

August 5, 2014

State of Illinois

County of Cook

Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 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, Sleigher and White

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on July 15, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher, to approve the minutes of the previous budget hearing meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher, to approve the minutes of the previous special session meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez 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, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

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Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez, to approve the Preliminary and Non-Binding Underwriter Engagement Agreement

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Attorney Donald Kreger explained that George K. Baum has been acting as the underwriter for many bond issues in this municipality for the last few years. Normally, if they have recommendations for refinancing to alleviate some of the debt service they would just write something up and send it to you. Under current law they have to be asked by us to do it. This is not binding on you nor does it cost you anything. At least you are authorizing him to do it under federal law and then, under federal law, they can go ahead and do it. The whole purpose is to comply with federal law. They will send you recommendations and maybe three plans to look at and give advice. They need to be invited to come up with that and come here because we are paying, and it is going up every year, almost \$800,000.00 a year for debt service. It can be reduced without a great deal of difficulty that would be helpful. He, Donald Kreger, is not the one to do that, he is not

licensed to do that. That's what this is, it doesn't cost anything. It is hopefully to get advice on what it has been for the last six years at least since 2004 your underwriter.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher to approve the August 16, 2014 Block Party request for 3900 block of Scoville.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor introduced a group of people, Dave Hume, Thomas Cass, Mark Whiston, Israel Andrade and Jesse Rodriguez. These people represent the 5:30 Club from the Jason Bruscato Dog Park. They took it upon themselves to do the stone work and they have done a lovely job. The Mayor wanted to bring them in so everybody could see who they are. They were proudly wearing their badges. They are always keeping in touch with people and making them aware of how important those permits are and that is what is keeping that park alive there too. She thanked them and wanted everyone to know who they are. With that said, Thomas Cass stepped up as their spokesperson to tell everyone about their club. He mentioned that there was a big problem them with flooding every time it rained. Their latest efforts proved that the four inches of rain we received on Monday resulted in no flooding in the dog park at all. They took care of that problem. There is more work to be done. A lot more work. He would like to work with the police department on this. There are people showing up without permits. Tonight they stopped two gentlemen. There were no dog tags on their collar. They said they had their permit. By ordinance you are supposed to wear them around your neck. They said they were going home to get it. They never returned. They have been sassed back by visitors when they are approached by the 5:30 Club. There are people bringing their dogs there and not cleaning up after them. They put in 6,000 pounds of river rock in there.

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Thomas Cass, Mark Whiston and Israel did all the work on one Sunday morning. They do want to meet with the Village because there is more work to be done. There is a lot of dirt areas where grass will never grow. He gave us an idea of how many people use this dog park. He told us that the record is 17 dogs in the park a couple of Fridays ago. They want this dog park to be the premier for two reasons. The first is to honor Jason, mainly because he knew him since he was a little child. He also wants to make it legal. He wants to work with the police. A question arose from the audience about where the dog park was. She was told that it was on 43rd and Ridgeland. She was told that the largest dog at the park is a 125 pound Rottweiler and the smallest is 7 pounds. Trustee Sleigher asked if there is an altercation. He was told that if there is a potential confrontation at the gate, they all carry cell phones and do call the police on the non-emergency number. They will send a car immediately. Trustee Sleigher witnessed a woman with two dogs being escorted out by the ordinance officer. He was assured that they do not self-police. People are told to read the signs. A proposal was made that Stickney should install a plastic container at the front gate that contains applications for a dog park license. They reminded us that there is a lot of

lost revenue. The clerk asked if there was a bully situation among the dogs. The dogs are doing dog play. The woman in the group did say that her little dog was bitten by a dog that was brought in by someone without a permit. She had to do diligence to make sure that the biting dog had all its vaccinations. Dogs with permits have already been vetted and the various diseases. Ultimately they thanked the board for all their help and they hoped to move forward.

CLERK'S CORRESPONDENCE/REPORT: A reminder was given of the Stickney Police Department Blood Drive on August 7, in the court room. It is held quarterly. She mentioned that it is held in the courtroom after a transformation into a facility with recliners and they provide cookies and juice. A notice from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency was read identifying a permit application for a solid waste project located at 6201 Canal Bank Road. The site name is West Cook Transfer Station operated by Lakeshore Recycling Facility to serve as a transfer facility for non-hazardous liquid waste.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Trustee Gomez gave the Fire Department Report for the month of July, 2014 there were: Ambulance calls; 63: Mutual Aid Calls; 8: Service Calls; 5: Fire Calls; 11: Hazardous Condition Calls; 1: Motor Vehicle Accidents; 5: Working Fires; 0: Brush/Trash Fire Calls; 1: Car Fires; 1: Total calls for the month of July: 95; Total calls for 2014: 759

Trustee Lazansky encouraged everyone on August 7 to August 11 to visit The Vietnam Moving Wall located at Proksa Park, 3001 S. Wisconsin Avenue in Berwyn. He also thanked Trustee Sleighter for attending the Midway Noise Compatibility Meeting in his absence.

Trustee Sleighter gave the results of the findings from the Midway Noise Compatibility meeting. He noted that there was an abundance of people from Bridgeport in attendance due to the fact that the flight plan was altered to fly over their homes. Southwest Air is now flying international.

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His second report informed us that the Morton Arboretum announced that the Village of Stickney's application for the Great Lakes Restoration funding has been approved

in the amount of a \$10,000 grant for Emerald Ash Borer reforestation. He publically thanked Beth Lukas for all the work she did in applying for this grant. The tree committee will be meeting to decide who will be getting trees.

Trustee Savopoulos commented that there are some people who have had their basements flood due to the heavy rains. They may call a contractor to see what they could do. They

may be charged \$3,000 to \$5,000. The resident doesn't get a permit. The next time it rains their basement still floods. He urged people to get a permit. The inspectors are there to protect you.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police John Sladetz commented that he has been working with Berwyn Police Commander O'Halloran concerning The Moving Wall. Stickney will be sending two cars to escort the wall from a Hillside Holiday Inn. A series of cars will be composing the escort all the way to Proksa Park in Berwyn. The Moving Wall has 24 hour viewing. The mayor gave the schedule of events.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian informed us that he heard from Forest View Public Works that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District has finally started to add clay to the 43rd Street levy. They are not sure how long it will take. The focus is on the area between Joliet Road and 47th Street. Once they are finished with that they will move south of 47th.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer told us of an old map he came across that gave old street names that were eventually changed and elevations of the streets. One gradient follows the area that flooded. What it doesn't show is where Com Ed built the generator station south of 43rd from Ridgeland to East Avenue. The high curb along East Avenue kept a lot of water out of the cemetery. He is happy that the levy is actually being worked on. It is being reinforced with gravel with clay on top of it. The Chief also reported on mechanical problems with our old 1999 ambulance. The AC compressor went out. The pulley was shot and the compressor was leaking oil. Our 2007 newest ambulance has developed a serious oil leak. They are researching if the extended warrantee covers any of the repairs. One ambulance must be fixed before taking the other one out of service. The Chief referred to a safety alert recall from the manufacture Kidde on three hardwired smoke/CO alarms. A pdf of the letter will be posted on the web site. Lastly the Chief reported on our fire department helping out on a fire at 1:30 a.m. in Cicero where a 23 year old man lost his life. He was trapped in the upstairs with nowhere out because the back porch burned. The brick three-flat was divided into multiple units.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka updated us that the grants from the Illinois Department of Commerce Economic Opportunity. This is the \$100,000 grant. The application has been submitted for costs associated with capital improvements. It cannot be used for tangible items such as an ambulance. It was acceptable to them to use the grant to fix the stairs in front of the police department. During this process we were told that the grant has been increased to \$200,000. We now have two \$100,000 grants available to us rolled into one. The estimates to replace the police department stairs is \$125,000. What we need to do now is file an addendum with the DCEO for how we

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wish to spend the other \$75,000 on capital improvements. The treasurer is asking the board with the assistance of Public Works Supervisor, Jeff Boyajian to submit ideas on what you would like to see done. Forward these ideas to Mayor Morelli or himself. Once that is

done, the documents can be forwarded and we can start the payment process. We can continue with the stair project and focus on another project for the additional funds.

There being no further business, Trustee Gomez moved, duly seconded by Trustee White that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 20th day of August, 2014

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor