representatives Jason Bakk, Steve Paterson and Attorney Michael Del Galdo. Mr. Bakk, Koppers Stickney plant manager, proceeded to give a project overview of a \$45 million investment to the Koppers plant. An event timeline showed that environmental permitting will start in the fall of 2014 including final engineering designs and site preparation. Construction will begin in early 2015 and new operations will begin in late 2015. An additional \$10 million will be invested to limit emissions in the next 5 years. They expect a 10% increase in local workforce. New controls will limit emissions and odors.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher to take from the table Ordinance 2014-06, "An Ordinance for the Annual Budget and Appropriations for the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois for Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2014 and Ending April 30, 2015.

Attorney Kreger said it was tabled until the next meeting, therefore it is off the table anyway.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher to pass the Ordinance 2014-06 for the annual budget.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleighter and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Trustee De Leshe asked what the reduced amount from the original one was. Treasurer Kasnicka explained it was \$271,000. He said that he took out some things that he knew were not going to be expended. Trustee De Leshe was told that there was going to be a 15% increase in water. De Leshe asked about an increase in garbage. Kasnicka told him that it is still to be determined. He said that he has some additional revenue from last year's budget but that is for another time if the board wishes to raise it for more revenue. Kasnicka admitted that there is a small increase. But, it does not take effect unless the board passes an ordinance specifically increasing that. The treasurer explained that right now it is \$12 per month and increasing \$3 making it \$15. That was the discussion but, we would have to get a consensus to go ahead with that. This is just for budget purposes. That is what you would decide at a later date. Kasnicka assured us that there is no effect on the garbage rates, it is only for budget purposes. He said that our garbage rates are the lowest rates in the area. When we do need some additional money this is one source to raise it a little bit. Again he said that it can be determined later.

Trustee DeLeshe asked where our tax levy stands at this time. Kasnicka said that our tax levy stayed the same. We were told that the tax levy is filed in December. One of the things you have to do is determine how much money you are going to levy 30 days before you approve the tax levy. Kasnicka said that at one of the meetings in October he is going to have three proposals. Right now there is an increase to the general fund for \$25,000. The second one would be small increase for the police pension

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fund. The last one is the bond & interest fund. He explained that he will give the trustees three options to pick from. From there he will prepare the tax levy.

He doesn't spend the time to do three tax levies. He will give them a summary so they can decide on how to handle the taxes. You could go with the "no increase", or, do a nominal increase. The worst case scenario is 1.5% if you did everything. If you so choose you don't want to raise it, you have that option. We will have that available in October to have you decide the final numbers on that.

Trustee White stated that the first budget was \$500,000 short, wasn't that correct? Treasurer Kasnicka said that the amount we went into reserves was \$550,000. Right now we knocked \$250,000 out of that so the current amount we are short is \$300,000. Trustee White asked, "So the only way to have a balanced budget is to increase the tax levy?" Kasnicka told him, "Not just an increase in the tax levy but it is a combination of raising more revenues whether it is the tax fees, raising the garbage fees. . . . Trustee White asked if the garbage fees would make up the \$300,000. The answer was, "No". The treasurer then

said that this is part of the equation. The other side is to look at the expenditures. Hopefully we don't have to spend for certain things. We could still get some savings out of some accounts. But, obviously not as much because we took some of it out. He went on to say that looking at the expenditure side we have achieved some of that.

Attorney Kreger stated that historically we spend less than what we appropriate. Trustee White said that we took that fluff out. Kasnicka said that historically what the goal here is to break even. We are not here to make money. Yet, we can't lose money here.

Trustee Sleighter asked, "How can we progress when all we do is break even?" Cross talk took place at this point. Attorney Kreger explained that if the revenues go up you generally improve but what you spend things on. You can get better services.

Treasurer Kasnicka said that the budget is short term. . . . it is one year. Long term you are right, we will have to raise more revenues. Some things that are in the budget such as water. When the rates were not changed on January 1, 2013, the City of Chicago increased the rates 15% but the Village did not pass it on. Right now we are paying the City of Chicago approximately \$2 million. So, \$2 million at 15% is \$300,000. That is what we will be losing each year until we make an adjustment on the water rate. Kasnicka went on to say that when we talked about doing East Avenue (sewer repair).....we just went into reserves to finish the water tower. He defined the water usage. Sixty percent is industrial and Koppers is the big one there, 10% is commercial and 30% is residential. Trustee Sleighter asked why the village keeps eating the water rate increases. Trustee Savopoulos asked the treasurer what we take in revenue for water. Kasnicka replied that \$3.4 million approximately is taken in. He said that the ratio is that 2/3 is going out to the City of Chicago. The ratio had been 50%. If we brought more money in we would bring that ratio back down and that would make more money available to do things like the East Avenue project. By the time you pay for the water and the other operating expenses you are pretty close where you are going into reserves. We cannot do anymore big projects right now.

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Trustee Lazansky asked how many water main breaks have we had. The Public Works Supervisor informed us that the most recent one cost us \$25,000 and we have had six or eight. He told us that other towns have 30 to 50 breaks. Our infrastructure is up to 100 years old.

Treasurer Kasnicka went on to give multiple examples over how we have to run as a business. Ultimately we need to bring in more money. We could raise commercial or industrial rates and if you want to give a break to the homeowners. Trustee Lazansky made comments about being stagnant and the effects into the future. The treasurer told us that we could cut expenditures as much as possible but we will have to raise money eventually. Things come up. Public Works is looking for another truck. We have the ambulance in the works right now. Somehow we need the revenue to do these things.

Trustee Savopoulos remarked that there is no plan. He reminded us that every piece of equipment has a life. Kasnicka projected additional revenue coming in from Koppers' expansion permit fees and the race track possibly in the future. Trustee DeLeshe asked about the costs of projects. Kasnicka said that East Avenue will cost about \$280,000 and \$20,000 was spent for the Harlem Avenue sink hole early in the summer.

Trustee Sleighter moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to table the consideration of Architects Frega Associates' Proposal for the Stickney Police Department Entrance Renovation FA#D4501 until further review for an indefinite time.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleighter and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2014-07, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" by Amending Sec. 14-161.1 Creating Additional Residential Parking Zone."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleighter and White

Present: Trustee DeLeshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Sleighter moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to pass Ordinance 2014-08, "An Ordinance Repealing Section 2-254, and "Qualifications of Employees".

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleighter and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to grant permission to the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club to conduct their annual Candy Day Solicitation on Oct. 10 & 11, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to grant permission to the Girl Scouts of Greater Chicago to conduct their Fall Product Sale in the Village on October 1-30, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Morelli thanked everybody that participated and helped for the Fall Festival. There was \$16,000 in donations given toward the event. She especially thanked Koppers for their \$5,000 for the fireworks. We are in the black by \$2,000 less our sales tax.

CLERKS REPORT: Clerk McAdams informed the board that the previously approved block party for September 13, was cancelled by the requestor. The EPA provided a notice of violation at American Grading Company Landfill located at 5100 Lawndale, Summit.

Trustee Lazansky gave the police report for the month of August, 2014. The total number of calls for service; 2,084; Total number of E911 calls received; 603; Arrest by type: Traffic: 118; Village Ordinance Offences: 17; Warrants and Complaints: 7; Parking violations: 249; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 391; Total number of squad miles: 9,157; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,074.1 Average gas mileage/squad: 8.525 mpg.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of August, 2014. Ordinance Investigations: 355, Business License Investigations: 8, Violation Notices Issued: 12, Miscellaneous Details: 183, S.L.O. Tickets: 0, Parking Citations Issued: 94,

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian notified us that the electronic recycling program collected the following: Printers with ink & toner equaled 203 pounds; 20 TVs and computer screen equaled 619 pounds; low grade scrap equaled 991 pounds for a total of 3813 pounds. In addition he received an email from our Village Engineer, Tim Geary, alerting him that the Motor Fuel Tax Funds are declining by 32%. This means that we will have fewer funds to fix roads. This is compounded by a yearly increase of 2.5% in the costs to fix roads.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer reminded us of a recent incident where an Elgin man started his furnace and his house blew up. He suggested that things can happen especially if

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your furnace has been damaged in a flood. We were also informed of a 5,000 gallon heating fuel tank that was removed from the area of Edison School. There is a continuing program to get these tanks removed. There was one located near St. Pius and the convalescent home. There may be one located near Home School as well. They do leak and can cause the surrounding soil to be contaminated. Someone asked the chief about the all-terrain vehicle used at the Fall Festival. It came from MABAS and it is available for use because we are members. It didn't cost the village. It is usually for emergency uses. But, it does provide our department with training on its use. The large lights used at the event were also from MABAS, and another one was from the County. At 1:30 p.m. today there was a large explosion heard from a Southwest Airline jet taking off from Midway. The noise came from an engine exploding. The sound reverberated. The pilot declared an emergency and plane circled back to Midway.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka announced that our Motor Fuel Tax receipts are down a bit. We received a payment from Illinois Jobs Now in the sum of approximately \$26,000. The bad news is that the cost of salt is going up. He also divulged that we were charged a monthly bank fee from U.S. Bank to the tune of \$2,500. He mentioned that we were originally with Charter One prior to U.S. Bank taking it over. Charter One didn't charge any fees. He is in the process of talking to someone concerning these excessive fees. In the past we did get some proposals from other banks and we do have an approved agreement with BMO Harris. We may have to look at our options.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 8th of October, 2014

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor