

August 4, 2020

State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney

IMPORTANT NOTICE: As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the Governor of the State of Illinois' declaration of an emergency, the special meeting will be conducted in person and via Zoom in compliance with P.A. 101-0640. All persons attending the meeting in-person will be required to wear a face mask at all times while in the building and will further be subject to strict social distancing (6 feet separation). Electronic attendance via Zoom is strongly encouraged. The information for the Zoom meeting is as follows:

Website: Zoom.us
Meeting ID: 312 915 7558
Password: 768782

PUBLIC COMMENT: Persons wishing to attend via Zoom or not wanting to attend the meeting in person may submit "Public Comment" to the Village Clerk no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the meeting. Please send public comments to the Village Clerk at villageclerk@villageofstickney.com.

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met via Zoom electronic means on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the Budget Hearing held on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

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

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

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

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to Approve Engineer's payment Estimate No. 3 & Final for 2019 MFT Street Resurfacing Habilitation of 40th Street—Home Avenue to Oak Park Avenue.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2020-16, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-120 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Stop Streets"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Police Chief Sassetti explained that after a traffic safety study by Officer Proctor it was determined that we indeed needed a four-way stop sign.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2020-17, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Article III, Division 7, Section 12-161.1 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Residential Parking Zones"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Approve Resolution 16-2020, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving an Audit Engagement Agreement by and Between Lauterbach & Amen, LLP and the Village of Stickney for Certain Audit Services.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Finance Director David Gonzalez informed us that this is for the annual audit for the Village of Stickney. GW & Associates was doing the annual audit. We have since taken over as the Finance Director roll and we could no longer do the audit. We did reach out to Lauterbach and Amen, who are the auditors for the Police Pension Fund. We discussed with them about doing the Village audit and they agreed to keep the audit fee the same as last year at \$28,500.

Mr. Gonzalez recommended to the board that we engage Lauterbach and Amen to do the audit.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White make a motion to ratify the acceptance, approval and authorization of a certain quote for an environmental insurance policy from Navigators Specialty Insurance Company brokered by Victor O. Schinnerer and to authorize and ratify all related actions and expenditures and prior actions in furtherance of this motion.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Village Attorney Tiffany Jaworski explained that the reason that the Board needs this policy for the MWRD property. The MWRD is subjected to a Federal Order where they are required on properties that they lease. All these things are related to environmental impact. We are required under the lease to get an environmental policy. Just so the Board knows, we are currently in the process of negotiating a new lease. Hopefully it will be on a future agenda. One of the requirements is to get this environmental policy to insure the Village against any environmental issues related to property located at Ridgeland and Pershing. The attorney further explained we need the environmental policy to continue leasing the property.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to grant permission for a September 5, 2020 Block Party on the 7000 Block of 44th Street between Wenonah Avenue and Home Avenue.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

The Mayor clarified that the location of this block party has only two houses. It located across from Home School. The clerk said that she has received all the necessary signed documents.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Walik informed us that Music in the Park has been cancelled for the rest of the season. Due to the numbers going up for Covid-19 and some other matters, we have decided to cancel the last three. We may have another "Music on the Move". Watch for the details. The Mayor asked if former Mayor Tabor would help in arranging an afternoon of polka music in September. Other exciting news is that Hawthorne Racetrack has received their gaming license and their sports betting license. We are hoping to verify that they will start demolition the first week of September and reconstruction of the racetrack/casino. The Mayor then asked Trustee Torres to address the meeting that was held with Senator Villanueva. Trustee Torres said, "She gave us some exciting news. We are working with her finishing up on some projects." The Mayor added that the Senator will help Stickney out in the future with some plans and projects.

CLERK'S REPORT: Information was provided pertaining to the Census. As of this morning our self-response rate was at 73.4%.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: **Trustee Torres:** Thanked everyone that participated in the Village-Wide Garage/Yard Sale that was held last weekend. There was a good turnout. She received good comments. She thanked the police department and public works for their help.

Trustee Milenkovic: The Mayor held a conversation about the Tree Board meeting. We learned that we are going to cut back on the trees due to Covid-19. We will not skip our Arbor Day and tree planting for our Tree City USA status.

Trustee Savopoulos: He told us that he would have information about the sidewalk replacement program at the next meeting.

Trustee Kapolnek: We were told that the new Stickney website went live yesterday. Take a look at it. He thanked Beth Lukas and Deputy Chief Jaczak for all their hard work on it.

The Mayor extended thanks to Village Attorneys Del Galdo and Jaworski for their hard work on the Hawthorne Racetrack zoning project. He included Trustees Savopoulos and White and Josh Bernak who put in a lot of hours on this project.

Ed Bartunek provided additional Tree Board information. He was thanked by the Mayor for his Tree Board involvement. He told us that there are three dead trees at the Veterans Memorial and at the soccer field.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: Congratulated the Mayor, the Board of Trustees and the Village of Stickney along with the Tim Carey family on obtaining the licenses for the casino and sports betting.

Director of Public Works Joe Lopez: The Mayor told him that complements were received concerning the painting and the nice job that was done on the replacement of the waterline on Ridgeland.

Police Chief Sasseti: We were told that people are not moving their cars for street sweeping and therefore they are receiving parking tickets. There are no major crimes to report. He extended his gratitude to the Stickney Police Officers for their dedication.

The Mayor verified with Fire Chief Boyajian that we have no Covid-19 cases in the Village at this time. Wear your masks and wash your hands.

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 7:26 p.m.

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 18th day of August, 2020

Jeff Walik, Mayor