

**November 6, 2024**

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

**Prior to the meeting, Mayor Walik read a statement honoring and thanking all the brave men and women of the Stickney Police Department and Fire Department for their sacrifice to the Village to keep our residents safe and appreciate all their hard work they do day in and day out. We are all safer because of these men and women that protect this village. We notice the sacrifices that they make, and their families make for us. We are privileged to have them, and we sincerely thank them.**

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 7:04 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.**

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

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek, to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024.**

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

**Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Approve the Recommendation of the Next One (1) Eligible Candidate on the Sergeant Eligibility List-Ashley McDonald**

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

**At this point Mayor Walik conducted the swearing in of Sergeant McDonald and presented her with her Sergeant's star.**

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the request to promote Officers Brian Keliher & Mitchell Hattan to the status of Corporal.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

At this time Mayor Walik conducted the swearing in of Corporals Keliher and Hattan. They were each presented with their Corporal stars.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Approve Resolution 14-2024, "A Resolution Requesting \$29,636.00 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of Maintaining Streets and Highways Under the Applicable Provisions of Illinois Highway Code from 05/01/24 to 04/30/25."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Approve Resolution 15-2024, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Resignation and Settlement Agreement in the Matter of Maria Guzman and the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The mayor congratulated all of those receiving promotions. He thanked the families and friends for coming to the meeting. He invited everyone to our Veterans Day program on 11/11/24 at 11:00 a.m. We have a nice program and a lite luncheon to be served by Chef Joe Lopez.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** She wished the two new corporals good luck and hoped they achieved even more in our Stickney Police Department. She especially congratulated Ashley. The clerk has known her since her beginning. She has truly been a trailblazer for Stickney. She has achieved more than she ever thought she would. Something tells me that she is not done yet. She was our first pregnant police officer. Whatever it is, she can serve as a guardian for our other female officers to achieve. Something for them to aspire to.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:** All the trustees extended their congratulations to the officers for their promotions.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Public Works Director Joe Lopez:** We planted thirteen trees today in the Village. The leaf pickups have started.

**Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:** He congratulated those who have received promotions.

**Police Chief Jim Sasseti:** He concurred with Clerk McAdams that Sergeant McDonald is truly a trailblazer. She should be an example not just for the female officers but for all the officers to emulate as well. We are very proud of her. He then congratulated Mitch and Brian as well. Now they will know what they will have in store for them. In addition, he gave recognition to all our first responders here as well as the officers from the State Police. They leave their homes and their families in the morning without a guarantee that they will come home at night. It has been a rough week for our State Police partners as well as our Chicago Police Partners. He asked that we give them a round of applause. He then thanked the mayor and the board. Without their support and guidance and your backing we could not do what we do here. He went on to say, "For those of you not from Stickney, I can tell you firsthand, I retired from another municipality, Stickney leaders are so pro-police it is unbelievable. This starts with our mayor and trickles down to the board and administrative staff and the police department. They have our backs, and the residents have our backs. It is a great community to work for and in. On behalf of the Stickney Police Department, we would like to thank you for your unwavering support for us."

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 to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024

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Jeff Walik, President