

September 15, 2015

State of Illinois

County of Cook

Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 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 Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli 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: Trustees Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of June, 2015 indicating the sum of \$42,983.97.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to pass and approve Ordinance 2015-14, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 78, Section 78-191 of the Municipal Code Village of Stickney Regarding Taxation."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Present: Trustee Lazansky

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

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Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to pass and approve Ordinance 2015-15, "An Ordinance Amending Fencing".

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve Resolution 20-2015, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Certain Agreement with CW Consulting for the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the October 18, 2015 Annual Berwyn-Stickney CROP Hunger Walk.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to appoint Kathleen Fuentes, the mayor's recommendation to fill the vacant position of trustee, to the Stickney Board of Trustees.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Village Attorney Michael Del Galdo proceeded to perform the swearing in ceremony.

Discussion was held by the board concerning the parking issues related to the Chicago Eye Consultants located on 44th Street and Harlem Avenue. Trustee Lazansky lead the discussion. He was recommending that the strip of parkway adjacent to the business be sold to the business for parking. The business is also looking into buying the car wash property which is located nearby for additional parking so they don't have to bother the local homeowners with their parking. They expect to add two or three more doctors to their list of employees. By selling them that parcel, it would be exclusively theirs. Trustee Lazansky asked for compromised recommendations from the Board. Unless the Board came up with a compromised situation where we would keep it and they would do all the work and during certain hours it would be exclusive for the Eye Clinic to park there. Trustee Hrejsa asked how many parking spots would be available from this parkway land. Trustee Lazansky told us it would be ten spots and they have twenty four employees including five doctors. Trustee Hrejsa asked

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about the vendors. She was told that they use the lot. Trustee White explained that our original offer to the Eye Clinic was to offer that land to them during the day-light hours for two hour parking. Trustee Lazansky argued over diagonal parking on Clarence, Wesley and Euclid. Trustee White is clearly against the plan of selling them our village property.

He went on to say that the Eye Clinic employees are concentrating their parking on Maple. They should actually redistribute their parking on several blocks. Trustee Savopoulos doesn't want to be setting precedence. We sell them the property then we can't refuse any other business. Trustee Lazansky reiterated his plan of parking there during their hours of business. At this time audience member Daniel Fuentes spoke out about making money on the proposition. Trustee White informed him that this was not open to discussion with the audience. Fuentes apologized. Trustee White reminded us that our first obligation is to the residents.

Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo clarified that there are statutes pertaining regarding village owned real estate. All property in the village is presumed to be that of the public's. You can sell property pursuant to a bid. You can sell to the highest bidder. You can vacate public streets and alleyways which go by operation of law to the abutting land owners. You can lease and can license property to people. Licensing is probably the recommended method because it doesn't invest people with property rights and interest; you license it to them for some specified period. They pay a fee. You can structure it so that they pay a monthly fee like rent. They can pay an annual fee at the beginning of the year. You can structure it however you want just like you make a business deal with somebody. The point regarding whether you have to do it with everyone else, sure, it is equal protection issues and the constitution. You can't just pick this company and we are going to do it. Maybe you can do it by virtue of the size of the tax bill or the number of the employees. He said that we could create some neutral colorblind standards by which someone could make an application. It is a lot of work and a process. Nothing we could vote on tonight. Do you want to go through the process? Do you want to do the license, the lease, the sale. . . . Trustee White interjected that I think we spent money with our engineers at the beginning when they wanted to make parking on the side. He didn't know if we ever recouped that money. Trustee Lazansky agreed that they were going to pay for all that work to be done. Trustee White then asked Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka if they paid for Engineer Novotny's bill. Kurt Kasnicka has not received the reimbursement.

Additional conversation took place concerning charging to park in the municipal lot. Trustee White suggested a remedy by having sticker parking on Maple. Then they will figure it out. Trustee White admitted that there were two inquiries to buy the car wash. We have no knowledge of the Eye Clinic's interest. Trustee Lazansky mentioned that there might be tanks underground. Attorney Del Galdo told us that it is usually rectified by covering the ground with asphalt. There was more conversation over the sticker parking on 39th and Clinton. Trustee Lazansky continued to argue the cause. Finally, Trustee White said that the Eye Clinic knew of the parking when they bought the building.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Morelli thanked those of you who joined in on the Fall Festival. We had a good time and the weather turned out. She thanked the parks and rec.

board for all of their help. Without them it would have been a tough go. The families enjoyed it. Later in the meeting the Mayor thanked the Deputy Chief Jaczak for keeping things in order. Everything seemed to go well. She thanked Supervisor Boyajian and his Public Works guys (helping) all day long. And, Chief Meyer and his firemen were always monitoring. Also, she thanked Trustee Lazansky for checking the ID's all day long.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Trustee Lazansky gave the police report for the month of August, 2015. The total number of calls for service; 1,866: Total number of E911 calls received; 622: Arrest by type: Traffic: 153; Village Ordinance Offences: 30; Warrants and Complaints: 16; Parking violations: 220; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 419; Total number of squad miles: 9,257; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,099.3; Average gas mileage/squad: 8.421.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of August, 2015. Ordinance Investigations: 335, Business License Investigations: 5, Violation Notices Issued: 11, Miscellaneous Details: 178, S.L.O. Tickets: 5, Parking Citations Issued: 71, Tow Tags Issued: 1.

