

May 20, 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, May 20, 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 Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Trustee Sleigher moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White 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 Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky move, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve the Illinois Department of Transportation Agreement to upgrade the traffic signals on state highways at 39th at Laramie Ave., 39th and Oak Park Avenue, and 39th at Ridgeland at a cost of \$2,185.

Prior to the vote, Trustee Sleigher asked if we are sharing the cost with Cicero and Berwyn. Attorney Donald Kreger said that our side is 4% of the cost. Normally it is 10% if you had both sides of the street. The state is paying 95% of the cost. Other comments were made that referred to the project.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

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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 February, 2014 indicating the sum of \$32,780.91.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Gomez moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the month of April, 2014 in the amount of \$12,510.27.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to approve Resolution 03-2014, a Resolution authorizing the conveyance by the Village of Stickney of the property commonly described as 4026 Euclid Avenue.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Trustee White mentioned that this is an ongoing issue. Mayor Morelli said that it is the property to be used as a parking lot. Attorney Kreger explained that Stickney Township is picking up all of the costs.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

The next item concerned the purchase of an ambulance. Trustee White asked how we would pay for it. Mayor Morelli stated that she is working on and securing the \$100,000 for the grant for the ambulance. That will be something that will be happening very soon. That will be helping for the ambulance. She is also working on another \$100,000 following that. Trustee Lazansky questioned that if we didn't get that, could we get a four or five year ambulance lease so we don't have to give a big out lay of money? He would rather spread it out over four years. He voiced insecurity over Springfield. Some of that money may be needed to be spent. That \$193,000 may have to be used in another place. Trustee Sleigher asked if we have to

vote on how we are going to pay for it or can we vote on ordering the ambulance. Trustee White asked how much of it do we have to pay right now? Trustee Sleigher remarked that it is about eight months out. Treasurer Kasnicka addressed the board. He said that there is

a pre-pay option. The money that is in the capital project fund, a lot of it has to be used for the park project. He recommended that you approve the purchase of the ambulance and pay for it at the time of delivery. That way we will see if this grant. We received an acknowledgment from the state that we have \$100,000. We have to look at what we have in capital projects at the time. We also got some information on the numbers if we were to lease the entire thing. He thinks that we should not prepay it but at the time to make the decision as to what we have available to pay for it at the time. Attorney Kreger stated that there is one thing to think about. For financing the balance, for \$100,000 the rate of interest doesn't make any sense. He summed it up by saying that he didn't think we should make the decision to spread it out over time with the seller. The saving for prepayment is \$2913. Treasurer Kasnicka reminded everyone that they received a summary of what we have in the capital projects fund. With the park grant going on at the same time, we have the construction and a separate one for the equipment. Then we have to wait for the grant. Therefore we are stretching it. Trustee White felt that we order the ambulance and we have eight months to figure it out.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve to purchase the ambulance.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to grant permission for the Stickney VFW to conduct their Poppy Day Solicitation on May 22, 23, and 24.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Gomes moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to grant permission to the Stickney American Legion to conduct their Poppy Day Solicitation on May 19 to 26.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

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Trustee Gomez moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to grant permission to the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club to hold a Charity 5 K Run/Walk for Breast Cancer Research on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher to approve the request for the Stickney-Forest View block party for June 7, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Clerk McAdams explained that the director, Heather Shlah, is still working on gathering permission from the neighbors affected by the portion of the alley closure. The food permit is to be obtained. The BMX liability insurance has to be sent to me.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve the hiring of a new auxiliary police officer.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Morelli read a letter of gratitude from the President of the Village of Oak Park for the assistance from the Village of Stickney in the three-alarm fire on May 4, 2014 on the 800 block of Clinton.

CLERK'S REPORT: A notice was read from the EPA concerning the Chicago Terminal located at 4811 S. Harlem in Forest View. A thank you letter was read from LifeSource in gratitude to the Stickney Police Department for the recent blood drive. An American Legion proclamation was read concerning "Poppy Week". An EPA notice was read concerning a landfill application for a permit at 5100 W. Lawndale.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Gomez read the fire report for the month of April, 2014:

Ambulance Calls; 56 Mutual Aid Calls; 15 Service Calls; 3 Fire Calls; 9 Hazardous Condition Calls; 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents; 5 Working Fires; 0 Brush/Trash Fires; 1

Car Fires; 1 Total Calls: 93

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In addition, Trustee Gomez reminded the people about the Music in the Park schedule starting on June 11 and ending August 27.

Trustee Lazansky asked people to have a safe Memorial Day and encouraged people to buy their Poppies.

Trustee Pat Sleighter stated, "I don't know if you have noticed that were the trees were taken down and the grass was planted and the grass is growing." " Don't forget to water so the grass doesn't just die on you." The Tree Board has completed the packet (for a tree grant)

to the Morton Arboretum for review. If everything is OK we are going to send it to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources so we can get our \$10,000 for funding so we can plant our trees. Hopefully within a few weeks we should know.

Trustee White told us that he has received a couple of calls from residents that they have been solicited by alternative electric companies again. What is happening is that we are in the middle of our three-year contract. These companies think that we were on a one-year contract and will call that we are at the end of our contract. We are in the middle of our three-year contract. Those of us that are with the program with the Village have saved money. We are locked in at 5.382 per kilowatt for another year and a half. After that we don't really know. ComEd is raising fees for the delivery. We don't have control over that. If you get solicited by another company and you are with First Energy Solutions just tell them you are safe with our contract.

Mayor Morelli reminded everyone about our Memorial Day program on May 26 at 10:30. The American Legion is hosting the event and does want it held outside.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Fire Chief Larry Meyer reported flushing of the fire hydrants is ongoing. The water may be murky. He thanked the board for ordering the ambulance. He received intelligent questions from some of the board members. He explained the research he performed in selecting the Horton Ambulance Company. Many examples of the safety aspects, including air horns, were quoted. He informed us that our first ambulance was a Chevy window van. The firefighters took paneling and paneled over the windows and mounted a stretcher inside there.

Deputy Police Chief Rich Jaczak provided us with information on the new auxiliary officer, Ricky Brown, approved this evening. He formerly worked for the Village of Lyons and through no fault of his own was laid off. He is an excellent officer and served nine years there. He is a trained evidence officer and a detective. He knows juveniles inside and out. It will be good to have him around. In other matters, he and Corporal Cruz Ortiz prioritized all our warrants. Twelve were set aside. Seven officers went out on an afternoon and made eight arrests. The bad news, one person didn't make connect. He was a violent felon. About one week ago, one of our officers made contact with him. Another officer, knowing of his violent background, went to help out. He was T-boned in the intersection of Harlem and 41st even though he had activated his lights and sirens, he spun around 180 degrees. Another town answered the accident investigation. The other driver was on her phone.....hands free, but on her phone when they made contact with her. He didn't know when the call originated. Additional information was given on the subject of air horns as

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previously discussed by Fire Chief Meyers. They are now calling them bass horns. They are a lot of money. When no one can hear us coming because they could be on the phone or not looking in the rearview mirror, there is really no good option. That is the direction the technology is going.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka commented that the village administrative offices will be closed on Memorial Day. All municipal pick-ups will be backed up by one day. We will be mailing out the applications for the vehicle tags and pet licenses. They are due in June. He described the design of the vehicle tag.

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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 4th day of June, 2014

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor