

July 14, 2009

State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney

A Special Session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney was called to order by President Daniel A. O'Reilly on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of a Public Hearing in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

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

Absent: Trustee Roll

The purpose of the Public Hearing was on the "Proposed Annual General Appropriation for the Fiscal Year, beginning May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010.

There were eight (8) residents present in the audience.

The Clerk read the official notice of the public hearing as published in the *Suburban Life* Publication on Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

The Clerk read the summary of the "Proposed Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for 2009-2010".

The Clerk read the summary of the Proposed Annual Budget and Appropriations Ordinance 2009-16 for the Fiscal Year, beginning May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka made a statement explaining the process of preparing the Appropriations Budget. This included reviewing the expenditures from the last two years. Worksheets are used to back up the numbers considered. Meetings were held with department heads. Consideration was given to special projects requested by department heads. All the trustees have previous knowledge of this current budget. The Clerk and Village President sat down at the budget planning meetings.

President O'Reilly explained that on the tax levy we inherited a 10.13% increase from our previous administration due to the bond they took out. This is costing us a 7.65% increase. Our pension fund was rather low. There is a low figure and a high figure of suggested contributions. We are using the larger figure. We held the line on our General Fund keeping it at a zero increase. Some of the needs requested by our department heads were: The Police Department wanted their annual purchase of two squads. The Fire Department wanted a pick-up truck that will be used for towing trailers and emergency equipment they have access to. In addition, they want a thermal-imagine camera. The Public Works Department is looking for another dump truck and they also have a wish for a bobcat. We are looking for more funds for Parks and Recreation. Some of our equipment is being neglected. There are some future concerns that we are looking at. We need to finish our streets. The sewers need to be cleaned,

checked and repaired as the damage is found. And, our water tower needs to be repaired and painted. We are looking for some Stimulus Money coming in from Congressman Lipinski, Capital Money from Representative Zalewski, and we applied for some LAPP Funds for Ridgeland Avenue. With this Capital Project Bill that was just signed in Springfield, our Senator Viverito has put in a request for us to receive money from that for our streets.

President O'Reilly asked for oral comments from Board members.

Trustee Lazansky asked various questions on the legal fees, about the Police Department Radio Clerks, and the Police Department training fees. In addition, he asked about the increase in health insurance. Trustee Lazansky also asked about the \$50,000 sewer fee. The treasurer explained the \$50,000 sewer fee was needed because of the sewer televising and repairs. The treasurer forecasted the possible need to tax people for the repair or replacement of the sewers. Kurt said that 10% of the water use is commercial, 60% industrial, and 30% residential.

Audience member Bea Callahan of 41st and Grove asked several questions pertaining to the police department. She also asked about the salary for Parks & Recreation.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which, said Board of Trustees adopted the motion unanimously at 6:51 p.m. and President O'Reilly declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams
Village Clerk

Approved by me, this 16th day of July, 2009.

Daniel A. O'Reilly, President