

**May 3, 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, May 3, 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, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**

**Trustee Savopoulos asked if he could make a motion.**

**Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to amend today's Meeting Agenda by striking item number 11 e. Trustee Savopoulos asked the clerk to ask for a roll call.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White  
Nays: Trustees Fuentes and Lazansky  
Motion Carried**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, April 19, 2016.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White  
Nays: None  
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa 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 Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White  
Nays: None  
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to approve Resolution 08-2016, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Settlement of Litigation and Execution of Settlement Agreement in the Case of C. Vetro V. Village of Stickney, for the Village of Stickney.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to grant permission to the Stickney American Legion to conduct their Poppy Days Solicitation May 22 to May 29, 2016 in the Village of Stickney.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Mayor Morelli then read an American Legion Proclamation with a focus on Poppy Day.**

**Mayor Morelli asked the Board of Trustees to refer to the list of Trustee Appointments handout prior to voting.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to concur with the Mayor's committee appointments.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to concur with the Mayor on the appointment of John Sladetz for Stickney Police Chief.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Fuentes moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to concur with the Mayor on the appointment of Larry Meyer for Stickney Fire Chief.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to concur with the Mayor on the appointment of Jeff Boyajian for Public Works Supervisor.**

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to concur with the Mayor on the appointment of Kurt Kasnicka for Treasurer.**

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

**Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Savopoulos and White**

**Nays: Trustee Milenkovic**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**The Clerk appointed Kurt Kasnicka as Deputy Clerk.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to concur with the Clerk to appointment of Kurt Kasnicka as Deputy Clerk.**

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

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

**Nay: none**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to concur with the Mayor on the appointment of Dave Schmidt as Building Inspector.**

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

**Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Savopoulos and White**

**Nay: Trustee Milenkovic**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to concur with the Mayor on the appointment of Vito Martinkus as Plumbing Inspector.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to concur with the Mayor on the appointment of Fred Kuchta as Electrical Inspector.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Mayor Morelli named Del Galdo Law Group as the Village Attorney only without the duties of prosecutor as Ordinance 2016-07 failed to pass as was not approved.**

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to concur with the Mayor on the appointment of the Del Galdo Law Group as Village Attorney only.

The Mayor asked for a roll call.

Trustee Milenkovic asked Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo, "What do we do about this here?" Trustee Savopoulos said, "We have an ordinance that states that. . . ." Trustee Milenkovic said, "That is not how it is written." Village Attorney Del Galdo said, "I cannot comment on, 'What was the ordinance number', the Mayor told him, '2016-07'. Village Attorney Del Galdo continued, "Regarding the Mayor's statement whether it passed or didn't pass, she is appointing my firm as the Village Attorney, so, I guess that is the motion." "And, her statement that it is for Village Attorney duties only and not prosecutor." Trustee Milenkovic said, "That is not what our ordinance says." Village Attorney Del Galdo continued, "The ordinance says what it says." "It either is passed and approved and the Village Attorney was merged with the prosecutor." "Or, it did not pass." "And, therefore, the offices remain separate." "The appointment of Village Attorney, whatever those duties may be, depends upon whether you view the ordinance passed and approved or not passed and not approved." "Therefore, the offices remain separate." "And, I believe there is a difference of opinion as to whether that ordinance passed or didn't pass." Village Attorney Del Galdo continued, "For purposes for this, you are voting on my firm for Village Attorney whatever those duties may be." "Does that make sense?" The Mayor agreed that it made sense. Trustee Hrejsa asked, "So, the ordinance did not pass." Village Attorney Del Galdo clarified, "I am not making a statement whether it passed or didn't pass." "You are voting on who the Village Attorney would be and your view on that, I guess, depends on a position on whether the Mayor's vote counted or didn't count." "And, whether the ordinance passed or didn't pass." At this time, Mayor Morelli said, "The question is, we are voting for the Del Galdo Law Group as the Village Attorney," Village Attorney Del Galdo continued, "You are not debating whether the ordinance passed or didn't pass." "And, not whether or not the ordinance passed or didn't pass." "This just separates who the Village Attorney might be."

Trustee Hrejsa asked that it be restated.

Village Attorney Del Galdo explained that there was a motion and a second. Trustee Lazansky interjected that we need a roll call. Village Attorney Del Galdo said, "We just need a roll call." "This is simply on the issue of who the Village Attorney is." The Mayor said, "Right, you."

The Mayor called for a Roll Call.

Upon the roll call, the following trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Mayor Morelli named John Xydakis as Village Prosecutor. Trustee Savopoulos informed us that, "I just made a motion to strike that." Trustee White said, "It isn't

even on the agenda." The mayor said, "Yes it is on the agenda." Trustee White replied, "It was stricken."

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to name John Xydakis as Village Prosecutor.

Trustee Savopoulos reminded them, "The nominee was stricken and we voted on it". The Mayor then started to read the following: "Stickney Ordinance 2016-07 trying to merge the prosecutor's office into the Village Attorney failed to pass and was not approved." Trustee White injected, "It did pass." The Mayor continued, "Since the vote was four to two, John Xydakis shall continue in office as Village Prosecutor until a successor has been chosen and has qualified." Trustee White said, "Your vote didn't count." Trustee White said, "The ordinance has passed by a majority of the board." The Mayor continued, "Since the vote was four to two, John Xydakis shall continue in office as Village Prosecutor until a successor has been chosen and has qualified." Trustee Milenkovic added, "This was stricken from the agenda, you can't call a roll on it." Trustee White told us, "It isn't on the agenda any longer, it was stricken." "A roll call was taken to strike it, it isn't even on it." Trustee Milenkovic asked if we could move on.

Village Attorney Del Galdo asked the mayor, "You are still making the motion?" "Even though it is not on the agenda?" The mayor said, "Ahah". Village Attorney Del Galdo continued, "And, are you calling for roll for something that is not on the agenda?" "Yes, right?" She said, "Yes." Village Attorney Del Galdo, "You can call for the roll and it will list in the minutes as being stricken from the agenda, the mayor is going to make the appointment none the less." "It doesn't violate the Open Meetings Act because it was listed on there, she could make the appointment." "And, I presume if there was a roll, if you participate or not participate, she is calling for a roll, and she has the right to call for a roll, since there is a motion and a second." Trustee Milenkovic reiterated, "It is not on the agenda." Village Attorney Del Galdo explained, "It was stricken from the agenda, but she wants to make an appointment none the less to an office that was stricken." "There was a motion and a second, so, procedurally she has the right to call for a roll call." "And, that is what you are doing."

Mayor Morelli said, "So, we have a first and a second." "Now where are we at now?" The clerk asked if she could proceed." Village Attorney Del Galdo said, "Yes, I think there is going to be a debate of whether this motion is proper." "But, there has been an appointment, a motion and a second and a call by the chair for roll." "So she is the chair of the meeting as the mayor so she can call for a roll." "Whether or not it is a proper motion, or whether or not she has the right is debatable." "You can have a Point of Order to debate it." "But, she has the right to call for it, and you have the right for a Point of Order to debate it as not being proper or correct, yes." The Mayor asked, "So how do I ask. . . ." Trustee Milenkovic asked, "I don't understand how something that is not on the agenda can be voted on?" Village Attorney Del Galdo explained, "Because of the Open Meetings Act." "If something relates to something that is on the agenda and this was stricken I suppose the mayor is saying that it relates to something that was on there and she is calling for a roll." "If she calls for a roll. and, I heard down there that you are not going to participate and in a Point of Order because it was not a proper motion." "You can still call the roll and then there

could be an objection to that and then a Point of Order that it is not a proper motion and therefore an objection.”

The clerk would now ask for a vote. Village Attorney Del Galdo reminded us, “There is a motion and a second and you call the roll.” “I assume, based on the comment I heard down there, that there is going to be an objection.” “And, they are not going to vote.” “Yes, you will still have to call the roll.” Trustee Hrejsa asked, “We have to vote on it?” Trustee White said, “I am not voting on it.” Trustee Savopoulos said, “I am not voting on it.” Trustee Milenkovic said, “I am not voting on it.” Trustee White said, “It is not on the agenda.” Village Attorney Del Galdo explained, “When they call the roll and get to your name your options are, you can vote aye or nay or present or abstain, or, if there is an objection to this being improper, you can second the objection, you can refuse to vote, (I can’t tell you, of course, how to vote). Village Attorney Del Galdo continued, “The chair has made an appointment, there is an objection, but there has been a motion and a second, she has called for a roll so procedurally can call the roll.” “And, then there would be the objection portion.”

