

July 19, 2016

Budget Hearing

State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney

A Public Hearing of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney was called to order by Mayor Deborah Morelli on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 6:30 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

Trustees Absent:
Trustees Milenkovic and White

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to present the "Proposed Annual General Appropriation for the Fiscal Year, beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017.

The Clerk read the official notice of the public hearing as published in the *Suburban Life* Publication on Wednesday, July 6, 2016. The clerk read the summary of the Proposed Annual General Appropriation for the Fiscal Year, beginning May 1, 2016 and ending April 30, 2017.

Comments from the board: Trustee Fuentes asked, "I noticed that you have only \$4,800.00 budgeted for the prosecutor. At this point, I think, we are occurring \$3,600.00 so how are we going to anticipate spending only \$1,200.00 more for the next 10 months?" Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka explained, "The amount that we have had in the budget in the previous years is \$21,600. That is basically \$1,800.00 per month at two dates of \$900.00 each. For twelve months that is \$21,600.00. In the finance committee meetings, it was changed to \$4,800." Trustee Lazansky asked, "Are we going to be able to do it for \$4,800.00 since it has been that amount for so long. That is a big drop." Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka said, "If we stay with the number of \$4,800.00 obviously at the end of the year you will be over expended in that account. You knowingly will be over expended in that account. It is up to the board if they wish to revise that number to the \$21,600.00. The additional amount.....what we would also do....it is added to miscellaneous revenue that way you maintain a balanced budget." Trustee Lazansky said, "I felt that it probably should be raised to that as it has been over the years. So we stay in the proper area. Everything else I looked at looked pretty good except for that area." Trustee Fuentes said, "I just can't understand if we already approved \$3,600.00 in two months how we are going to make it the rest of the year. Trustee Hrejsa asked, "Who is our prosecutor?" Trustee Fuentes replied, "I don't know that actually matters right now. We have two prosecutors showing up at each call. We are actually at \$7,200.00 if we have to pay each firm for showing up." Trustee Hrejsa asked, "Why would we pay both firms, we voted out one firm." Trustee Lazansky said, "I wasn't clear yet on that one... that he was voted out." Trustee Hrejsa then said, "I vote that we stay at \$4,800 until we figure it out." Trustee Fuentes said, "The name of the firm is irrelevant." "It is \$900.00 a call

regardless.” Trustee Hrejsa again said, “Then we should stay at \$4,800.00 if the firms are going to do it for that price.” Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka explained, “One of the things that it is, it is not like we are hiring the lowest bidder. This price has been established. It doesn’t matter who the name of the prosecutor is. Right now the price that the village is being invoiced by the firm doing the work is \$900.00 per day. Obviously it is not an ongoing chess match where everybody is to see what the next move is. As a treasurer I just put in the numbers as directed. That is what it is. This is not where someone comes along and it is the lowest bidder. That is what establishes the price.” Trustee Fuentes wanted clarification, “Regardless of the firm, they both have billed us \$900.00 per day. Correct?” The treasurer said, “Correct.” Trustee Hrejsa asked, “We are paying two firms?” She was told by Trustee Fuentes and Lazansky, “We haven’t paid anyone yet.” Trustee Hrejsa told them, “We need to decide who the firm is before we pay anybody.” Trustee Lazansky responded, “Let’s have a vote right now who the firm is.” Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, “This is a budget hearing.” Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka told us, “This is an ongoing discussion and we are not going to solve anything at this time. Do you have any other questions?”

Trustee Fuentes asked, “I know that we have \$6,000.00 for other professional fees. It is my understanding that the company that is doing the TIF consultation is coming out of that. I haven’t gotten any status on any TIF updates. Is \$6,000.00 going to be enough to pay for this consultation?” Treasurer Kasnicka answered, “Right now we completed Phase I and there are no provisions to pay for Phase II. What I understand is that it is on hold.” He then directed Trustee Savopoulos to explain, “Right now we are placing Phase II on hold. We had a development that we were hoping was going to happen on the east side. I, the Mayor and Mr. Del Galdo had a meeting with Richard Klass who was ready to go. Now we can’t get a hold of him. I sent him emails and left him messages. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo has called and left him messages. Until we know what is going on down there, I think we should put it on hold.” Trustee Fuentes asked, “When did you determine it exactly? We have not discussed it. I thought it was a board decision.” Trustee Savopoulos responded, “I am working on it. I called Tom Walsh. He is trying to get Ricky Rockets over there. Until I have something, I don’t have anything to tell you.” Treasurer Kasnicka told us, “With the TIF proceeding, Phase II is on hold.” Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo clarified, “It is my understanding that the TIF advisor recommended to the Village not to move forward at this time because there was no development.” Trustee Fuentes said, “Where is the communication? This is the first I am hearing of it. Who did they inform? Where is the communication?” Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo told her, “I thought they sent it to the Village that is how I got it.” Trustee Fuentes said, “Phase II is on hold so that \$6,000.00 is. . . . (Inaudible).” Treasurer Kasnicka confirmed, “Right now that is all we have is \$6,000.00 for other professional fees.” “Are there any other questions?”

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no questions or comments

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes, that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which, said Board of Trustees adopted the motion unanimously at 6:43 p.m. and Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams
Village Clerk

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

Deborah Morelli, Mayor