

December 7, 2021

**State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney**

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 7:04 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 Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

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

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos 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
Absent: Trustee White
Nays: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2021-23 for the Tax Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois”

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

Prior to the vote, Village Financial Director David Gonzalez told us that the final Levy ordinance is the same as the templet levy that was passed on November 16. The levy ordinance is for \$2,826,142.00. We are increasing the Corporate Fund by \$42,000. We will reduce the Police Pension by \$42,000. The Police Pension will still be 100% fully funded per the accuracy.

Trustee Torres moved, duly second by Trustee Kapolnek to Authorize the Village Board and the Fire & Police Commissioners to Proceed with the Hiring of One Probationary Patrol Officer

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee White

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

The Mayor asked Financial Director David Gonzalez to introduce our external auditor Monica Adamski of Lauterbach & Amen. Ms. Adamski explained that she was the audit manager for the Village's Financial Statement audit. She walked us through three pieces of required communication for our 2020 audit. The firm had no disagreements or difficulties with the finance staff. The audit report itself states that it is management's responsibility to prepare the financial statements and it is the auditor's responsibility to provide an opinion. This year the Village received an unmodified opinion, which is the highest form of an opinion they could give. It means that the report is free of material misstatements and there is sound control over internal controls within the Village. There is a management's discussion and analysis. The General Fund did come in at \$42,000 over expenditures. It left the year-end fund balance at a positive of \$879,000. The MFT Fund had \$346,000 in operating. The ending fund balance on that was \$1.1 million. The total income for the Water Fund was \$700,000 this year.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reminded us that the next board meeting will be December 21. Today is Pearl Harbor day. He then announced that tomorrow is the Clerk's birthday.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk provided information from the IEPA concerning a public hearing for new tanks to be installed at Kopper's. We were notified that there was a notice concerning a permit for construction debris at Reliable Landfill. Two pieces of correspondence was read. One was a thank you note from the Schimel family for the last ride for the funeral of Fred Schimel. A note of appreciation of Village services and appearance was received from Dale Kotnour.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Milenkovic: The trustee mentioned that people can appeal their property taxes at this time. The Cook County Board of Review portal is open. This is for preregistering. When you do this preregistration, it allows taxpayers to be notified by the Board of Review of the opening and closing of the filing periods. Right now, our area is eligible to preregister. The four townships that are open now are closing on January 4. He speculated that we will probably open at this time. Today is the 80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor. An update was given on our Operation Support Our Troops collection of food and toiletries. It was very successful. The Mayor started this many years ago when he was a trustee. Trustee Torres and her husband took charge. Frank Torres delivers the collection to the warehouse for delivery to our troops overseas.

Trustee Hrejsa: She thanked Public Works for the wonderful job they did with the leaf removal program. A reminder was given for the senior and kid's Christmas parties.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: The Mayor and Director Lopez discussed extending the leaf pickup program for one more week.

There being no further business, Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 21st day of December, 2021

Jeff Walik, Mayor