Trustee Savopoulos told us that the 50/50 sidewalk program will have Supervisor Boyajian going out with the concrete company in a week or so to examine the sidewalks that need to be repaired. There are a total of 113 squares. The village cost will be \$11,790.

Trustee White updated us on our motor fuel money. On September 9, Senate Bill 2046 was passed on a partisan vote of 36 to 19. Now it will move to the House. This bill was to distribute our motor fuel tax as well as the lottery money. They then added into the bill \$1.8 million in Human Services. The House needs a 71% Super Majority vote. The House won't be in session until next week. In addition, our 911 money was last received in August but it was actually for the month of April. We average \$3,000 per month. He will continue to monitor it and report.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the treasurer's report for the month of June, 2015.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief John Sladetz proceeded to hand out commendations and honorable mentions to some of our officers for a job well done. He read the following from a letter submitted by Deputy Chief Jaczak:

On February 9, 2014 the Stickney Police Department's Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call of a fight in progress with "shots fired" on the 4200 block of Wenonah Avenue. Sergeant William Merrill and Officer Ashley Sinkewich responded to the scene, along with officers from surrounding agencies.

Officers were made aware that a shooting did, in fact, occur and the offender fled into his residence. Officers entered the residence with the knowledge that several firearms were in the home. Officer Sinkewich located the offender in the basement as he was attempting to dispose of evidence. The Major Investigations Unit later assisted with evidence recovery and interviews. Numerous firearms and spent casings were recovered.

The offender was subsequently charged with reckless discharge of a firearm. It should be noted that this individual was previously charged with an identical offense many years ago; however, he was not convicted at trial. Our department's teamwork and skill level lead to a finding of guilty this time. The offender is now facing the potential of several years in prison.

I am respectfully requesting Sergeant Merrill and Officer Sinkewich receive Department Commendations for their efforts and bravery in the arrest and conviction of the dangerous felon.

On July 19, 2015 the Stickney Police Department's Communications Center received a call from a Spanish-only speaking resident in reference to a problem on the 4300 block of Harlem Avenue. Corporal Collin Lochridge and Officer Sean Poindexter responded to the area while Officer Jesse Lopez took the call in order to translate.

Officers learned that a male subject, later identified as David Zientek, may have inappropriately touched a young child. Zientek was detained and Detective Corporal Kevin McGuire and Detective Corporal Cruz Ortiz were contacted to conduct an investigation. A very thorough investigation was completed which included evidence recovery, a line-up by Sergeant William Merrill and Officer Pedro Garcia, an executed search warrant and numerous interviews.

David Zientek, a previously convicted sex offender, was subsequently charged with predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, which is a class X felony.

As has become commonplace within our agency, a collaborative and exhaustive investigation was completed by our officers. A dangerous predator will now, most likely, die behind bars. I am respectfully requesting Sergeant William Merrill, Detective Corporal Kevin McGuire, Detective Corporal Cruz Ortiz, Corporal Collin Lochridge, Officer Pedro Garcia, Officer Sean Poindexter and Officer Jesse Lopez received Honorable Mentions for their participation in this case.

In closing, Deputy Chief Richard Jaczak mentioned that we have five out of six of our night shift. These are not the faces you see every day. These are the ones who keep our town safe at night. Right now we have two on extended medical leave so we have our two detectives back in uniform. They spend their days off working investigations. They are doing a fantastic job. Our crime rate is very, very low.

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Supervisor Jeff Boyajian mentioned that the 50/50 sidewalk program will be taking place within a couple of weeks. He also informed us that the tree trimming program will be up coming within the town.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer told us that the fire department will be in the cemetery this Friday and next Friday practicing their trench rescue. He also mentioned a call from a woman with chest pains. She had two dogs. The woman said she doesn't talk to her family or her neighbors. The fire department did help her with her dogs. By the next day a son arrived to take over. The chief was reminding people to make arrangements for their pets in case of an emergency. He also informed us of a device that can hang on the outside of your house door that can hold your house key. Only our fire department has a key to open the box. That way they can come inside to help you if you are unable to answer the door. He also educated us on the medical alert necklace.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to convene into closed sessions at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the following:

- a. Discussion Only Regarding Probable and Imminent Litigation Pursuant to Section 2 (c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)
- b. Discussion Regarding Commonwealth Edison v. Cook County Board of Review; Filed and Pending Litigation Pursuant to Section 2 (c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)(2014)
- c. Discussion Regarding Kornerstone Properties LLC v. Cook County Board of Review; Filed and Pending Litigation Pursuant to Section 2 (c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)(2014)

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried and the meeting was suspended.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to reconvene into regular session at 8:15 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried and the meeting was reconvened.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to authorize the Village Attorney to petition to intervene for the Village the property tax appeal cases regarding the following;

Commonwealth Edison v. Cook County Board of Review

Kornerstone Properties LLC v. Cook County Board of Review

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Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th of October, 2015

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor