

**October 18, 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, October 18, 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, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White  
Absent: None**

**Trustee Fuentes moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.**

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

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to table item 6 until the next meeting on November 1.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:  
Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White  
Nays: Trustee Fuentes and Lazansky  
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of July, 2016 indicating the sum of \$36,243.34.**

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

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the month of August, 2016 in the amount of \$813,014.68. The audience reacted and the clerk corrected the mayor. The actual amount was \$13,014.68.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to pass and approve Ordinance 2016-23, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 50, Section 50-39 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois regarding "Theft".

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to Trustee Milenkovic voting he mentioned that there is nothing in that section of the municipal code right now. We are not deleting anything. We are just putting it in place.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to pass and approve Resolution 14-2016, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Memorandum of Understanding with the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council for the Village of Stickney.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to concur with the mayor's appointment of Richard McDonald to fill the unexpired term on the Police Pension Board.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Peter Steinhagen asked from the audience how many people served on the board. Police Chief Sladetz accommodated him by giving an answer.

The mayor announced that the next item is discussion and possible action concerning the Village's Lobbyist.

Trustee Milenkovic explained that he asked for this item to be included on the agenda. He and Trustee Savopoulos attended the Illinois Municipal League conference and spoke with many public officials about what is going on in Springfield. Everyone pretty much agrees that nothing is going to happen in the next two years with this gridlock and stalemate. We are spending \$1,500 per month for a lobbyist. I don't think it is well spent. I would like to put this off for a year or two and we could get a lobbyist once again. He mentioned that Attorney Del Galdo's office called and said that there is no contract presently. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "There is a contract but it expired in September, 2016. There is also a provision that says that there is a 30-day notice period. But, we believe that the contract expired in September because there is no mechanism for rollover. You are not terminating. You are voting not to renew and to terminate future payments, unless the board was to renew the contract. It is our opinion that the contract expired in September but the Village also paid the lobbyist after expiration. You want to clarify your intentions."

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to not renew our relationship with the lobbyist.

Prior to the vote, Trustee Lazansky asked, "Once the lobbyist started there in Springfield, has he done anything for us? I know the key thing was many years back, to get the gaming over at Hawthorne. We know that that is not going to happen for a while. Has he done anything else for us for that \$1,500?" Trustee Milenkovic responded, "Not that I know of." Trustee Lazansky continued, "They sent over reports. The reports show what is going on in Springfield. I am neither Aye nor Nay over that."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Present: Trustee Lazansky

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The mayor made mention regarding Fire Prevention Week which was this previous week. She also addressed the program that was held at the fire house for the first time. She described seeing the jaws-of-life demonstration. She thanked Trustee Fuentes for her help. Audience member Donald Tabor commented from the audience that the demonstration using a 9-Volt battery and some steel wool to start a fire was impressive. The clerk reminded people that the same information was in one of the Fire Chief's articles in the newsletter. The mayor also thanked all of the firemen for creating the fine program.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The clerk informed the audience that as the clerk it is one of her jobs to be knowledgeable about the elections. She instructed people to go to the Cook County Clerks web site to download and print what will be on your ballot for the November 8, 2016 election. She also told people to go to [www.voteforjudges.com](http://www.voteforjudges.com) and read about the evaluations of the judges that will be on the ballot. There are three referendums also on the ballot.

**TRUSTEES' REPORTS:** Trustee Fuentes announced the next Parks & Rec meeting will be Oct. 25, 2016 at 6:30. The Halloween Party is October 29, 2016 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Rec. Center. There will be a costume contest, games and snacks. She informed us that pre-registration is required. This is open to Stickney residents and asked people to register in advance at the village hall. Bring your IDs. Morton College will visit the village hall on November 9, 2016 to provide information on programs. In addition, she gave an update on the library construction. The building permit was issued today. Additional information was provided concerning the upcoming library planning meetings.

Trustee Hrejsa told us that the rain barrel program will be continuing for another month. If you are interested, contact the Metropolitan Water Recreation District. There was a warning from the MWRD about dumping waste water into the sewer system. She asked people to have a safe Halloween.

Trustee Lazansky gave the Police Department Total Monthly Activity Report for the month of September, 2016: Total number of calls for service; 1,503; Total number of E911 calls received; 446; Arrest by type: Traffic: 69; Village Ordinance Offences: 19; Warrants and Complaints: 3; Parking violations: 199; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 290; Total number of squad miles: 10,368; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,455.8; Average gas mileage/squad: 7.122.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of September, 2016. Ordinance Investigations: 349; Business License Investigations: 13; Violation Notices Issued: 13; Miscellaneous Details: 170; S.L.O. Tickets: 1; Parking Citations Issued: 87; Tow Tag: 2;

Trustee Lazansky thanked the mayor, the trustees and department heads for putting up with him for the last 3 ½ years. He thanked former Mayor Tabor for appointing him in 2003. He then referred to the Clerk Audrey McAdams and how we sat together at the back of the courtroom starting in 1992. He said that the clerk told him that if he should get elected that you should listen to people. He then said that he tries to listen to people. But, you can only please some of the people some of the time. But, you can never please all of the people all of the time.

Trustee Milenkovic displayed one of the trees being offered by Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. These are available on Wednesdays at the MWRD until noon. We had a Tree Board Meeting. There were 15 trees approved. The varieties were given. He thanked people for their donations to the troops. He asked people to keep the donations going.

Trustee Savopoulos provided an update on the 50/50 sidewalk program. We are on schedule. They should start framing out tomorrow and pouring on Friday. It should be done by next week. He offered Trustee Lazansky best wishes.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the treasurer's report for June 30, 2016.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Fuentes, Hrejsa, Lazansky, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White thanked Trustee Lazansky for his years of service to our community.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Police Chief John Sladetz informed us that Danielle Taylor, the head of the Stickney-Forest View Library Youth Commission, reached out to him for assistance due to some really bored 12-17 year old youths that hang out at the library with nothing to do. She asked him if he could put together some sort of program to introduce to them such as crime prevention. We are going to help these kids out to keep them out of trouble. In addition, he told us that they will be coming to the board very soon to ask for a new copy machine. The current one is 10-11 years old. There is a sales person coming in on Friday. Halloween safety information was provided. The hours for trick or treating are 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. He then thanked Trustee Lazansky. It was mentioned that he served as the Trustee Chairman of the Police Department.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian addressed the 50/50 sidewalk program. There are four spots in town where the tree roots have to be ground out before the sidewalks are put in. The Tree Lottery trees will be picked up tomorrow and delivered to the homes. Yesterday we had tree damage on Ridgeland near the football field. We had a 30-foot limb come down. The arborist said it had been hit by lightning. Those that live between Wesley and Scoville lost their water for a period of time. The properly marked water line was struck and pulled out today during construction of the Kangaroo Laundromat. There were apartment buildings without water for three hours. The contractor will get billed for the water pipe damage. The leaf program begins next week Thursday and Friday. Repaving of East Avenue will start tomorrow.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer reported that the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District brought over 50 trees for the open house. There are many still available. He estimated that there were 275 people at the open house. Many children were there. He described some of the demonstrations they conducted. One such display was a side-by-side sprinkler display. They showed the effectiveness on the fire in the room with the sprinkler. They received a grant from the North American Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board to conduct this. The mayor served hot dogs. Trustee Fuentes brought brownies and cookies. In addition, they had two fires at Koppers. Yesterday there was a fire that started in a basement of a home on Ridgeland. The occupant had stored gasoline there for his lawn mower. He filled his mower and went out to cut the grass and the fire started. They are continuing with the hydrant testing. They will be bringing the fire safety trailer to both schools. He also addressed fire safety in the house. The simple task of leaving a pizza box on the stove can start a fire. He told of a dog reaching on the stove for the pizza and actually turning on the stove causing the fire. Additional fire safety tips were given. The Chief then gave thanks and good wishes to Trustee Lazansky. He will be remembered for his Weber bakery treats.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka provided information about the Annual Treasurer Report for the fiscal year ending April 2016. It will be published in the *Life Newspaper* on October 26, 2016. This is where he summarized the receipts for the year and also the disbursements which are vendors and also payroll for all village employees. There is also a summary of operations. Again audience member Peter Steinhagen was allowed to speak up and ask, "When will it be put online."

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2016

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Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor