

November 17, 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, November 17, 2020, at 7:04 p.m.

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

Trustee Milenkovic, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Wednesday, November 4, 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 White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve the Determination of the Amounts of Money Estimated to be Necessary to be Raised by Taxation for the Year of 2020 (Collected in 2021) Upon the Taxable Property in the Village of Stickney, Pursuant to Section 18-60 of the Truth in Taxation Law.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Village Financial Director David Gonzalez provided a detailed explanation of the anticipated tax levy. The purpose is to create discussion. In summary: The proposed estimated levy (exclusive of debt levy) for 2020 totals is \$2,743,826. This represents an increase of \$45,550 or 1.69% from the 2019 levy. Included in the overall levy is the Policeman pension of \$1,400,000 which is \$45,550 higher than 2019 (the full increase amount). The Debt levy is \$3,576,226 which will result in an overall increase of 0.19% from 2019 levy. We were told there would be no increase in the property taxes. The full levy will be voted on in December. Trustee White told us that this needs to be done twenty days prior to adopting the tax levy.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Walik thanked David Gonzalez for all his hard work. Thanks were extended to Public Works for the excellent job of cleaning the leaves. There were leaf piles bigger than a minivan. Because of the recent Covid restrictions, we will restrict the public from entering the Village Hall. We will work out of the big mailbox out front. Depending on the Governor, we could be opening again around December 7.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk presented the 2021 Regular Board Meeting Dates and the 2021 Administrative Holiday Dates.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to approve the 2021 Regular Board Meeting Dates.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the 2021 Administrative Office Holiday Dates.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee Torres: The Trustee announced that Mayor Walik received the Sustainable Landscaping Award from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. The award recognizes the activities to promote landscaping in the community. Trustee Torres felt that Stickney has never looked so good with the trees, landscaping and cleanliness.

Trustee Kapolnek: Information was provided that the Village Newsletter will be on the website. We will not be mailing it out. He asked that news articles are due to Beth and himself. The Mayor asked when people could expect it online. Our website is: www.VillageofStickney.com

Trustee Milenkovic: We learned that the holiday collection for the Troops will continue. Trustee Milenkovic and Trustee Torres have been organizing this for a few years. Mayor Walik started the program several years ago. Trustee Milenkovic will be working out the process they will use to collect the items. He also told us that they are looking for letters for the troops to be addressed "To Military Member". If you would like a response, please include your name and return address. Public Works Director Joe Lopez suggested that they could have a drop-off site at the pavilion.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: A reminder was given on CDC and IDH Covid protocol. He later gave rules on cooking a turkey in a deep oil cooker.

Assistant Public Works Assistant Sam Alonzo: A warning was given concerning throwing other objects such as pumpkins and branches on the street with the leaves. The Mayor thanked the public works crews for their great job in cleaning. A couple of cars had to be towed in order to clean the street.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: We were told that garbage pickup will be one day late because of Thanksgiving. Because of Covid restrictions, they are not going into houses to read water meters.

The Mayor told us that Parks and Recreation would try to work on something for the kids for Christmas.

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 7:27 p.m.

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 1st. day of December 2020

Jeff Walik, Mayor