

VILLAGE OF STICKNEY

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Audrey McAdams
Village Clerk

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Tuesday, November 5, 2013

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approve Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting
5. Authorize Payment of Bills
6. Accept the Annual Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2012 and ending April 30, 2013
7. Consideration to conduct a forensic audit in respect of past years
8. Possible final action taken on forensic audit
9. Appointment to the Emergency Telephone Systems Board (E911)
10. Report from the Mayor
 - a. Accept letter of resignation
11. Report from the Clerk
12. Trustee Reports/Committee Reports
13. Reports from Department Heads
14. Audience Questions
15. Adjournment

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**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 15, 2013 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 Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White
Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, October 1, 2013.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White
Absent: De Leshe
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez 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: Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White
Absent: De Leshe
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried**

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of July, 2013 indicating the sum of \$38,390.34.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White
Absent: De Leshe
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation motor fuel tax for the month of September, 2013 indicating the sum of \$11,539.95.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Absent: De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to grant permission to the Berwyn/Cicero/Stickney CROP Hunger Walk to conduct their walk on October 20, 2013.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Absent: De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to grant permission to The Salvation Army to conduct their 2013 Red Kettle Campaign in the Village Friday, November 15 through December 24.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Absent: De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Morelli accepted the letter of resignation from Police and Fire Board Commissioner Anthony Gueiva on October 1, 2013. We don't have any further to take his place at this time. She thanked him for doing a wonderful job.

The Mayor spoke of a report that covers a plan of action concerning the Chicago water rate increase statics spanning the years 2008 to 2015. The action plan involves the following tasks: Contact the Mayors of surrounding communities in an attempt to put together a team to challenge the City of Chicago's water rate increases that we have incurred; Schedule a meeting with the City of Chicago to present our case. This could include going in front of the Board at one of their scheduled Board Meetings.; We ask for a reduction of our water rates of 30% to 40%.

Mayor Morelli further remarked that ComEd is running a week early installing the Smart Meters.

CLERKS REPORT:

The Clerk explained a new feature she will be highlighting upon during each board meeting during this centennial year. She will be reading passages from the minutes written over the last 100 years. It was noted that though many years may have passed, but many situations remain the same in today's world.

Trustee Javurek moved that the Village support a training program for all members of the Fire Department to qualify as "Emergency Medical Technician-Ambulance". The cost to be approximately \$3,200.

It was on July 19, 1977 that the office of Village Clerk be declared vacant due to the death of Clerk John Wolford. Trustee Kozak moved to adopt Ordinance 77-14 creating the office of Deputy Clerk. Mary Ellen Prerost was appointed as Deputy Clerk.

The first time the name of Arthur Rawers, Clerk appeared in the minutes was on August 2, 1977. There was no indication that a motion was made to appoint him as the clerk.

Ordinance 79-9 making East Avenue from 41st Street to 42nd Street One-Way southbound was passed on October 1979.

Trustee Bellezzo moved on July 15, 1980 to approve the request of David Dvorak of Brookfield to paint house numbers on the curbs in the village for voluntary donations by homeowners.

On January 20, 1981 Trustee Pietrzyk moved to accept the low bid for the underground water reservoir project in the amount of \$335,280.00.

It was on March 17, 1981 that Ordinance 81-4 was passed setting the salaries of village president, village clerk and the village trustees: The salary of Village President is set at \$7,200 per year; The salary of the Village Clerk is set at \$7,200 per year; The salaries of the Village Trustees was set at \$4,800 per year: The said salaries shall take effect at the beginning of the next term of office of each.

Bids were opened on August 4, 1981 for a new diesel pumper. The bid was awarded on August 18, 1981 to U.S. Firemen's Equipment Co. (Gruman-Howe) of Bartlett, Illinois for the amount of \$70,830.00.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Gomez gave the fire department report for the month of September, 2013: 87 Ambulance calls; 14 Mutual Aid/Automatic Aid to other towns; 7 Service calls, 10 Automatic Fire Alarms/Trouble Alarms; One Accident with injuries; One Working Fire; One Truck Fire; Two Smoke Investigations; Three Reports of Fire; for a total of 125 calls for the month. The fire department has responded to a total of 937 calls in the year of 2013.

Trustee Lazansky gave the Police Department Activity Report for the month of September, 2013. The total number of calls for service: 1,944 Total number of E911 calls received: 394, Arrest by type: Traffic: 155, Village Ordinance Offences: 35, Warrants and Complaints: 13, Parking violations: 107, Total number of arrests/citations issued: 310, Total number of squad miles: 9,858, Total amount of gasoline used: 988.6, Average gas mileage/squad: 9.9717 mpg.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report for the month of June, 2013.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Absent: De Leshe

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief John Slatetz addressed the board over a bad accident with injuries that occurred at the intersection of 40th Street and Clinton Avenue. Both cars had to be towed from the scene. There were children that were waiting at the intersection for their school bus when the accident occurred. A review found that ten accidents occurred at this intersection in 2013. The Police Chief was asking the Board of Trustees and the Mayor to take into consideration the placement of stop signs on both sides of 40th Street as it approaches Clinton Avenue.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian was in attendance at an Army Corp of Engineers meeting this evening in Forest View. He will provide a report for us at a later date.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer reported that the pumpers were tested last week and no mechanical issues were found. This is Fire Prevention Month and last week it was Fire Prevention Week. There was a house fire last week in the 4300 block of Wenonah. It was believed that plumbers working on the house started the fire. A neighbor took his garden hose trying to put the fire out. The fire department worked for two hours trying to put the fire out. Their challenge was getting to the fire trapped in the walls. Yesterday evening at 5:30 there was a garage fire on the 4200 block of Elmwood. The owner saw the fire and tried to put it out with a garden hose. In the course of doing so he opened the side door allowing the easterly breeze to fuel the flames. This fire appeared to be electrical in nature. There was more damage done because the owner didn't call the fire department immediately but tried to put the fire out himself. The Fire Chief also reminded us that while the water tank is being painted, the tank is drained. The tank serves as a reservoir with the vertical column acting as a stand pipe. Once the painting is through, the fire hydrants will be tested. The east end of the village will be tested first on October. 23. The residents will be tested on October 28 and 29. This will cause the water to be cloudy with sediment.

There being no further business, Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this day of , 2013

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor