

December 15, 2020

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, December 15, 2020, at 7:02 p.m.

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

Trustee Milenkovic, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Tuesday, December 1, 2020.

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

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2020-26, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding the Regulations of Raffles in the Village of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Absent: Trustee Torres

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Village Attorney Tiffany Nelson Jaworski explained that this ordinance adopts the state law as it relates to how raffles are run. It now allows raffles to be run in the Village of Stickney, however, there is a process they must undergo. They must apply for a raffle license for a nominal fee of \$25. There is a process to apply to the board of trustees to ask for a waiver. There is a requirement for a bond. There is a process to apply for a waiver for the bond. It allows the Village to regulate raffles and the Village knows what is going on. The Mayor clarified that this applies to the Lions Club, either one of the schools or the church. The attorney added that anyone who wants to hold a raffle must get a license.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2020-27, "The 2020 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Fiscal Year, beginning May 1, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Absent: Trustee Torres

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Village Financial Director David Gonzalez informed us that the levy will be the same as the tentative levy that was presented last month. The levy we are passing tonight is \$2,743,826. The Mayor thanked him for his time in preparing the tax levy.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Holiday Greetings were given that included a safe and happy 2021. The Mayor was hopeful that the Covid nonsense would be over soon. The volunteers were thanked for their assistance for the entire year. The people come out during the senior meal and brought others to join in. There were 136 volunteers. That goes for all our events. He thanked the Trustees and the Department Heads for all they do. This past weekend we had Santa Clause. We had 200 kids and pets with Santa. The Police Department had no problems. We got the people out for the fireworks. He thanked everyone who supported me, supported the administration and the Village. He hopes that 2021 will be above and beyond and better for all of us, especially health wise.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk extended a thank you from Marilyn Sanders, the Chicago Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau, for us as partners in the 2020 Census. The clerk personally thanked the Stickney Census Committee made up of Mayor Walik, Administrative Assistant Beth Lukas, and Ed Bartunek. The Village brought the Census into the minds and eyes of people using signage and Code Red alerts.

Trustee Reports:

Trustee White: Reminded people that Public Works and the Village Office will be closed on December 24 and December 25 as well as January 1, 2021. Garbage service will be extended to Saturday for Friday pickups. Holiday Greetings were given. The Mayor asked that the Trustee place information on our Facebook that will extend the Covid protocol until the end of the year. Doors will be locked and the girls will be working full-time. People need to use the mailbox and can call the girls if they need them.

Trustee Hrejsa: We had a great turnout with Santa. The children had a good time. The decorations were done very well. Holiday greeting were given.

Trustee Milenkovic: Wished everyone happy and safe holidays.

Trustee Kapolnek: Information was provided that the Village Newsletter will be on the website by the end of the week. We were waiting for the pictures. Holiday greetings were given.

Trustee Savopoulos: Holiday Greetings were given. He wished everyone a healthy New Year.

Police Chief Jim Sasseti: We were reminded that the Stickney Police Department will be participating in the IDOT campaign that includes impaired driving between December 18 through January 4. There will be an increased police presence with the sole purpose of keeping impaired drivers from our community.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: We were advised that the leaf program is finally over. He requested that people move their cars for effective snow removal. He asked people to have a safe holiday.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: We received a Genesis Rescue System, an extraction tool. It will be placed into service by January 6th after the proper in-service training is established. This tool is used if someone is trapped in a car wreck or trapped in some sort of machinery. He thanked the Mayor and Trustees for allowing us to purchase this equipment. Our previous tool was from 1986. He plans on showing a video at the next Board meeting of the tool in action. The Chief provided the latest update on Covid from the Township Health Department. The Village of Stickney has had 553 cases reported since March. Currently there are 29 cases reported this week. He asked people to follow Covid protocol. Finally, he wished everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.

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 7:22 p.m.

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 6th day of January, 2021

Jeff White, President Pro Tem