

January 7, 2020

State of Illinois

County of Cook

Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, at 7:05 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Torres and White

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos excused absent due to back surgery.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee 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 Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2020-01, “An Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Personnel Manual Regarding Sexual Harassment for the Village of Stickney”

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

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Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Approve Resolution 01-2020, “A Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement by and Between the Village of Stickney and the Village of Forest View for Improvements to 45th Street from Harlem Avenue to Oak Park Avenue”

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote the Mayor explained that this issue has been going on since May 2019. We have been going through Intergovernmental Agreements between Stickney, the Cook County Board and Forest View. Forest View will be passing this after us. It will go to the engineer to go out for bidding sometime in February. Hopefully the work will begin in May after the kids get out of school.

At this point Mayor Walik asked Police Officer Richard Foytik to step forward to take his oath of office to the Stickney Police Department. Many of the Stickney Police Officers were in attendance.

Police Chief Babich informed us that Sergeant Kevin McGuire celebrated 20 years as a Stickney Police Officer.

MAYOR’S REPORT: We learned that we are getting approximately \$250,000.00 from Cook County to help us with this project. On January 9th we will be having our next meeting with the race track to see what their plans are. Because of the demolition to rebuild

the race track for the casino, they did stop racing for this year with the exception of four or six racing dates. There is supposed to be five restaurants and five bars.

CLERK'S REPORT: Pertinent information was provided pertaining to the Census including job opportunities making \$21.95 per hour. The upcoming Primary Election on March 17, 2019 was discussed. She has mail-in ballot applications available.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

The Mayor wished Trustee Milenkovic a Merry Christmas. All the Trustees congratulated our newly sworn in police officer, Richard Foytik and welcomed him back home. And, they wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Trustee Hrejsa congratulated Sergeant McGuire for achieving 20 years with the Stickney Police Department.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: We are continuing with the street sweeping if the weather is nice. They are also sweeping the alleys. They are clearing Oak Park Avenue and Pershing Road of leaves and trash. He thanked the Board for the leaf vacuum and leaf box. All the trucks are ready for snow.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: Wished people a Happy New Year and congratulated our new police officer.

Police Chief Babich: He thanked the Board for allowing us to hire another police officer. When he first started here 2 ½ years ago we had 13 police officers. Now we are up to 20. This is a big accomplishment by this Board. Considering the communities that surround us, we couldn't continue operating with two-man shifts. The Board came in to make some changes. Anything can happen out there, and it might not even be ours. You must have that manpower or people could get hurt. He told us, "It is an honor to serve on this department." "It has come a long way in 2 ½ years." "It is a team effort between the Village, Board members, Mayor and the officers that serve." "They have become more unified, expertise in their field, with more professionalism and accountability." "We have solved pretty much everything that has come our way." "I am proud of this unit." "There

are good men and women who work for this department.” “Their hearts are in the right place that is for the best interest of our community.”

Deputy Police Chief Jaczak: Reported that on New Year’s. We had less than four calls. They involved noise and fireworks. Otherwise it was very quiet.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 21st day of January, 2020

Jeff Walik, Mayor