

VILLAGE OF STICKNEY

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Village Treasurer

Audrey McAdams
Village Clerk

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, March 1, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approve Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting
5. Authorize Payment of Bills
6. Presentation by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District
7. Report from the Mayor
8. Report from Clerk
9. Trustee Reports/Committee Reports
 - a. Accept the treasurer's report for the month of November, 2015
10. Reports from Department Heads

OLD BUSINESS

11. Pass and Approve Ordinance 2016-07, "An Ordinance Clarifying the Duties of the Village Attorney" (Vote to be taken pursuant to Section 2-74 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois)
12. Audience Questions
13. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session
 - a. Discussion regarding the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body (Consideration of this matter held in Closed Meeting/Executive Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)(2014)).
14. Motion to Return to Open Session
15. Adjournment

Posted February 25, 2016

February 16, 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, February 16, 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 Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, February 2, 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 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: 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 accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of November, 2015 indicating the sum of \$35,801.16.

**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 Lazansky to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the month of January, 2016 in the amount of \$14,792.59.

**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 Milenkovic to approve Ordinance 2016-08. "An Ordinance Authorizing an Addendum to Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Agreement 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 Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve Resolution 05-2016, "A Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes."

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: No report

CLERK'S REPORT: Information was provided concerning a referendum question involving bonds for the Stickney-Forest View Library on the March 15, 2016 Primary Election.

TRUSTEES' REPORTS: Trustee Fuentes gave EPA information on the new state procedures on NOT notifying car owners when their emission testing is due. She said typically even model years are due for testing this year. You can register to have electronic notices sent which would include emission test and license plate renewal. Go to www.ilsos.gov In addition; information was given on resources for training on computer/tablet education. The Stickney-Forest View Library and Morton College were mentioned.

Trustee Hrejsa informed us that there is a Parks and Recreation meeting on February 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. There will be discussion on the Easter Egg Hunt. We were also informed that Trustee Hrejsa has been in contact with Susan Garvey who is the Director of Legal Services and Dan Laturno, Director of Risk Management Services for IRMA (Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency). They are happy to come out and present a short program for the Board. This program is designed for elected and appointed officials and provides information on their exposure to liability for actions taken as elected or appointed officials. It also provides a description of the IRMA liability coverage that protects them for their acts as public officials. Trustee Hrejsa further encouraged the program. The date of March 16 was agreed upon. They do it in an open meeting.

Trustee Lazansky gave the police report for the month of January, 2016. The total number of calls for service; 1,522; Total number of E911 calls received; 423; Arrest by type: Traffic: 106; Village Ordinance Offences: 34; Warrants and Complaints: 9; Parking violations: 136; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 285; Total number of squad miles: 11,965; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,369.1; Average gas mileage/squad: 8.739.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of January, 2016. Ordinance Investigations: 370; Business License Investigations: 10; Violation Notices Issued: 3; Miscellaneous Details: 174; S.L.O. Tickets: 3; Parking Citations Issued: 1.

Trustee Milenkovic announced that he and Trustee Savopoulos decided to honor the Wolfpack Youth Football Association this evening. Coach Chris Gutierrez thanked this board for inviting them for this recognition. Their program started five years ago. The development of the fields was accomplished by a strong group of volunteers. Monty Horne was one of them. In the beginning they had four football teams and three cheer teams totaling 80 kids. Today they average six football teams with 20 kids on each team. They have three cheer teams with 13 on each squad. One of the teams went to Disney World to compete for Pop Warner Cheer. They are Midwest regional champions, which is an eleven-state competition. They have won it four years in a row. They were then able to go to Walt Disney World to compete for a National title. Our football team needed fundamental training and conditioning. Two seasons ago the boys seated in the front row, made it to a state title. This year they went to the state semi-finals and ended up with the best record. On average they have had 13 or 14 Academic All-Americans. To be involved in a sport and have that percentile and be involved with the school and the community is an Academic All-American. Various boys were recognized for their accomplishments. The cheerleaders were recognized. Coach Chris then thanked the Village and the Board for allowing them to play and cheer on the fields.

Trustee Savopoulos read the following proclamation:

Whereas, it is a necessary function of Government to ensure that its citizens are dedicated to the betterment of the community; and

Whereas, as a trustee of the Village of Stickney, it is my fundamental belief that the best means of fostering commitment to our community is by recognizing the contributions of the citizens who have come before us; and

Whereas, the Stickney Wolfpack organization has been involved with the community for 5 years; and

Whereas, the Stickney Wolfpack consistently averages 10-15 Academic All-Americans annually; and

Therefore, be it resolved that, I Sam Savopoulos, Village Trustee of Stickney, in recognition of Stickney Wolfpack's long time dedication to Stickney, proclaim August 1, 2016 as "Stickney Wolfpack Day" in the Village of Stickney.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the treasurer's report for the month of October, 2015.

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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Sladetz reported on the 911 consolidation. The police department hosted 40 people from 30 different communities. The attendees had the opportunity to give their thoughts to Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore. Everyone had a similar problem but a completely different situation. No one wants to give up their dispatch centers because of public safety. It will diminish the

efficiency by at least 40%. The chief talked about giving up the personal touch. We have people who walk in off the street who have been stabbed. We need our people in the dispatch center. Everyone there traded their contact information. We provided facts and figures.

A couple of nights ago some pranksters took fabric dye and went up and down the alleys splashing it on garages. The Chief is waiting for the snitches to reveal the culprits. He suggested that people call when they see things.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to adjourn to Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

- a. Discussion regarding the setting of a price for the sale or lease of property owned by the public body (Consideration of This Matter Held in Closed Meet/Executive Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(6)(2014)).
- b. Discussion regarding Probable and Imminent Litigation Affecting the Public Body (Consideration of This Matter Held in Closed Meeting/Executive Session Pursuant to (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)(2014)).
- c. Discussion regarding filed and pending litigation affecting the public body (Consideration of This Matter Held in Closed Meeting/Executive Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)(2014)).

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 White to return to Open Session at 8:28.

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 White in the matter Vetro-v-Stickney, Motion to authorize IRMA to offer settlement consistent with the discussion in closed session.

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.

At this time the mayor presented to the clerk a letter in response to Trustee Milenkovic's letter.

The letter reads: "Trustee Milenkovic, (dated 2/16/16) After reading your letter, it seems clear that you are not familiar with office protocol, therefore I will explain this

to you. When you have a bulletin board in your shared office and you have your paper work displayed in view for all to see you are indeed responsible for what is displayed on it. You say you had nothing to do with the pins pressed into my breasts, however you sat there everyday that it was up, you passed it when you went into your office and did not remove the pins, you are responsible for that. I removed those pins when I had my meeting with our building inspector.

As far as wondering into your office and going through your locked drawers I did no such thing. The door was open and the inspector was waiting at his computer for me at his desk. In my 15 years in the village hall I have never seen such a degrading and low down act as that. As I told you before and I know you don't like it, I am the President/Mayor of the village and I'm not sneaking or barging in anywhere, that is my elected duty to walk freely through the building at any given time without an invitation from you Trustee Milenkovic to enter a room.

As far as the timing as to when I brought this forward, it was not for political reasons, it was wrong Trustee Milenkovic and it needed to be addressed. This is a problem in the work place for many women, and for you to take the stand that you are taking goes to show the mentality that you and so many men have. It was wrong and you sir are guilty for leaving it up on your bulletin Board and doing nothing about it!

The people at my fund raiser where not interested or even knew about your pins, they were only surprised to see you sitting at the bar of the restaurant perhaps snapping discrete pictures of them with your phone as they walked in. I made sure they were aware of your presence and sent them over by you so you could get a better view of who was there.

There is nothing more to be said on this issue regarding sexual harassment it not political it's just wrong."

Sincerely,

Mayor Deborah Morelli

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 8:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this day of 2016

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-07

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 6 AND AMENDING
CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-260 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, VILLAGE OF STICKNEY,
ILLINOIS REGARDING THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, the Village of Stickney (the "Village") is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs, and to review, interpret and amend its ordinances, rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Village President (the "President") and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Village Board" and with the President, the "Corporate Authorities") are committed to ensuring the efficiency of the Village and its operations; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois (the "Village Code") does not currently set forth the duties of the Village Attorney (the "Village Attorney"), such as the Village Attorney's authority to prosecute claims, including administrative adjudication proceedings, on the Village's behalf; and

WHEREAS, the position of Village Prosecutor (the "Village Prosecutor") is not established in the Village Code, nor are the duties of the Village Prosecutor set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to eliminate the position of Village Prosecutor and to authorize the Village Attorney to exercise all powers and perform all duties previously assigned to the Village Prosecutor as of the effective date of this Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to establish and clarify the duties of the Village Attorney; and

WHEREAS, in order to establish the of duties for the Village Attorney, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is necessary, advisable and in the best interests of the Village and its residents to adopt Chapter 2, Article III, Division 6 and to amend Chapter 2, Section 2-260 of the Village Code as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
IN GENERAL**

SECTION 1. INCORPORATION CLAUSE.

The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and do hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them part of this Ordinance as legislative findings.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to eliminate the position of Village Prosecutor and to authorize the Village Attorney to exercise all powers and perform all duties previously assigned to the Village Prosecutor, to adopt Chapter 2, Article III, Division 6 and to amend Chapter 2, Section 2-260 of the Village Code to clarify the duties of the Village Attorney and to authorize the President or his or her designee to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE II.

ADOPTION OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 6 AND AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-260 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, ILLINOIS

SECTION 3.0 ADOPTION OF CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 6

DIVISION 6. – VILLAGE ATTORNEY

SECTION 3.1. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-260.

That the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution or Village Code section to the contrary, by amending Chapter 2, Section 2-260, which Section shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 2-260. - ~~Reserved.~~ Appointment; Duties.

(a) Appointment: The president, with the advice and consent of the board of trustees, may appoint an attorney to serve as village attorney and advise the president and board of trustees and to serve as a legal advisor to the village government, as well as perform the duties as specified herein.

(b) Advice. The village attorney shall be a legal advisor to the president, the village board and any village official and shall render advice on all legal questions affecting the village, whenever requested to so do by the president, a member of the board of trustees or any village official. Upon request by the president, a member of the board of trustees or a village official, the village attorney shall reduce any such opinion to writing.

(c) Suits and actions. The village attorney shall prosecute or defend any and all suits or actions at law or equity, including administrative adjudication proceedings, to which the village may be a party or in which it may be interested, or which may be brought against or by any officer of the village on behalf of the village or in the capacity of such person as an officer or employee of the village whenever directed to do so by the president and the village board and shall be entitled to the fair and reasonable value for his or her services.

(d) Judgments: The village attorney shall see to the full enforcement of all judgments or decrees rendered or entered in favor of the village, and of all similar interlocutory orders.

(e) Attend meetings: The village attorney shall attend board meetings and such other village-related meetings as directed by the president or the village board.

(f) Special assessments and economic development: The village attorney shall direct legal services in connection with all special assessment proceedings, special service

district proceedings, condemnation proceedings, bond issues, tax increment financing districts, all economic or tax related incentives or measures necessary for economic development or financial support of the village, and all other such related litigation or services.

(g) *Ordinances, resolutions and documents:* The village attorney shall draft or supervise the phraseology of any contract, lease or other documents or instruments, to which the village may be a party and upon request of the president or a member of the board of trustees, and draft or revise ordinances and resolutions covering any subject within the power of the village.

(h) *Compensation and authority:* The village attorney shall receive compensation set by the village board in its annual budget ordinance pursuant to hourly billing at a rate to be determined by the village board taking into consideration experience as a municipal attorney. The village attorney shall not be an employee of the village, but be compensated as an independent contractor.

SECTION 3.2. OTHER ACTIONS AUTHORIZED.

The officers, employees and/or agents of the Village shall take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out, give effect to and consummate the amendments contemplated by this Ordinance and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith. The officers, employees and/or agents of the Village are specifically authorized and directed to draft and disseminate any and all necessary forms or notices to be utilized in connection with the intent of this Ordinance.

ARTICLE III. HEADINGS, SAVINGS CLAUSES, PUBLICATION, EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 4. HEADINGS.

The headings of the articles, sections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of this Ordinance are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Ordinance nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provision of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision of this Ordinance be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable and as though not provided for herein and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SUPERSEDER.

All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.

A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form or in a newspaper published and of general circulation within the Village as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be effective and in full force after its passage, approval and publication in accordance with applicable law as of the first day of the next fiscal year, which shall be May 1, 2016.

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PASSED this ____ day of _____, 2016.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

APPROVED by me this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Deborah Morelli, President

ATTESTED AND FILED in my
office this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk