

March 16, 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 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, March 16, 2021, at 7:05 p.m.

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

The Mayor thanked Deputy Police Chief Jaczak for staying late to oversee our Zoom meetings.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Tuesday, March 2, 2021.

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

Trustee White introduced Dennis Brennan from Illinois Energy Aggregation to give us insight on what they are working on for our electric aggregation. Our contract is almost up with our current electric vendor Eligo Energy. The Trustee asked the clerk to put this on the agenda the first meeting in April to again discuss and approve the contract. Our attorney's office has not had sufficient time to review the contract at this time. Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski said she would review the contract and if there are any changes or concerns, she will discuss them with Mr. Brennan. Mr. Brennan told us that the plan is just an extension of what we currently have. What we do now is match the rates with ComEd. The Village itself will get a civic contribution of \$5,000 per year. It is a three-year extension. Each year we will get \$5,000 payable dependent on when the new contract gets running. Most likely it will be in June. Everything remains the same. We will remain an EPA Certified Village. We still are using renewable energy. The major change is that you are getting \$5,000 per year instead of one \$5,000 payment like last time. This payment is made directly to the Village for whatever purpose they choose. He mentioned that last time we used it for schools. Trustee White reminded us that our rates mirror what ComEd's rates are. In addition, if anyone leaves the program, they don't have to pay termination fees. Mr. Brennan did say that every year Eligo does check on all the people who are with ComEd. Something might be sent out to residents. In order for them to do that, they have to order the list through the clerk's office. There is a fee for ComEd and that Eligo will reimburse that fee.

Trustee Torres moved, duly second by Trustee Hrejsa to pass and approve Ordinance 2021-03, "An Ordinance Amending Various Sections of Chapter 14 and Chapter 50 of Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Vehicle Towing and Impounding"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Savopoulos and Torres

Absent: Trustee Milenkovic

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Police Chief Sassetti told us of resident complaints over cars with excessive music. This ordinance will give officers an additional tool in enforcement efforts to reduce that issue now that summertime is coming. If officers can hear music coming from another vehicle that is in excess of 75 feet away, the officer has the authority to issue a citation and impound the vehicle for loud music.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve Resolution 01-2021, "A Resolution Proposing a Redevelopment Plan and Project for, and Designation of, the Cicero-Pershing Redevelopment Project Area, and the Adoption of Tax Increment Allocation Financing Therefor, Convening a Joint Tax Increment Allocation Financing Therefor, Convening a Joint Review Board and Calling a Public Hearing in Connection Therewith"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Savopoulos and Torres

Absent: Trustee Milenkovic

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

The Mayor explained that this is part of our TIF Cicero/Pershing Redevelopment. Trustee Savopoulos mentioned that Chuck Dunham with Kane/McKenna is with us on Zoom to answer questions. Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski mentioned that the Resolution is another step in the process to establish the TIF. The Resolution establishes the means to establish the TIF review board. This is basically a board composed of all the taxing bodies that lie within the district. All those taxing bodies meet periodically as required by statute. The first date that the board can meet is projected to be April 16, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. Thereafter there would be a public hearing on May 18, 2021. That is an additional step to establish the TIF. The Mayor thanked all the people involved for doing a great job.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Approve the Appointment of Ed Dabrowski to the Stickney Zoning Board of Appeals to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Jim Lindwall.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Savopoulos and Torres

Absent: Trustee Milenkovic

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

The Mayor congratulated Ed Dabrowski and asked him to come into the Village Hall next week to be sworn in.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor thanked Public Works for the great snow-clean up. Trustee Savopoulos and his sister Connie and his staff were thanked for putting together the Senior Corned Beef meals. All the volunteers were thanked. We learned that there were 172 meals prepared. Linda Bruscato was thanked for coordinating this event. The Mayor alerted us that the Easter Bunny is coming to town on March 27th from noon to 1:30. This is a drive-thru event. Trustee Torres added candy will be given to kids from Stickney only. We are working on an event for Cinco De Mayo on May 2nd. There will be bands and food available. It will be held at 43rd and Ridgeland. The Mayor informed us that we will continue our Board Meeting on Zoom for at least another month.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk reported that our next board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. The Tuesday, April 6th meeting was changed because of the Consolidated Election.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee White: The Trustee mentioned that the Village Hall will be open to the public on April 5th. Our office staff will be in from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for normal hours. The doors will be open to the public from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. People will still have to social distance and wear a mask. The Mayor added in that the lobby is still marked off for social distancing and the ropes are still in place.

Trustee Savopoulos: The Trustee praised all our volunteers. They make us look good. He congratulated Ed Dabrowski for his appointment. He will be a great member to the Zoning Board.

Trustee Kapolnek: The Trustee wished Ed Dabrowski well.

Trustee Torres: We were told that early voting starts on the 22nd of March at the Clinic.

Trustee Hrejsa: Provided Easter Bunny information and congratulated Ed Dabrowski.

The Mayor mentioned that there will be a small newsletter going out with a few key dates.

Police Chief James Sasseti: He thanked Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson-Jaworski for her assistance in updating some of these ordinances so our officers can be more efficient. Street sweeping starts on April 1. We will be out enforcing the street sweeping laws. Everyone is being forewarned.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: Street sweeping starts next month. He asked that people read the signs. Lawn waste will be picked up the first week of April. We learned that the street sweeper has gone through the alleys.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: We were reminded of the severe weather conditions to look for now that Spring is here. Listen to your radio or TV. They are predicting an active season. We were reminded that the tornado siren goes off on the first Tuesday of the month. If you hear it at any other time, it mean something is going on.

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 7:31 p.m.

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th day of April, 2021

Jeff Walik, President