

February 2, 2021

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 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 not attending 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](mailto:villageclerk@villageofstickney.com).

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met via Zoom electronic means on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at 7:01 p.m.

Deputy Police Chief Rich Jaczak, our Zoom meeting host, welcomed Revis High School to our meeting. This is our second largest group ever. Meeting decorum was provided.

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

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

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

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to pass and approve Ordinance 2021-01, "An Ordinance Approving a Certain Amendment to the Village of Stickney Zoning Map and Certain Text Amendments to Sections 4, 6 and 9 of the Stickney Appendix A of the Village of Stickney Code of Ordinances Titled "The Village of Stickney Zoning Ordinance---1980," Stickney, Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: None

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Trustee Savopoulos explained that this ordinance has to do with rezoning part of Cicero Avenue, part of 39<sup>th</sup> on the east side and Harlem Avenue on the west end of the Village. We are trying to attract more sales-tax-businesses into the Village to bring more revenue to the Village. We do not want to put the burden of more taxes on the residents.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** He thanked the residents who did move their cars for street cleaning. He reminded people that this Board also has driveways and alleys to shovel. The Mayor thanked people for their patience in getting it done. He thanked the police department for trying to get people to move their cars. We learned that a lot of tickets were written. He thanked the fire department for helping and digging out the fire hydrants. Hats off to public works. They worked 12-hour-shifts with four men on days and four guys on nights until everything was done. The alleys were done twice.

In addition, we are working on changing some parking ordinances. We may stay away from normal meetings in February and possibly March.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The clerk supplied information on the Earned Income Tax Credit that qualified people could apply on their Federal and State Income Taxes.

**Trustee White:** The Trustee was recently contacted by our electric aggregation broker that our current electric aggregation with Eligo is up in May. The broker will start looking for future offers for Stickney to consider. The Trustee was asked to sign a form that will allow the broker to get the list of residents so they could get us a good deal once again. He will continue to keep us informed.

**Trustee Milenkovic:** He attended the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission on January 28<sup>th</sup>. The update for the noise contour was not ready for this meeting. We are going through our intergovernmental agreements between the local municipalities and the commission. It will be for five years. The monthly aircraft operation for December 2020 was 11,703 which was a 35% reduction over 2019. Aircraft takeoff and land against the wind, therefore 81% was west flow for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Noise complaints are way down because of the low operation level. Public and Porter Airlines are not operational. During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter in 2019 the average night flights were 83. During the same quarter in 2020 the count was 17. The noise levels are down over 1 decimal at all the 13 monitors because of the limited flights. The Trustee told us that the Illinois General Assembly has passed a law to add a committee to oversee the issue of 500 to 600 homes who experienced odorous replacement windows. The next meeting is April 22, at the Mayfield.

**Trustee Savopoulos:** He extended gratitude to public works for cleaning our streets.

**Trustee Hrejsa:** Stated that Public Works did a fabulous job. They were out there all the time. The Fire Department did a great job and hoped that they didn't have to come out again.

**Trustee Kapolnek:** Accolades were given to Public Works, the Police and the Fire Department keeping our streets safe.

**Trustee Torres:** She mentioned that we have been working on some upcoming events for this year. We will be announcing them as they become closer. The Trustee thanked the Police, Public Works, and the Fire Department. They went above and beyond this week. It is just wonderful living in this town. Our streets are always clean. You can park.

The Mayor added that Trustee Torres and he have been working on events for the kids, seniors, and Music in the Park. We might do six weeks of music dependent on the Covid situation or we could do more. We have five bands set up. We will do what we can with the restrictions we must follow.

**Public Works Director Joe Lopez:** The alleys were done twice. They are not perfect because we don't apply salt on them. The streets are done first and are the most important thing for the residents and emergency equipment that must get down the streets. He enforced the importance of observing the times for snow plowing is 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Even though the street is plowed, public works can do it again or will spread salt. He addressed the plowing that can rollover into your driveways. There is nothing he could do about it. The speed of the snowplows is required for optimum movement of the heavy snow. The only reason they got to the alleys so soon was because they couldn't get down some streets because cars were parked too far away from the curbs.

**Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:** He thanked Public Works for keeping our streets clean to help us navigate down the streets. This past weekend we thankfully had only two calls. The following report was read:

On the morning of Sunday, January 24, 2021, the Stickney Fire Department received a call for a possible house fire at 4225 S Wenonah Avenue. Upon going en-route we were advised by dispatch that Police were on the scene that all residents were evacuated from house and they reported an injured occupant and that the fire was in the kitchen of the residence. Upon arrival we found smoke emitting from the front door and the crew under the direction of Deputy Chief Silvera stretched a 1.75" hand line through the front door and began to extinguish the fire. The rest of the occupants of the home were in the car in front of the residence. An ambulance was dispatched from Berwyn to attend to the injured occupant who was later transported to MacNeal Hospital. Fire was extinguished and was confined to the kitchen area, with some smoke damage throughout the house. I would like to congratulate and say job well done by the crew as well as the Auto-Aid companies that responded to assist in the extinguishment.

After the fire was extinguished, I learned of the actions taken by Corporal Mark Kozelka and Officer William Ramski that assisted with removing the injured resident.

I would like to commend them both as well as the crews that assisted in the extinguishment of this fire.

We were also informed that this house did not have a working smoke detector. There was a four-day-old baby living in the house. The woman was a light sleeper and woke up and alerted the rest of the house. Procedures were given on placement of smoke detectors and battery replacements.

**Police Chief James Sasseti:** Commended the Fire Department on the great job they did on fighting the fire. He also commended Corporal Mark Kozelka and Officer William Ramski who were the first responding officers at the fire. They will receive honorable mentions for their heroic actions. The following was read: On the morning of January 24, 2021, at 5:54 a.m. the Stickney Police Department responded to a report to a structure fire. Upon arrival Corporal Kozelka observed smoke coming from inside the residence. As he approached the front of the home, he heard screams from the female resident yelling that her kitchen was on fire and that she could not get her husband out of the house. Corporal Kozelka immediately entered the residence without regard for his wellbeing and observed the husband, a male subject, lying on the floor between the front room and the hallway leading to the front door. The subject was in distress. Corporal Kozelka lifted the subject off the floor and carried him toward the front door and was assisted by Officer Ramski and took him out of the house potentially saving this individual serious injury as the result of this fire. The Chief commended these officers for their heroic actions that morning and potentially saving the life or serious injury of the occupants inside this house.

In addition, the Mayor declared a Snow Emergency. Pursuant to the Snow Emergency we will be towing cars that have failed to move and are covered with snow. They have until 9:00 a.m. tomorrow to move their car because the first responders have had trouble getting down the streets. Due to cars not parking near the curbs, we will move vehicles to make it possible for first responders to get through. He asked people to read the bottom half the information signs that pertains to snow removal. Details were given on how people can read the Ordinance that details the law that pertains to the Snow Emergency. He encouraged residents to sign up for Code Red. Additional information was given for other resources for alert messages.

The Police Chief then thanked Deputy Chief Rich Jaczak for his work and diligence. On January 22, 2021, pursuant to Section 2 of the Presidential Executive Order on Safe Policing for Safe Communities dated June 16, 2020, the Stickney Police Department met the conditions for certification for the Federal Use of Force Certification. This is a certification that we are required to have by the U. S. Government. Deputy Jaczak did a tremendous job in compiling all the paperwork and reports necessary to submit our application. In time it was approved, and we received our certification.

Fire Chief Boyajian learned that after the fire was extinguished, he learned of the actions of Corporal Kozelka and Officer Ramski that assisted in the removal of the injured. He commended them as well as the crews that assisted in extinguishing the fire. We learned that the injured occupant hurt his knee.

**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 7:34 p.m.**

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**Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk**

**Approved by me this 16<sup>th</sup>, day of February, 2021**

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**Jeff Walik, Mayor**