Upon the roll call, the following trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes and Lazansky

Object: Trustee Hrejsa (it is not on the agenda)

Nays: none

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

When Trustee Milenkovic was called to vote he said, “Point of Order” “It is an infraction of the rules.” “No, I won’t vote on this.”

Village Attorney Del Galdo said, “For purposes of . . . just to make clear I presume, as you go through before you call it, you all have the right to specify that you object.” “It is my understanding, Trustee Hrejsa that you want to object and not vote.” “Or in the event that this is deemed a proper motion by the Mayor do you want to record your vote in the alternative?” Trustee Hrejsa said, “Yes.” Village Attorney Del Galdo continued, “That I object and I am not voting in the event that this is deemed a proper motion.” “I hereby cast in the alternative, whatever it is, you want to vote.” Village Attorney Del Galdo asked, “Let us start over for clarity of the minutes.” The Mayor said, “It would be fine with me.”

Upon the roll call, the following trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes and Lazansky

Object: Trustee Hrejsa (And, if the Mayor’s motion goes through, I vote No)

Object: Trustee Milenkovic (And I also vote No) (Village Attorney Del Galdo interjected, “Given the alternative.”

Object: Trustee Savopoulos, “I also object (And I also vote No) (Village Attorney Del Galdo interjected, “Given the alternative.”

Object: Trustee White, “I object and I believe it is an improper roll call (And I also vote No) (Village Attorney Del Galdo interjected, “Given the alternative.”

Nays: none

At this time, Mayor Morelli whispers to Village Attorney Del Galdo, “Does the motion carry?” Village Attorney Del Galdo told her, “No, it does not carry” “The four objections view it being an improper motion.” “And, the striking it from the agenda

stand." "And the alternative, if the motion counts, you have four against and two in favor." "Either way, it does not carry." "It should be recorded as an appointment, objections, Points of Order, and then in the alternative votes four against and two in favor." The Mayor said, "OK". Village Attorney Del Galdo then asked, "Is all that correct?" The Mayor then said, "We can just leave it at that." Village Attorney Del Galdo explained, "The record is clear that what you did." "The record is clear what the board intended to do." "The minutes are clear and you can move on."

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to concur with the Mayor on her appointment of Lauren Plahm as the Village Adjudicator.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

The Mayor said, "The next one is for the Zoning Board and there is no one due at this time.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to concur with the Mayor on her appointment of Michael Baumgartner to the Police Pension Board which goes from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2018.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to concur with the Mayor on her appointment of Robert Senese to the Police & Fire Commission which goes from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2018.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

The Mayor named the Executive Safety Committee appointments going through April, 2017:

Mary Hrejsa, Village Trustee

Kurt Kasnicka, Darlene Pregara, Beth Lukas, Administration

Richard Jaczak, John Sladetz, Police Department

Jeffrey Boyajian, Public Works (executive director), Sam Alonzo, Public Works

Larry Meyer, Thomas Heller and John Babinec, Fire Department

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to concur with the Mayor on her appointments to the Executive Safety Committee.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

**Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**  
**Nays: None**  
**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**The Mayor named the Emergency Telephone System Board (911) appointments going through April, 2017:**

**John Babinec, Chairman, Fire Department, David Gesiorski, Telecommunicator,  
Jeff Boyaijan, Fire Department  
Richard Jaczak, Police Department, Doug Czech, Public Works Department  
Colette Pawlowski, Public resident, Mark Kusper, Public resident**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to concur with the Mayor on her appointments to the Emergency Telephone System Board (911).**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**  
**Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**  
**Nays: None**  
**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to concur with the Mayor on her appointments to the Tree Board going through April, 2017:**

**Doug Czech, Jeff Boyajian, Beth Lukas, Mitch Milenkovic and Colette Pawlowski**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**  
**Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White**  
**Nays: None**  
**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Mayor's Report: The Mayor informed people that on May 30, we will have our Memorial Day Program on Ridgeland Avenue. The program will start at 10:30 a.m. She hoped for good weather because she would like the program outside. If the weather is bad there will be someone sending people over to the Recreation Center at 10:30. Following will be a light lunch afterwards. Hopefully you will be able to join in.**

**Clerk's Report: The clerk reported on an IEPA notice. She noted that May 1, 2016 through May 7, 2016 is Municipal Clerks Week. Information provided by David Orr, Cook County Clerk was given.**

**TRUSTEES' REPORTS: Trustee Fuentes gave the fire department report for the month of April, 2016 as follows: Ambulance calls: 51; Mutual Aid Calls: 19; Service Calls: 4; Fire Calls: 12; Hazardous Condition Calls: 1; Motor Vehicle Accidents:4; Working Fires: 1; Brush/Trash Fire Calls:0; Car Fires: 0; Outside Equipment Fires: 0; Total calls for the month of April: 92; Total calls for 2016: 354.**

**In addition, Trustee Fuentes provided information concerning the Stickney/Forest View Library Referendum which was approved. The actual tax money will not arrive**



until July 2017. They will be starting the construction using accumulated funds. They are making final selections on shades of paint. Bids application will go out this month. The library will be open for the kids this summer. Look for completion near Christmas.

Trustee Hrejsa thanked those who came out to help clean up the parks this past Saturday. Even though the weather was miserable, they managed to get through Haley Park and Ridgeland. She did acknowledge the fine work that Public Works does in maintaining the parks. In addition, she did promote the Water Reclamation District open house on May 21, from 9:00 until noon. It is an interesting tour.

Trustee Milenkovic reported that the Tree Board had two celebrations for Arbor Day last Friday. There was one at Home School. The kindergarten class at Edison School put on a program for us. The third grade prepared an art project that is displayed in the Village Hall. A tree was planted at each school and dedicated to the graduating fifth grade class. Home School had a presentation. He thanked Trustees Hrejsa and Savopoulos for helping out. He especially thanked resident Ed Bartunek for giving a generous donation toward the cost of the trees. A proclamation was read proclaiming Arbor Day in Stickney. This is important because we are trying to get back Tree City status in Stickney.

Trustee White informed us that we will be working on our budget for the next fiscal year within the next four or five weeks. He addressed the needs that we should think about. Our fire department needs respirators for our firemen. We need a new ladder truck. We are going to need a new garbage truck for public works. We need a new generator for here. He reminded us that this generator was in need of replacement for five or more years. If that generator goes out we would lose power for our police department. We have generated new revenue in the form of the motor fuel tax. We have a ¼% sales tax that started at the first of the year. The fire chief provided a spreadsheet of ambulance rates in surrounding communities. Trustee White asked for this subject to be included on the next agenda. We need to discuss the fees.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Police Chief John Sladetz announced that our new squads have been ordered. We should be taking delivery in three or four weeks. They need to be outfitted and ready to go for summer. We were told of a Police Memorial on May 9. There will be a motorcade starting at Morton College and end at the Cermak Woods Police Memorial. He encouraged people to observe the event.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer gave us an update of firemen Scott Steck after his serious injury cause by falling out of a bucket truck. He was released from the hospital and is on the mend after having several surgeries. He has a long rehab. He spoke of a fire caused from someone activating a self-cleaning oven with plastic products in it. He noted that once these ovens are activated, you can't turn them off. They have an insulation fire at Koppers. Our 15-year-old ladder truck has developed a hydraulic leak. Now we have to replace these rubber gaskets. He is waiting for a price.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian initially thanked the Village for all they do for them. He then informed us that they performed some repairs on the water in the Kiddie Park. They have been doing some patching on various spots on the streets

including areas where new fire hydrants were installed. One of the garbage trucks had a breakdown yesterday. We are now down a truck.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 18th day of 2016

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Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor