## **November 1, 2016**

State of Illinois County of Cook Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2016 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 Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes, to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on October 18, 2016 as submitted by the clerk.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:** 

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa, to approve the payment of the bills.

Prior to the vote, Trustee Savopoulos asked about a bill. It was something about reducing a permit fee. He wants to know for who and how much. Why are we reducing permit fees? Mayor Morelli responded, "That was with Dave (Schmidt) with the Kangaroo (Laundromat). He had done that saying it was regarding the construction work was all added into that. This was just for the part with the fee." Trustee Savopoulos asked, "Are you going to reduce everybodies though or just the Kangaroo." Mayor Morelli said, "No. He talked told me about that." Trustee Savopoulos asked, "Who had given him the authority to reduce the . . . .?" Mayor Morelli said, "He has the authority to do that, to suggest that." Trustee White asked, "Dave Schmidt has the authority to reduce permit fees? I don't think so." Mayor Morelli said, "Well." Trustee Savopoulos said, "Na Na Na." Trustee White said, "I think the board has to approve reduction in permit fees." Trustee Savopoulos said, "Any fees." Mayor Morelli said, "That was the suggestion from him." Trustee White said, "A suggestion, to reduce the fees. Can somebody reduce the fees?" Mayor Morelli said, "He had originally talked to the Blue Kangaroo and it was regarding, he had given a whole amount for the fee. And, Dave had talked to him and said that this would be the fee that he was talking to him about would cover the construction work, not the equipment and everything." Trustee Fuentes asked, "How much are we talking, how much for the permit fees?" Trustee Savopoulos responded, "That is why I am asking, I don't know. Why are we reducing it? I just don't understand." Mayor Morelli said, "It was just for the construction work on the property that the fee was for the permit." Trustee Savopoulos said, "I still don't understand. " Mayor Morelli said, "Could we get Dave here to where he could explain that to you. That was

with him where he talked to me about that." Trustee White asked, "Did he sign off on the permits?" Mayor Morelli said, "M hum." Trustee Savopoulos said, "Nobody has the authority though to reduce any fees, that is what I am saying. I don't understand." Mayor Morelli said, "Well, I don't think that it was considered an actual discounted with the fee it was regarding that he was doing it for the construction work of the fee.... of the permit." Trustee Fuentes asked, "Did the scope of the agreement change do you think?" Trustee White asked the Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo, "Is that the way you understand it?" Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo, "I don't frankly understand what Dave did. So the best thing to do is get Dave here to explain it. To answer your question, the permit fees are set by code, if anybody varies from the permit fees it has to come before the board. If the calculation is that it is (and I am making this up) based on cost. If it was \$100,000.00 you multiply it by the percentage and it comes to a dollar amount. If you vary that then the board is required to take action. If Dave's calculation is based on construction value versus total contract amounts and that is how he came up with the fee. Then that wouldn't have to come before the board. I iust don't know what Dave did." Mayor Morelli said. "And, that is what he had said to me." Trustee Savopoulos, "And, the bill mentions your name on it, yours and his." Mayor Morelli said, "Yeah, because he had brought it to me and told me that he was going to do for the construction part." Trustee Savopoulos said, "I just don't understand it." Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "If it varied from what the code specifies it would require board approval. I still to this day, and, I have talked to Dave, but actually the lawyer in my office has talked to Dave, and, I admittedly don't understand what he did. We could certainly endeavor to find out. I'm not sure if the mayor understands what he did. Should we ask him to come before the board? Because if he varied it from the code, it requires board approval." Savopoulos said, "If we are reducing fees, we should reduce them for everyone." Mayor Morelli said, "It was just the way it put to me, it was for the construction of the permit." Trustee Savopoulos said, "Once you get a permit for construction, that is the reason you get a permit." Mayor Morelli said, "This was including everything, the machinery and all of that. This is for the construction part of the permit." Trustee Fuentes said, "So you are changing the whole amount base so it changes the percentage. That is my understanding. I am going to throw out numbers. So you say the initial project was \$2,000 and the construction was \$1,000 so we are basing the permit off of the \$1,000. Is that what we are speculating because we need Dave." Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "The code is \$15.00 for every \$1,000 of construction. It is simple math formula. You take the amount of construction cost and multiply and then divide and then it comes to an amount. And, that amount gets varied; only the board can do it. I don't know if what Dave did was take a lessor amount from the construction and then multiply that and that is how he came up with this number. Frankly, if you are referring to the entry on our law firm's bill, that is what we were trying to figure out. We were looking into what Dave did and why it was done and whether board approval was required. As of now, I still don't have that answer."

Trustee White requested that Dave Schmidt be present at the next meeting so we could get that figured out. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "I don't think you need a vote on that. Just take a roll call on the payment of all the bills."

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa, to approve the payment of the bills.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:** 

Ayes: Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the Annual Treasurer's Report for fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2016.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:** 

Ayes, Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

**Nays: None** 

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

The mayor announced the appointment to fill the Vacancy of the Unexpired Term of Trustee Lazansky.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to remove this item from the table.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:** 

Ayes: Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Navs: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "Now it is back on the table now there needs to be a substantive motion, second and discussion on the actual appointment. That just put it back on the table." The mayor then said, "What we are planning to do is the appointment replacement for Trustee Lazansky who is no longer here and to appoint a new trustee for the unexpired term."

Trustee Fuentes moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the mayor's recommendation of Edwin Rivadeneira.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:** 

Ayes: Trustee Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

At this point Edwin Rivadeneira was sworn in by the mayor.

The clerk announced that the next agenda item concerning the Letter of Agreement Regarding the Public Works Foremen Position. Then, Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "Our office has reviewed and approves the form of the document before you. We called them today but we haven't heard back from the union. We have called them today in anticipation of them getting back to us. They knew the deadline for the meeting was tonight. They have not reviewed it yet. He is asking

that this be tabled. My concern would be is if the union changes a comma then we would have the board review it and have to vote on it again. My recommendation is that the board table it and wait until the union gets back to us."

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to table the acceptance of the Letter of Agreement Regarding the Public Works Foremen Position.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Fuentes, Hejsa, Milenkovic, Rivadeneria, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to renew the Surveillance Maintenance Agreement for Video Equipment in the Village.

Trustee Fuentes asked prior to the vote where this came from. Is this the agreement we normally use. Trustee Milenkovic explained that he spoke to Deputy Chief Jaczak about this. This is the firm we usually use. He is very happy with them. Police Chief Sladetz told us that this is our current vendor, Current Technologies. Previously we were paying hourly wages. This was very expensive. None of the cameras or IP addressed were licensed at all. The software wasn't licensed. The maintenance agreement covers all of that. We have to have a maintenance agreement. Trustee Milenkovic added in that it is a few hundreds of dollars more because public works has cameras now. Trustee Fuentes asked if Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo's firm has reviewed the agreement. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said they have not. Trustee Fuentes then asked if they would take a look at it. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "I would be happy to review it. To avoid tabling it, you could approve it contingent upon review of the village attorney. We could let you know if we have revisions that the motion would allow us to make the revisions. Or you could table it. I don't know how time sensitive this is for the police department. The date of the agreement is through today to next year. I don't know if you will be left without coverage." Police Chief Sladetz said he could talk to someone over there. Hopefully nothing will break. Trustee White suggested that we amend the motion just subject to Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo looking in to this.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to amend the motion just subject to Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo reviewing this.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:** 

Aves: Trustee Fuentes, Hejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

**Present: Trustee Rivadeneria** 

Navs: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

The mayor announced for discussion for new copiers for the police department.

Trustee Fuentes explained that she asked for this to be place on the agenda because at our last meeting, Chief Sladetz mentioned that we needed new copiers. We did get

the quotes. It has been approved. It is just under \$10,000 to order two copiers which is well within their budget. We are using the Capital Expense Budget and the 9-1-1 Board is covering some of that.

PRESIDENT REPORT: She thanked those that were available and helped at the Halloween Party. She then thanked individual people.

**CLERKS' REPORT: None** 

TRUSTEES' REPORTS: Trustee Fuentes said that the next Parks & Rec. meeting will be on November 7, at 6:30. She thanked Mayor Morelli and various other people for helping. There were approximately 60 kids there along with their parents. A long list of activities were given. There will be a Morton College Information Night at the Village Hall on November 9th. There will be a movie night at the Recreation Center on November 12. The movie will be the Secret Life of Pets. People are asked to register. The food drive will be extended to a couple of weeks into November. Home Schools Student Council will be combining their own collection efforts with ours.

Trustee Hrejsa mentioned that the Police Association Dinner Dance is November 5. Tickets are still available at \$40 per person. Cocktails are at 7:00 and dinner at 8:00. Installation of the officers will be at 9:00.

Trustee Milenkovic announced that the tree lottery planting is complete. Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian oversaw the planting. There was a Midway Noise Compatibility meeting on October 27. The next meeting is January 26, 2017. We have this voluntary fly quiet program that the airlines are supposed to honor. We wrote everyone a letter and asked them to cooperate because they were running planes at night. They could fly over the commercial areas instead of the residential areas.

Trustee Savopoulos informed us that we have a serious rat problem in the village especially at this end of the village. He gave detailed rules to follow in combating the issue. He advised the people that extra garbage bins are available. In addition, the sidewalk program is done. Trustee Hrejsa reminded that people could buy the recycle containers with a lid. She told of the meeting we held involving the Township Health Department. A letter will be sent out to every resident.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Sladetz told us that it was a very quiet Halloween although; someone was driving around firing paint balls. He again referred to the new copiers. They have been delivered but need to be installed. We were reminded about the CVS drug box in the police lobby. Rules were given on using the feature.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian said he has been busy with the sidewalks and trees, not to mention the garbage. They have off on Veterans Day November 11.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer reminded us to turn our clocks back this weekend. He also reminded us to change our smoke detector batteries. He told us about the evacuation drills held at Edison and Home Schools.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka reminded us that November 11, is Veteran's Day and the administrative offices will be closed. There is a Veteran's Day program at the Recreation Center at 10:00. The proposed tax levy is scheduled to be considered at the Regular Board Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The proposed total levy is estimated at \$3,399,030 and is based on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. This represents a 7.51% increase for corporate purposes, a 0.89% for debt service and an overall increase of 5.91%. Accordingly, a Notice of Public Hearing will be published on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 16th day of November, 2016

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor