

**September 3, 2013**

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

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 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:**

**Present: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White**

**Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 2013.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Lazansky 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 De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve the Engineer's Payment Estimate No. 5 (invoice #20127-05) for 1.0 MG Torisphere Tank Painting in the amount of \$253,581.82 to AM-Coat, Inc.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Prior to the vote, Trustee Walik asked Public Works Supervisor, Jeff Boyajian the status of the painting. We were told that the water tower is approximately 80% completed. They are going to start painting the outside. The delay in painting was due to major water main break in Forest View. We were supplying them water. After a discussion with the fire chief, officials from Stickney and Forest View, we thought it was best in our own interest to hold off on fixing it until Forest View was repaired. He felt that the completion of the tank would be this year.**

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to approve the purchase/lease for a bobcat and to wave the bidding process.

After the motion was made, a lengthy discussion was held. Trustee White said that he would approve the lease agreement rather than purchase. He mentioned that we are all thinking about funds. We need this for our public works but we should consider the lease agreement. Trustee Lazansky claims that this has been budgeted for three years and we are finally doing it. He went on to say that this bobcat has the entire speck that public works really needs it. He felt that if we could save the \$4000 or \$5000 in finance and use the money that was set aside in that budget for this item. He was reminded that it was \$4600 for three years. Trustee White used the example that it was better to go with the lease and not deplete our cash. Trustee Lazansky felt that we do have the money and to go ahead and buy it outright. Trustee Savopoulos was told that after three years we would own it outright. Trustee White said it was a \$53,000 outlay. Supposedly we don't have a lot of cash right now. The \$1,600 per month lease payment would not be a problem. Attorney Kreger stated that you could go to a bank and borrow and pay less than the 4% interest rate. Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka explained that we budgeted for a straight out purchase. With the Capital Project fund we have been transferring \$250,000 over from the General Fund over to the Capital Projects to provide for this. It is a great program that has been set up for purchases like these that come up. At the end of the fiscal year we had in excess of over \$500,000 built up in this fund. This is one of the purposes we had to purchase outright. Why are we transferring \$250,000 every year to provide for this and then do it on time? Trustee White questioned why they were given the option of purchase and or lease. Why are we considering a lease? Attorney Kreger explained the ins and outs of the financing point of view. Trustee White stated that he know that funds are shifted all around all the time such as in the water fund. Kreger's opinion was that there were options and that this interest rate was high for a Village like ours with a good credit rating. More information was given on bonds. Trustee Lazansky made a motion to buy it outright. He was told he already made a motion. Trustee DeLeshe asked if this could be delayed to investigate options on the interest rates. The clerk reminded them that the street sweeper was leased. She also asked if we were going to have difficulty in paying the bonds. Treasurer Kasnicka said, "Well, Yes." "We will be short paying the bond." "This is not money typically used out of the Capital Project's fund to make up the difference." "When the bond issue comes up in the next couple of months, we need to find out what the shortage is." "At that time we will have to take a temporary loan from the General Fund to the Bond and Interest to make the payments on December 1." Treasurer Kasnicka was asked a question by Attorney Kreger. The treasurer explained that we do know what our payment is but we had real estate taxes that were refunded that were significant. About 30% of the funds were allocated to the bond and interest. We were advised because we are home rule to increase our loss to bridge that gap. And, when those payments are due on December 1, 2014 everything will be caught up. Treasurer Kasnicka reminded us that we have a couple of expenditures that are also coming out of the Capital Fund. There is the police department computers that was not totally planned for. We need an ambulance down the road and the Kidde Park to take advantage of the grant.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to grant permission to the Stickney Fire Department to conduct their Muscular Dystrophy Solicitation on September using off-duty firefighters.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik to grant permission to the Knights of Columbus to conduct their "ID Tootsie Roll Drive" on September 20, 21, & 22, 2013.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to grant permission to ComEd to pass out "Smart Meters" brochures on September 23 & 24, 2013 on two corners in the Village.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

**PRESIDENTS REPORT:** Mayor Morelli commented on her attendance at the Cook County DesPlaines River Watershed meeting. She explained that Trustees Walik, White and Lazansky also attended. She had the opportunity to ask about the levee we were having problems with. They told her they are still putting the plans together. In addition, she asked about the train trestle on 47<sup>th</sup> Street. They answered that they have that on their list as well. Trustee Walik added that the trees that are accumulating at the trestle are being cleared out once a month. Trustee White reminded us that it always takes a disaster, but they have been working on this for 13 years. What happens in one community has a way of pushing the water somewhere else. These meetings are being held in the communities that are affected. Therefore, their problems could be our problems if they are diverted.

Mayor Morelli then read a wonderfully, descriptive thank you note from the Fruit Smoothie vendor who had a concession at the Centennial Fest. Mainly, they were appreciative of the opportunity and that the event was well run.

**CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk, Audrey McAdams, read the following proclamation:**

**PROCLAMATION  
HONORING  
Monty Horne**

**WHEREAS, On December 24, 1976 Monty moved to 4100 Clarence in Stickney with his wife Ellen and raised two sons, and**  
**WHEREAS, In 1963 to 1965 Monty served in the Army with the 5<sup>th</sup> BN 32<sup>nd</sup> Armor Division, and**  
**WHEREAS, Monty worked for 38 years operating heavy equipment for the construction industry, and**  
**WHEREAS, Monty served on the Stickney Police and Fire Commission from September 7, 1999 to April 30, 2008, and**  
**WHEREAS, He is a proud member of the Stickney Police Association and served as their president, and**  
**WHEREAS, Monty always gave to the Village of Stickney and used his construction industry skills and contacts to build the pavilion on Ridgeland, the Veteran's War Memorial and bring stone to the baseball fields, and**  
**WHEREAS, In 2012, with the help of his son Jeff, Monty planned and excavated the land on Ridgeland to create the Stickney Youth Football field, and**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deborah E. Morelli, Mayor of the Village of Stickney, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2013 as MONTY HORNE DAY in the Village of Stickney when the Stickney Youth Football field will forever be known as Horne Field, and I urge all citizens to celebrate this day in his honor and remember his dedication in giving and making Stickney a Community that Cares.**

A letter of thanks was read from LIFESOURCE, Chicagoland's Blood Center for the Stickney Police Department blood drive. There was 28 units collected.

In keeping with the new centennial tradition, Clerk McAdams read the following:

**Eighth Installment of the Centennial Minutes**

A lengthy discussion was held on February 15, 1955 between the Village Engineer, the Village Plumber and the President and the board pertaining to the possibility of obstructions in some of our storm water sewer system. It was authorized to make an inspection of the sewer system.

On March 6, 1956 a letter from President James J. Mejda was read pertaining to ordinance proposed in the City of Chicago regarding a curfew for juveniles to the age of 17 years and an Ordinance for Motorists as well as the Hitchhiker. The State's

Attorney has recommended that similar ordinances be adopted by various cities and villages outside the City of Chicago.

Village Attorney Joseph Lustfield reported on the progress of the hearings on the street improvement program stating that the Mount Auburn Cemetery property question of 41<sup>st</sup> Street was to be settled by February 20, 1957, and that the street improvement program would be published for bids in the very near future.

On March 19, 1957 a group of residents residing in the southeast section of the Village north of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street and West of Ridgeland Avenue brought up numerous complaints pertaining to gases emanating presumably from the Edison Plant located south of the Village of Stickney.

On May 21, 1957 Trustee Rench moved duly seconded by Trustee Bronec that a permit be granted without fee to the V.F.W. to operate a carnival on property located at 39<sup>th</sup> Street between Clarence and Wesley Avenues during the last week in August and that proper insurance be furnished as directed by the board.

A petition of names submitted on June 4, 1957 by Mr. Charles Fick of 4219 S. East Avenue pertaining to the smoke problems. Amongst the people in the audience, Commonwealth Edison's representatives.

It was noted that on September 16, 1958 that the milk vending machine now located at the Stickney Service Station be permitted by the owner to be moved closer to the Pizzeria. At the same meeting the Village Clerk was to direct a notice to Mr. Pisek located at 6924 W. 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to cease and discontinue paint spraying of cars as well as operating a garage and paint shop.

A motion was made on July 26, 1960 to proceed with the resurfacing of 43<sup>rd</sup> Street from East Avenue to Ridgeland Avenue.

On April 18, 1961 Trustee Bellezzo moved duly seconded by Trustee Straka that the work on tearing down and rebuilding of the plaque in front of the Village Hall be given to Mr. Bates with the understanding there are to be "I" beams to secure the plaques to.

#### **TRUSTEE'S REPORTS:**

Trustee De Leshe reported that back in June he began working with the Water Reclamation District to get a new copy of the lease. They recommended the new lease and voted on the lease on July 11, so we could hold up to three types of festivals or carnivals on their property without contacting them or going through them to seek permission. The attorney went through it. This also includes fireworks. The Centennial Flags are on schedule. The brackets and flags should be up within two weeks. Trustee De Leshe thanked the entire board this was a team effort to pull this fest off. Our hats off to public works and the police and fire departments for the fine job. Only two band-aids and one transport to the hospital for back spasm. We could not have done it without all the volunteers. The help from the front office doing the ticket booth was appreciated. When he has the final numbers he will present a report to the board.

Trustee Gomez thanked the volunteers for helping us at the fest.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to accept the treasurer's report for the month of May, 2013.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky especially thanked Trustee DeLeshe and Trustee Gomez for their hard work from sun up to sun down. He is getting too old to do this now.

Trustee Savopoulos asked people to have a safe Labor Day. He also gave thanks to Trustee De Leshe for working hard putting the fest together. Great Job!

Trustee Walik explained that last week he along with Cody Mares were asked to attend a meeting at the Forest View Village Hall where they receive a certificate of appreciation from the Mayor and all the trustees for their help during the flood. There were other residents recognized as well. Trustee Walik explained to their Mayor that he and Cody did it as a neighbor and it is in their blood. But they couldn't have helped the families that they did (little children, adults, cats and dogs) without the help of David Hulsman. At 2:00 a.m. in the morning they knocked on his door scaring his wife. Cody knew he had a boat in his yard that had been sitting there for four years. Without this boat, they couldn't have helped anybody. There were no oars or motor for this boat. All they had was one plastic snow shovel to row. Trustee Walik then read a certificate of appreciation from the residents and the Board of Trustees to David Hulsman for his assistance during the flooding in our community.

Trustee Walik also updated us on the NiCor complaints. Another six complaints came in. If anyone has a complaint, he asked them to take pictures and bring them in. The installation of grass will be delayed until the weather cool down. Later in the meeting Trustee Walik asked for the annual donation from the Village for the football league. We learned that they must submit a letter requesting it.

Trustee White thanked all the volunteers that helped at the fest. He reminded people that Trustee De Leshe took a week of vacation to get everything done. Trustee Gomez worked extremely hard.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian thanked the board for approving the purchase of the bobcat. Their old one is 25 years old and parts are impossible to find. A storm went through last Friday night. Four larger branches went down and needed to be addressed.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer informed us that on Saturday night the Cicero police were searching the property behind our fire station looking for an Alzheimer's patient. The individual was missing for three hours. They did find him and took him to the hospital for evaluation.

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There being no further business, Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 17th day of September, 2013

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Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor