

**July 21, 2015
Executive Session
Pertaining to
Executive Session Minutes**

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in Executive Session on Tuesday, July 21, 2015, at 7:40 p.m. in the Stickney Village Conference Room, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Cook County, Illinois.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Morelli at 7:40 p.m.

The people in attendance were: Trustees Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, and White; Mayor Morelli, Clerk Audrey McAdams, and Attorney Mike Del Galdo

The clerk reminded those in attendance that they cannot disclose ANYTHING that has been discussed in a closed session. It is unethical. She asked that they get rid of their phones. Phones can record event. Phones can listen to the event. Phones can be considered a meeting within a meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to convene into executive session under Section 2 (c) (21) of the Open Meetings Act for Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06

Minutes for the following meetings were reviewed and discussed:

January 6, 2015	Review of Executive Session Minutes	<u>can be released</u>
July 15, 2014		<u>can't be release</u>
July 15, 2014		<u>can't be released</u>
August 19, 2014		<u>can't be released</u>
Feb. 4, 2014		<u>can't be released</u>
October 1, 2013		<u>can't be released</u>
April 17, 2012		<u>can't be released</u>
January 3, 2012		<u>can't be released</u>
January 3, 2012		<u>can't be released</u>
December 1, 2009		<u>can't be released</u>
October 13, 1993		<u>can't be released</u>
July 28, 1993		<u>can't be released</u>

The clerk summarized each file for the members. She explained that each trustee can come into her office and read anything in the executive session files. Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained that statutorily the board has an obligation to review the executive session minutes semiannually. Each board member should all review the actual minutes. There

might be a sentence in there that you might question because it pertains to personnel, because closed session give the board the ability to freely speak. Where you are limited to speak on the record because you are public officials you would probably hedge your words. Whereas, in a closed session you can speak. You probably should make sure that the minutes don't contain a sentence that would embarrass somebody. You may find that you could discuss a personnel matter and it is unfounded and you could arguable hurt someone's reputation. It is his general theory on this; anything that give your web site give people a window on negotiating should not be released. If I was your opponent I would go to your web site and see that the village tends not to want to go to trial. Then I would then take my offer and multiply it by two because they do not want to go to trial. On the way you do labor contracts where you see the pattern where they want five, lets offer three but we will actually go up to 4 ½. People in labor unions read that. They will be mad that they left a point and a half on the labor table and try to get that point back. He would just go through this and get the minutes and review them and make sure what you are releasing. They go up as written.

The clerk explained that we have held back on minutes pertaining to negotiations. Trustee White said that we have held back on pending litigation.

Attorney Del Galdo was going to check on the status of the Feb. 4, 2014 Kornerstone meeting. His law firm represents Morton High School Dist. 201. There were involved in this property tax appeal as well. He will provide us information on the status of this case.

All other executive session minutes were discussed individually and in each case it was decided not to release the minutes. Again Attorney Del Galdo stated that the law dictates that we have an obligation to review. The board then has to make a determination whether the public interest dictates to release or be kept closed.

The clerk explained to Attorney Del Galdo how she handles the final actions concerning the release or retention of the executive session minutes. She prepares a resolution with Exhibit A with the minutes that will be released and Exhibit B with the minutes that will be retained.

Mayor Morelli adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. No roll call was necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Clerk

Approved by me, this day of , 2015

Deborah E. Morelli, Mayor