

**July 19, 2016**

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

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 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:  
Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky and Savopoulos  
Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2016.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky and Savopoulos  
Nays: None  
Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White  
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes 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 Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky and Savopoulos  
Nays: None  
Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White  
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Fuentes moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of April, 2016 indicating the sum of \$34,255.41.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky and Savopoulos  
Nays: None  
Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White  
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the month of June, 2016 in the amount of \$9,672.59.**

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky and Savopoulos

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

The Mayor introduced Jamie Kucero, CEO of PAV YMCA concerning programs available and the possibility of working with Stickney and utilizing our Recreation Center. She admitted that Stickney is under served by the YMCA. Several programs were discussed. She told us that she has a team ready to assess the needs of Stickney. Program and membership information was left for Stickney to review.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to pass and approve Ordinance 2016-17, "An Ordinance for the Annual Budget and Appropriations for the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois for the Fiscal Year, Beginning May 1, 2016 and Ending April 30, 2017.

Prior to the vote Trustee Fuentes asked to amend the Prosecutor to the historical amount of \$21,600, Trustee Lazansky duly seconded it. He then said, "If that is too much then maybe we could make some sort of adjustment to the amount. I feel that at this time it is way low." Trustee Savopoulos commented, "I think that Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo would be able to do it for \$4,800. Right Mike?" Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo suggested, "How about I deal with a procedural matter. You have a motion and a second to approve. You have a motion to amend. You have a motion pending that was discussion. If you are not in favor of approving the budget as presented, then you would vote NO. Following that you could make a motion to amend the budget which would require a second and a roll call." In addition, Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told us, "For the record, I am just happy to serve the Village of Stickney for whatever amount."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa and Savopoulos

Nays: Trustee Fuentes and Lazansky

Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to amend the Prosecutor position on that budget. The following commentary took place. Trustee Savopoulos told him, "Why do you want to spend more money?" Trustee Lazansky told us, "I want the amount to be \$21,000 is the ceiling. If you come up with a different figure, let's come up with a more realistic figure." Trustee Savopoulos told them, "Mike will do it for \$4,800." Trustee Fuentes said, "We have already spent \$3,600 and it has been only two months." Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told us, "I am just happy to serve the Village of Stickney." Trustee Lazansky said, "\$4,800 is too low, let's compromise and come up with a different figure and I would be willing to say yes. It is too low." Trustee Fuentes said, "We are going to end up spending more than we are budgeting." The clerk asked, "Your budget is to increase the budget to what figure Kathleen (Fuentes) \$21,600? Trustee Savopoulos told them, "You are going to pay somebody more money." Trustee Fuentes asked, "Do you have some sort of agreement that you are going to pay someone \$4,800?" Trustee Savopoulos told her,

"We have a verbal agreement. You just called me out for not spending money and I have to check in with you when I don't spend money. Now all of a sudden you want to spend more money." Trustee Fuentes answered, "Not that I want to spend more money, but I don't want to go over the budget. And, at \$4,800.00 we surely will go over the budget. It has only been two months." Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "You would appropriate \$4,800.00 that is the maximum that is your liability. If you chose to approve bills in excess of \$4,800 then you would go over budget. If you don't approve the bills because they would exceed it, then your liability is limited to the amount that is appropriated. If someone keeps sending bills and the board decides to approve those bills in excess of that, then you would go over budget. If the board votes "no" because they exceed the amount budgeted then your legal liabilities are capped at \$4,800.00 for this budget period. For the period going backwards, yes, you have the exposure for the amount billed that was budgeted. On the going forward basis from the date a new budget is adopted going forward the liability exposure is limited to the amount appropriated." Trustee Lazansky asked, "If you were at a court call and you were there longer than the time they most you could bill the village is that amount of money? Even if you were there three or four hours? Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told us, "It is a flat fee whether you are there for five minutes or nine hours." Trustee Fuentes said, "Basically from here out if we receive bills every single meeting we are going to have to vote "no" to the prosecutor's bills because we are going to hit the cap. We probably already hit cap." Trustee Savopoulos told her, "We haven't paid anybody." Trustee Fuentes said, "We already paid Mike \$3,600.00." Trustee Savopoulos asked Mike, "Have we paid you \$3,600.00?" Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told us, "My office has never been paid for prosecutions." Trustee Fuentes clarified, "Those are bills we received." Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo responded, "Correct, we are billing it but we are not being paid. And, he asked Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka when is the budget period?" Treasurer Kasnicka said, May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 which is our fiscal year. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "So whatever that period is for those bills that follow before that budget period than those arguably the Village has exposure to pay those were properly incorporated. On a go forward basis you appropriate so much and that is the limit of your exposure." Trustee Savopoulos said, "I don't think we should spend the money. We should stay at \$4,800.00." Trustee Fuentes asked, "What if Mike doesn't want to do it for \$4,800.00. You are banking on (not audible)." Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "I think it should be based on finances and not who the service provider is. I could tell you, am I going to quit if you reduce the budget, absolutely not. Is John Xydakis going to quit, I have no idea. It is not going to motivate me one way or the other how this vote comes out. I will continue to serve at whatever the board deems appropriate for our compensation. So your options, that is the discussion. You could discuss whether it is a different amount. You could call a roll call on the \$21,000.00." He asked Trustee Lazansky, "Is that his motion?" Trustee Lazansky responded, "My motion is to come up with a solution other the small amount that I know that the lawyers would not agree upon most of the time. \$4,800.00, let's make it \$15,000 or \$16,000.00 to make it \$600.00 per call. That way the budget would be justified. If you are going every line item we could probably reduce of other things too." The clerk told them that his motion was to increase it to \$21,600.00. Now you are making another one. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "It is for discussion." Trustee Lazansky asked, "Is anyone interested in raising it from the \$4,800.00 to \$21,000? I made the motion to \$21,000.00 but if it

