

**February 6, 2018**

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

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, at 7:02 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.**

**Deputy Clerk Paul Nosek was filling in for Clerk Audrey McAdams who was sick.**

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

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.**

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

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

**Prior to the vote, Treasurer Paul Nosek provided a summary indicating the source of funds used to pay the bills and the totals to be approved.**

**Corporate Fund: \$350,396.42  
Motor Fuel Tax Fund: \$0  
Badge Fund: \$0  
Water Fund: \$227,124.42  
Police Pension Fund: \$0  
911 Account: \$0  
1505 Account: \$0  
Family Day: \$0  
Police Revenue Sharing: \$0  
Capital Projects Fund: \$2,450.00**

Bond & Interest Fund: \$0  
Subtotal: \$579,970.84  
General Fund Payroll: \$122,158.12  
Water Fund Payroll: \$11,256.40  
Subtotal: \$133,414.52  
Total to be approved by Village Trustees: \$713,385.36

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve Resolution 03-2018, "A Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Procedures".

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Village Mike DelGaldo explained that very often corporations will file Property Tax Appeals to lower the evaluation of the property. Sometimes the values could exceed \$100,000. The Village could object to the assessor that the assessment should not be lowered. The Property Tax Appeal Board requires every year that we need a resolution in place in order for his firm to defend us on these appeals.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Walik mentioned that the clerk has a cold. He announced that our new squad, #142, is in service. Public Works has their new truck in service. He spoke about the police department hiring more officers. On Thursday he is going with Trustee Savopoulos to Commissioner Jeff Tobolski's office to ask for money to repave 45<sup>th</sup> Street. The Mayor is looking for help from the county or state to fix these potholes. We have to do the Stickney side of the street and Forest View has to do theirs. Also, he is going to start conversations with our engineer and Public Works Supervisor Lopez to eventually resurface Oak Park Avenue.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Torres** told us that she has been working on updating the Garage Sale Ordinance. There will be a Village-wide garage sale on the last weekend of July. Information will be in our next newsletter.

**Trustee Milenkovic** informed people about The Midway Noise Compatibility meeting. Our decibels are at 54.4 decibels. The Air National Guard is no longer at Midway Airport. The dates of future meetings will be April 26, July 26 and October 22 of this year. Additional information was provided on the indoor air quality of the replacement window issue. They took a sampling of windows from nine homes. They will continue to study the issue of the odors.

**Trustee Savopoulos** notified us that there will be a Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on February 20, at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. They will be discussing various text amendments.

Trustee White gave a revenue update. He reminded people that our past administration did absolutely nothing. Through our new Mayor and our police department they are diligently working on collecting \$250,000 in tickets owed to the Village. Every time people get a ticket they have opportunities to make restitution. Some of these people owe as much as \$3,000 or \$4,000. Also, we found that we had several commercial businesses that had past due water bills in the amount of \$380,000 owed to the Village. We have collected \$280,000 of that. Trustee White then addressed the revenue the Village collected in the past year from gaming machines amounted to \$82,819. During the last two fiscal years the motor fuel municipal tax was put on. He gave credit to Clerk Audrey McAdams for giving them the idea for the board to do this. We were the only municipality not to take advantage of this. At the time it was passed, one of the trustees thought it was better to raise your property taxes. The bulk of that money comes from people who don't live here. On Cicero Avenue big trucks fill up their tanks at 500 gallons at a time. In the last two fiscal years we collected \$264,816. When we look at all the local revenue that we had of late it came to \$687,635. This is revenue we would not have had a few years ago. This is all new revenue. This allowed us to have our new police stairs. It allowed us to hire a few new police officers. As Treasurer Paul Nosek said a few meetings ago, we are not going to raise property taxes. If it does get raised at all, it would be because of the Police Pension Fund. We will make every effort to continue to bring in new revenue so it doesn't affect you directly.

The Mayor applauded all the people involved making this happen.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez thanked the Board for the new Public Works truck. He provided snow removal protocol. Presidents' Day they will be off.

Police Chief Dan Babich thanked the Board for the Police Department's new Chevy Tahoe. He spoke at length about the graphics on the Tahoe supporting our veterans and all types of cancer by a ribbon that has all the colors for cancer awareness. He explained that the police are enforcing snow routes that we did not write tickets for during the first two snows thus giving the residents a break. Also, the police department is enforcing the vehicle boot immobilization program. He also spoke about the new candidates that will be attending the next academy. Trustee White addressed one of the new officers in the department, Officer Flannigan who came from Lyons. He has an expertise in spotting overweight trucks. So far he has generated \$25,000.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian reminded people to take one of the flyers located in the lobby that addresses fire safety. He reported on an oven fire that took place the day before. The resident extinguished it prior to the arrival of the fire department.

Treasurer Paul Nosek thanked Village Attorney Mike DelGaldo for his assistance with the delinquent water bills.

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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 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2018

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Jeff Walik, Mayor