

January 3, 2012

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 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 Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk.**

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk to go into executive session to discuss and consider the hiring, discipline, performance and compensation of certain personnel, matters of collective bargaining, acquisition of real property and matters of pending probable or imminent litigation.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried to adjourn into executive session at 7:01 p.m.**

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik to reconvene the regular board meeting session.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried to adjourn into regular session at 7:34 p.m.**

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee White, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 2011.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Schimel 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: Mares, Morelli, Walik, White and Zeedyk

Nays: None

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Mares addressed the board over the lack of decorum of the audience members who have signed in to address the board. If they are signed up to speak and they make remarks and speak out of turn, they should lose their right to address the meeting. If it continues they could be asked to leave the meeting or get arrested. The last meeting was terrible. We are all adults and should act accordingly. We all have to go by a system and rules. We all voted on the three minute rule. He voted for it because people were standing up and talking across the room. Things were getting out of hand. We certainly want to hear from you but it can't get crazy.

Trustee Mares made the presentation of the house decorating contest winners. The finalists were 4302 Maple, 4323 Home, 4112 Grove, 4200 Scoville, 4353 Grove, and 4001 Oak Park. A young man in the audience selected 4302 Maple as the second place winner for a \$25.00 Mennard's gift card. The first place winner sent to 4001 Oak Park for a \$50.00 Mennard's gift card.

Trustee Morelli reported on the December, 2011 Fire Department activity. Calls: include 3 working fires, 13 Service related calls and 71 Ambulance calls, 6 automatic fire alarms and trouble alarms, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 17 mutual automatic aid calls, the total response for 2011 was 1117.

Trustee Zeedyk gave the police report for the month of November, 2011.

Total number of calls for service: 1,675; Total number of E911 calls: 355;

Arrests by type: Traffic: 216; Village Ordinance Offences: 24; Warrants and Complaints: 12; Parking violations: 140; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 392; Total number of squad miles: 14,308; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,261; Average gas mileage per squad: 11.346550

Ordinance Control Activity for the month of November, 2011.

Ordinance investigations: 404; Business license investigations: 4;

Violation notices issued: 34; Miscellaneous details: 142; S.L.O. tickets: 2;

Parking Citations Issued: 97

Police report for the month of December, 2011.

Total number of calls for service: 1,675; Total number of E911 calls: 374;

Arrests by type: Traffic: 202; Village Ordinance Offences: 29; Warrants and Complaints: 16; Parking violations: 62; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 309; Total number of squad miles: 14,670; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,335; Average gas mileage per squad: 10.98876

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Meyer advised us that there was a fire at the race track today. It was at a brick/mortar barn. The horses live downstairs and there are apartments upstairs.

The fire started sometimes between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. No horses were hurt. They had 24 personnel on the scene.

Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez reported that January 16 is a day off and pick-ups will be pushed back one day.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka advised us that the administrative offices will be closed on January 16, for Martin Luther King Day.

Attorney Stanley T. Kusper Jr. addressed the audience. His remarks are as follows: "I wasn't at the last meeting but my associate Steve Adatto was here." "He reported back to me what took place at the meeting." "He said it got a bit rowdy and lacking civility" "Even we lawyers now have committees in the bar association and in the courts to try to teach lawyers on how to be civil to one another." "To be respectful to one another when they are in the courtroom, particularly." "I am an old timer as you might gather." "And, it really discourages me in a since for me to see that the law schools today are teaching what I call 'smash-mouth lawyering'". "You come out and the first thing you do is start throwing verbal punches at the other lawyer." "It doesn't accomplish anything." "The judge doesn't want to hear it, he doesn't want to see it, he doesn't like it in his courtroom." "It gets infectious because when two lawyers are fighting in front of the judge and you have forty more sitting back there thinking, 'If they got away with it then so can I'". "And, so, I would like to comment a little bit on civility at these meetings." "You heard one of the trustees, and I'm sure it is shared by the board, the mayor and the clerk and everyone that they do want to hear from everyone." "But, it has to be done in a way that's orderly, polite, and civil if you will." "So I am going to suggest the following." "This is what the law is." "This is from the statutes of Illinois." The Public's Right to Speak at Meetings: Section 2.06 (g) involves the public's right to speak. This section states that, "Any person shall be permitted an opportunity to address public officials under the rules established and recorded by the public body." As a result of this language, all public bodies must develop a procedural rule which will allow the public to have the ability to address the public body. While this amendment permits the public to have an opportunity to address public officials, it does not require the public officials to engage in a debate, to make themselves available for abusive or harassing behavior by a member of the public, or to provide on-the-spot answers to members of the public on the topics that are raised by the public. He added, "Because they may not know those answers without doing some research". He went on, "Village Ordinance Number 2009-17 Sec. 2-106. Public Comments at Village Board Meetings states; (These are the municipal rules here.) Public comment shall occur during Village meetings where the meeting agenda schedules time for public comment. The public shall be allowed to make comments during a Village meeting at the time designated on the meeting agenda, subject to the following procedures and guidelines: (a) Prior to meetings the Village will make available a sign-in-sheet, where prospective speakers must print their names and addresses, and indicate the subject matter upon which they wish to address the Board; He asked to digress for just a moment. Mr. Kusper stated, "as I looked at the list here today a question; A question for Dan O'Reilly." "What's the subject?" "We know who he is, but what is the subject of the question?" "Technically, that does not comply with the ordinance so it would be outside the rules." "I would suggest to people when they do things like that. . . . one says public works question, fine, you

can ask your question because we know that the subject matter is. Another one says, Sokol questions, fine, we know what the subject matter is." "But a question for Dan O'Reilly. . . How about a question for Stanley Kuser?" "What is the subject matter? I don't know." "You would not be in compliance with the rules." "The rules are to be followed." He went on to explain the ordinance. (b) Speakers will be recognized for comment during the public comment session only if they have completed the required portions of the sign-in-sheet, and will be called in the order in which they have signed in; (c) When recognized to comment, each speaker must begin by stating his or her name and address, and shall be permitted three minutes to speak; (d) Speakers will be recognized to speak only once per board meeting. He then commented, "We will not be fighting back and forth." "There will be no debates going on." "It is going to be once and one time only." "I think what we have got to say to you is, disruptive behavior from the audience will not be tolerated." "It can't be tolerated, because if it is, it breeds and inbreeds." "We will not tolerate abusive comments, badgering or harassing comments toward the Village Board or officials." "That is not what they are sitting up there for." "They are sitting up there to hear your comments, to hear your questions and to answer them." "We will not tolerate any disorderly conduct by the audience." "If you can live by those rules, you can live in society without conflict." "If you can't live by those rules, coming here doesn't give you the right to violate those rules." "So that is my comment upon what I think what is appropriate, so, Mr. Mayor, with your permission, if I think that if someone is out of line I am going to tap you on the shoulder to have you declare someone is out of order."

There being no further business, Trustee Zeedyk moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 23rd day of January , 2012

Daniel A. O'Reilly, Village President