

December 5, 2023

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 7:05 p.m. in the Board Room, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

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

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023.

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

Trustee Savopoulos, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic 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 Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee White
Nays: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2023-21, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving the Assignment of Redevelopment Agreement for 3800 Cicero Avenue, Stickney,, Illinois for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"

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

Prior to the vote, the Mayor mentioned that this agreement is just housekeeping.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2023-22, "An Ordinance Regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee White

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve Resolution 19-2023, "A Resolution Authoring and Approving a Certified Water System Operator Contract by and Between Walter Dowling and the Village of Stickney"

Prior to the vote, the Mayor commented that this is just housekeeping between us the Village and the Water Operator. He is a real asset to the Village.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee White

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: He welcomed all the students in attendance.

CLERK'S REPORT: She asked for a motion for the action items on the agenda.

- a. Trustee Hrejsa moved duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Approve the 2024 Regular Board Meeting Schedule"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee White

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

- b. Trustee Kapolnek moved duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Approve the 2024 Village of Stickney Holiday Schedule"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee White

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Savopoulos: He reminded us about the 50/50 Sidewalk program. We now replace the registered sidewalks in July. Last year there were few applications filed. Applications can be filed at the front office. He suggested that people also review the damaged sidewalks located near them.

Trustee Milenkovic: He thanked everyone that donated to our Operation Support Our Troops program. The items have been collected in our front foyer. We deliver them to a warehouse and they get packaged up and donated to troops around the world. The Mayor started this effort many years ago and we decided to continue it. Trustee Torres will call the warehouse in a day or two. They close around Christmas time. We will continue taking donations until we deliver what we have. He also enlightened people

to our Visitors Center located at the back of the room. The Hawthorn Racetrack donated box-seat tabs. In the old days they would have these medal tabs that you would place on your pocket or sleeve to identify your box seat. There are a lot of neat things in there.

Trustee Torres: The Trustee reminded people of the senior Christmas party on Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00 and the kids Christmas party is 2:00 to 4:00. It is for Stickney residents only. It will be at the Stickney North Clinic on 40th and Euclid. Come and enjoy a day with us.

Trustee Hrejsa: He thanked the staff and the volunteers who come out and help us with the luncheon and the Christmas Parties. We do have pet pictures with Santa on December 16 from 1:00 to 3:00 at 41st and Ridgeland.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: The leaf program is over for the year. We did a little more this week. If it is nice out next week we might drive around to see if anyone else has put their leaves out. Waste Management officially stopped picking up lawn and leaf waste. The new streets are done. They are trying to complete the striping. Veterans Day had a sizable number of people in attendance. Chicken was served for lunch. There is quite a bit going on in this little Village. Public Works have been decorating throughout the Village. We are waiting for additional decorations. The Mayor thanked his men for decorating.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: With the holidays here, he warned people to use precautions with extension cords or power strips. Many fires are caused by overloading circuits. Space heaters should only be plugged into the wall. Do not plug into an extension cord. They will overheat and cause a fire. Locate space heaters away from anything that catches fire. Keep candles at least one foot away from everything.

Police Chief Jim Sasseti: He provided our Monthly Volume Report for the Stickney Police Department for the month of October was 2315 calls, which is an average of seventy-five calls per day. We are steadily seeing an increase in our call volume. He wanted to bring it to the Board's attention.

In addition, he asked Officer Maday and K-9 Officer Ali to step forward. They participated in a three-day seminar with Real-Dog Training. It was of no cost to the Stickney Police Department thanks to the sponsorship from Charged-Up K-9 based out of Newark, Illinois. Real-Dog Training is based out of California. K-9 Ali and Officer Maday took the opportunity to participate in real-life situations and scenarios. All the scenarios were based on situations that actually happened in history. At the end of the seminar, there were two awards that were given out to participants. There were fifteen dogs that participated in the training. The judges were five of the participants in the seminar. K-9 Ali received both awards. One was "Best Dog" of the seminar for his performance throughout the weekend. The other was for "Realist Dog Competition" for his understanding and adaptation to scenario-based training. K-9 Ali was presented with the "Best Dog" award. Officer Maday puts in hours of training with Ali. K-9 Ali's success would not have happened if it were not for Officer Maday's dedication. They are both valued members of our department. We are proud of both of you.

The Mayor acknowledged Officer Maday and mentioned that Becky puts in a lot of work every day. They are seen on Ridgeland and the dog park working. They work with other municipalities. He congratulated Officer Maday.

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There being no further business, Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Village Clerk, Audrey McAdams

Approved by me this 19th day of December 2023

Jeff Walik, President