came too high let's reduce it to another area." Trustee Savopoulos said, "For the record, I am not interested in raising it." Kurt Kasnicka spoke, "I have just one comment. If you go on past experience it is \$900.00 per day. Out of the \$21,600 it comes up with twice a month for \$900.00 for twelve months. We have been under budgeted for the past three years. There are some months that have only one court call, or one day per month not two days. We were under budget because we don't expend the full amount." Trustee Fuentes said, "If you guarantee \$4,800.00 and we are not going to go over the budget." Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told us, "There is a motion pending to amend the budget. The passage if the budget failed. There is now a motion to amend the prosecutor's amount and then adopt the budget as amended."

The mayor asked for a roll call and if everyone understood what this was for. It was agreed upon that the motion Trustee Lazansky originally made was for \$21,600.00.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes and Lazansky

Nays: Trustees Hrejsa and Savopoulos

Absent: Trustee Milenkovic and White

Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told us, "The mayor is entitled to vote. I do not know whether or not the passage of a budget requires a super majority vote. In the event of a tie the mayor is entitled to vote. I just reserve the right to supplement the record whether or not it requires a super majority vote required since it is a budget. He directed the mayor to vote if she wished for the record." The clerk asked, "When will you find out if it needs a super majority?" Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo responded, "As soon as I have access to the Illinois Compiled Statute. It is your budget and I prefer not to shoot from the hip." Trustee Savopoulos asked, "She didn't vote from the first motion and that was a tie." Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told us, "It is her option; she is not required to vote in the event of a tie, if she wants to vote. It is up to her whether she wanted to vote on the original one and up to her whether she wanted to vote on the amendment. Tomorrow I will let you know. I didn't anticipate a tie. I will check to see what the voting requirement is on a budget. I would rather get the answer accurately." The mayor asked, "Can I give my vote?" Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told her, "You can give your vote however you want and record it. The declaration of the carried motion failed would be dependent on what the statute says. Is it a majority, or is it a majority those present voting, is it a majority of all the members, is it a super majority vote based on the number of members of the board. I would rather not give an answer." Trustee Savopoulos asked, "Could this not end up as a tie?" Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told him, "Then you wouldn't have a budget. Then you would go back at it and come up with some sort of compromise." The mayor said, "I don't want the budget to fail. If I voted, would it pass, for the budget?" Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "There is a two-to-two tie. You have the right to vote in the event of a tie. All I am hedging on is I don't know if that is declared motion carried simply because I would like to look at the statute." The mayor then voted yes on the budget. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "Record the mayor as voting yes on the amendment. It passed. I will provide written correspondence to the board tomorrow." Trustee Savopoulos asked, "Which one is she voting yes on?" The clerk asked, "Is this for the increase to \$21,600.00?" The

mayor said, "It was for the first one to pass the budget." Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "It is my understanding that you did not vote on the original budget as presented. You voted on Trustee Lazansky's motion to amend the budget to make the prosecutor's . . . ." (There was private conversations going on between the mayor and the attorney.) Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo continued, "The first motion to pass the budget as presented which was the prosecutor's salary of \$4,800.00 failed in a tie. Then there was a motion to amend it and that is pending right now. You voted yes on the amendment which gets recorded and that would go down and presumably I will send correspondence tomorrow whether or not it passed or failed based on the super majority requirement." The clerk asked, "And, if it doesn't?" Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "Then the motion fails." The mayor was asking Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo if it should go on the next agenda. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "I would wait to put it on the next agenda because to put it on the next agenda to repeal the budget that just passed. The fact that they are opposed to it you would just put it on the next agenda to amend it again and take it back down. I think probably either way it will end up on another agenda. Record the mayor voting yes on the amendment." The mayor was discussing the actions with the attorney.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve the Resolution for Improvement by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code for 2016 Street Resurfacing East Avenue—43<sup>rd</sup> Street to 41<sup>st</sup> Street MFT Section No. 16-00058-00-RS

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky and Savopoulos

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to approve Resolution 10-2016, "A Resolution Authorizing the Village President to Enter into a Preliminary Engineering Service Agreement Regarding the Resurfacing or Rehabilitation of Certain Streets with Novotny and Associates, Inc.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky and Savopoulos

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve Block Party for August 6, 2016 for 4300 and Maple Avenue.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Lazansky and Savopoulos

Present: Trustee Fuentes

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve Block Party for August 6, 2016 for Lorraine Terrace between Wisconsin and Wenonah.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky and Savopoulos

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to approve Block Party for August 13, 2016 for 3900 block of Scoville.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky and Savopoulos

Nays: None

Absent: Trustees Milenkovic and White

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** No report

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The clerk provided information about working for Cook County Clerk David Orr's Office on the November 8, 2016 election day. Handouts are available in the lobby. In addition, she informed the people about a potential redistricting amendment on the November ballot. The amendment would ask the voters if a change should be made in the method of redrawing legislative districts each time the census is taken and released. The clerk announced that item 20 will be stricken from the agenda. There is no need to adjourn to go into executive session.

**TRUSTEES' REPORTS:** Trustee Fuentes last week's Music in the Park was cancelled at the last minute due to rain. The next Parks & Rec meeting will be August 1. On August 20, at 9:00 a.m. they will be having a Back to School clean-up day. They will meet at Haley Park and separate into other areas of the village. There is a rain date of August 21.

Trustee Hrejsa referred to an Attorney General Lisa Madigan article in the paper concerning Storm Chasers. The Attorney General refers to them as scammers. There are many complaints that these people are not registered. They take advantage of people who have experienced damage. It is suggested that people call their local law enforcement.

Trustee Lazansky gave the Police Department Total Monthly Activity Report for the month of June, 2016: Total number of calls for service; 1,663; Total number of E911 calls received; 564; Arrest by type: Traffic: 111; Village Ordinance Offences: 33; Warrants and Complaints: 9; Parking violations: 315; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 468; Total number of squad miles: 10,041; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,290.9; Average gas mileage/squad: 7.778.

**Ordinance Activity Report for the month of June, 2016. Ordinance Investigations: 326; Business License Investigations: 7; Violation Notices Issued: 25; Miscellaneous Details: 164; S.L.O. Tickets: 2; Parking Citations Issued: 118; Tow Tag: 0;**

**Trustee Savopoulos informed us of the July 26, 2016 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting at 6:30 p.m. It concerns the car wash on Harlem Avenue. The notice has been posted in the newspaper. The agenda will be posted at the end of the week.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief John Sladetz informed us that our new squads will be up fitted very soon. We hope to have them on the street within two weeks. Our Tahoe is currently being repaired. Pending the forecast of extremely hot weather, he asked that we check on our neighbors. The Chief made a statement over the negative occurrences to our police community. He mentioned the negative attitude received from the news media and the Federal Government. He described his worry for our officers. He asked people for support.**

**Public Safety Supervisor Jeff Boyajian gave us an update of the park grooming they have been doing. This includes mulch and cutting of trees. He thanked the board for getting the process going in having East Avenue paved. They will be starting the job of painting around the schools. He asked people to watch out for his men.**

**Fire Chief Larry Meyer reported that the hydraulic lines on the ladder truck have been replaced. He told us that one of the Chinese lanterns was sent aloft by the heat of a candle. The object landed in a tree and caught it on fire. It could have been a house.**

**There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:44 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk**

**Approved by me this 3rd day of August, 2016**

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**Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor**