

May 16, 2023

**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 16, 2023, at 7:05 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, Torres and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustees Kapolnek and Savopoulos**

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, May 2, 2023

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

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic 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, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Kapolnek, Savopoulos
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

At this time, Mayor Walik introduced our newest Police Service Dog K-9 Officer "Hans" a Belgian Malinois and his handler Officer Adam Guzman. The swearing in ceremony followed. Hans was presented with his official police department star tag. Hans just completed six weeks of training in Pennsylvania. He is a dual purpose K-9 trained to detect the odor of narcotics which includes cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin. He is also trained in tracking. He can apprehend if need be. He still has a lot of learning to do, but we are well on our way. The Mayor thanked all the police officers that came to attend the Board meeting today.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the request to hire one (1) Probationary Patrol Officer.

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

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to pass, and approve Ordinance 2023-08, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 46, Article II, Section 46-43 Related to the Lateral Entry Process and Requirements for Certain Police Officers for the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek, Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Police Chief Sasseti explained that the original ordinance exists, and we are just cleaning up some language in the original passage which was passed in the beginning of 2022.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to pass and approve Ordinance 2023-09 "An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Purchase of a Fire Apparatus for the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek, Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Fire Chief Boyajian explained that this fire apparatus is a Quint. A quint fire truck is an apparatus that combines the equipment capabilities of a ladder truck and the water-pumping ability of a fire engine. As its name implies, it features five main tools to carry out firefighting functions: Pump; Water tank; Fire hose; Aerial device; Ground ladders. It is to replace the 25-year-old truck that we took out of service last year. The Mayor stated that it will take 18-20 months to build this new truck.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White, to grant permission to the Stickney-Forest View Library to conduct a Block Party on June 3, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. closing 43rd Street from Oak Park Avenue to Grove Avenue.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek, Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

The Mayor introduced representative Tammy from the library. She said they are anxious for the Stickney-Forest View Library to start their summer reading program.

Trustee Hrejsa moved duly seconded by Trustee Torres to grant permission to the Stickney Police Association to conduct a Picnic at 43rd and Ridgeland, including closing off 43rd Street to traffic.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek, Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote the Mayor explained that this is just a street closure. It will not affect Ridgeland or 43rd Street to pedestrian traffic or vehicle traffic. It will be in the back.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor invited everyone to partake in the Memorial Day ceremony on May 29th at 39th and Ridgeland. There will be a light lunch afterward. Public Works Director Joe Lopez is the chef.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk read a proclamation recognizing the month of May as motorcycle awareness month.

Trustee Hrejsa: We were informed that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District is holding an open house tour on Saturday, May 20, 2023. They are giving away oak tree saplings and milk weed seeds. They have a rain barrel subsidizing program. The Trustee announced that the Berwyn Masonic Lodge #839 is holding an educational fentanyl seminar with the DEA on Monday, May 23, at 6:00 p.m. The lodge's address is 6836 Cermak Road in Berwyn.

Trustee Milenkovic: He attended the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission meeting on April 27th at 6:30 at the Mayfair Banquet Hall. Discussion was held on the odorous windows. They learned that the screens were the issue. A committee was set up to identify 1,300 homes that had this problem. So far 250 have been scheduled for mitigation. It will take some time. It needs to go out to bid. The average Daily Operations at Midway were 553; During the first quarter the average nighttime average was 82; The most popular aircraft was B737; They have 386 operations per day and 68 per night; Stickney's noise monitor is location at 4308 Wenonah. The decibel level for the first quarter of 2023 was 52decibels. Compared to 50.6 decibels for the first quarter of 2022. The 12-month average is 52.9. In order to qualify for remediation, the decibel level must be at 65. There were 177 noise complaints during the first quarter. No complaints were received from Stickney. The next commission meeting is July 27.

In addition, the hydrant flushing has been completed. The handicapped curb painting will be started.

TRUSTEE WHITE: He announced that we are working on the budget for the new fiscal year 2023-2024. By the first or second week in June we will have a draft. At the first Board meeting in July, we should have a budget that is passable. He then wished former Mayor Don Tabor and his wife Vivian Happy 66th Wedding Anniversary.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Chief James Sasseti: The Chief reported on our April Calls for Service Report. Stickney Police had 1923 calls for service we responded to in April. We accounted for 23.4% of the calls to the dispatch center. He commended all our officers and support staff for doing a great job keeping up with the increased volume of calls.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: During the flushing of the hydrants, we did find a break on 45th and Harlem. The repair will be made in the morning. Handicap curbs will be painted.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: He gave his gratitude to each and every one the Board members for approving the purchase of the new fire truck. This apparatus will change the way we respond. Everything will be in front of the house now. They will not have to keep a spot for the incoming ladder truck. Thank you for working with me. The Mayor said it has been three years they have been working on this.

The Mayor commented that he and Trustee White have been working on the budget. Trustee Savopoulos is also involved by telephone even though he is not here. David, our treasurer, is doing an amazing job. We are still waiting for three vendors to get back to us with their bids. We are doing the right thing.

Just prior to the closing of the meeting the Berwyn Masonic Lodge #839 presented Mayor Jeff Walik their 2023 Community Builders Award in recognition of outstanding leadership and dedication to the Village of Stickney and its residents. The presentation left the Mayor speechless. None of this could have happened without the help of the Village's support staff.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 6th of June, 2023

Jeff Walik, President