

November 15, 2022

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 7:03 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

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

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres and Hrejsa
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee White
Present: Trustee Kapolnek
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Savopoulos 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 Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee White
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the recommendation to request approval to initiate the process to contact the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to hire (4) Probationary Police Officers off the current New Hire Eligibility List and Lateral Police Officers Eligibility List within the next few months for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Nays: None
Absent: Trustee White
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Prior to the vote, Police Chief Sasseti informed us that over the course of the last few years we have been applying for a grant through the U.S. Department of Justice. We were recently notified that our application for fiscal year 2022, the Department of Justice approved what is called the COPS HIRING GRANTS and authorized an additional four police officers funded through the COPS GRANT. This recommendation is to fulfill our requirement with the grant.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2022-21, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 6, Article II, Section 6-45 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois regarding Liquor Licenses"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee White

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote the Mayor explained that this is adding two more liquor licenses, one for the racetrack and another will be open for right now.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2022-22, "An Ordinance Approving the purchase of a certain vehicle for the Village of Stickney Police Department, Stickney, Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee White

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote the Mayor explained that this is adding just one car to the fleet. We actually need three. They are not making cars at this time. We were lucky we found this one. We purchased it quickly before it got away from us.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2022-23, "An Ordinance Authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Aid and Box Alarm System (MABAS)"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee White

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to pass Resolution 20-2022, "A Resolution Authorizing and Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the Mutual Air Box Alarm System (MABAS)."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee White

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to approve Resolution 21-2022, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Settlement with Commonwealth Edison Company and Azavar Audit Solutions, Inc. for the Village of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejisa

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee White

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Trustee Savopoulos informed us that this is reimbursement for a utility tax collected for us by Commonwealth Edison. Azavar sued on our behalf to collect the \$28,605. Now we are collecting the money that we never received from this utility tax. Every bill that you get, whether gas, electric or any utility bill, gets taxed. Commonwealth Edison wasn't collecting for us, so we were not receiving the tax.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reminded people that the cold and flu season is here. Covid is still around. Please take precautions protecting yourself. Our Veteran's celebration was amazing. The money is starting to come through. The Mayor just displayed a parking sign that will reserve a Village parking spot on Village property for a Veteran. We will be installing six such signs. Everything is going good in the Village. Public Works did snow and leaves today.

Trustee Savopoulos: We were told that he had a conference with Josh Brniak, our Building Inspector. There is a new business in our Village. It should be opening up in a couple of weeks. It is next to Villa Nova. It will be a corned beef shop. The Mayor mentioned that this corner has really been beautified.

Trustee Milenkovic: We were reminded that the garbage schedule will be pushed back a day. The Operation Support our Troops drive is underway. Additional donations are still able to be made. The Trustee attended the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission on October 27, 2022. Next year's schedule was given. During the 3rd quarter of 2021 Midways average daily operations were 668. The average nighttime operations were 116. The most popular airplane is the Boeing 737, with 450 operations. Our noise monitor is located at 4308 Wenonah. During the 3rd quarter of 2022 the decibel level was 52.9. Our 12-month average was 51.8 decibels. There were no noise complaints from Stickney during the 3rd quarter of 2022.

Trustee Torres: The Trustee announced that all the newsletters went out. It is very informative and provides the residents with all the dates for everything going on. On December 17 there will be pet photos with Santa at the public works garage.

Trustee Kapolnek: He reminded everyone to access our website. There is information there that is valuable to residents. They can learn about what is going on. There are notice alerts. There are pictures of events. The newsletters can be found there. It is a useful tool. Make use of it.

Trustee Hrejsa: The Senior Christmas luncheon is on December 10th, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Children's Christmas party will be from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. it will be located at the Stickney Township Clinic, 6721 W. 40th Street.

CLERK'S REPORT: She directed people to go to her newsletter article concerning the engraving on the Veteran's memorial. She asked that people follow the instructions available when they submit their request.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: He mentioned that leaf collection will continue while the weather cooperates. He asked that people place their leaves at the curb.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: There have been two or three calls per night.

Police Chief James Sasseti: Once again we were awarded the Illinois Department of Transportations fiscal year 2023 sustained traffic enforcement program grant. It will provide additional traffic safety missions. During the Thanksgiving week of November 18 and November 28, we will be putting additional manpower on the street with the sole purpose of monitoring motorists who are not wearing their seatbelts. We encourage everyone to Click it or Ticket. Furthermore, since the beginning of August, we have been awarded six different grants for a total sum of \$697, 820. 30. There are two additional grants in the que that total \$24,500. We received our monthly report from our Cicero Consolidated Dispatch, our dispatch center. Last month our calls for service were the highest year to date. Unfortunately, I am here to tell you that the calls for October we responded to 1,622 calls which surpassed our August totals. That is our highest year to date.

There being no further business, Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:33 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Kapolnek, Torres and Hrejsa

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee White

Mayor Walik declared the Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 6th day of December, 2022

Jeff Walik, Mayor