

October 4, 2022

**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 4, 2022, at 7:02 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Mayor Walik welcomed back Clerk McAdams after having time off due to illness. The clerk thanked the Mayor for his continued support during this time. The Clerk then thanked Beth Lukas, the Deputy Clerk for taking over the duties of the Clerk while she was gone.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:
Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos**

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos
Nays: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic 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 White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos
Nays: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Mayor Walik introduced Dennis Brennen of Illinois Energy Aggregation, LLC. A presentation was given to the Board concerning gas cost effectiveness for Village properties. Examples were given of the increases of 133% in the cost of gas over the year. The rates available from the three featured suppliers was given. These rates are flexible every day. Mr. Brennen recommended that the Board should make a motion to lock in the rate for 36 months. Village Attorney Nelson-Jaworski advised that she would like to review the contracts presented by Mr. Brennen. Village Director of Finance, David Gonzalez also wanted to examine the plans. The Village Attorney recommended that the Board pass a motion to pass a motion for a provider

up to \$.70. Or an alternative would be to approve a contract with one of the providers based on which ever one has the lowest rate.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to accept one of these contracts up to \$.70 that our attorney and finance director have approved.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, the Mayor surveyed the Board for questions and concerns on this motion. Trustee Torres felt she needed to learn more about these plans.

The Mayor announced that Fire Chief Boyajian is asking for the promotion of Jon O'Dowd to Deputy Chief of the Stickney Fire Department. The promotion of Michael Weber to Lieutenant of the Stickney Fire Department. Both individuals were unable to attend due to other responsibilities. They will be sworn in at another time.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2022-17, "An Ordinance Approving a Fourth Amendment to the Existing Lease Agreement with T-Mobil USA Tower LLC for the Village of Stickney."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Village Attorney Nelson-Jaworski explained that Crown Castle is asking for more property to place their equipment. It will increase the fee by \$700 per month.

Trustee Torres moved, duly second by the Trustee Hrejsa to approve Resolution 17-2022, "A Resolution Authorizing, Approving, and Ratifying a Proposal from Axon Enterprises, Inc. to Provide Equipment and Services to the Police Department for the Village of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Police Chief Sasseti explained that the Board will be voting on a contract with Axon Enterprises, Inc. who will provide body cameras, tasers and virtual-reality goggles for the police department. We were mandated by The Safety Act to provide body cameras and training. This beats us to the game for our statutory requirements for body cameras. This will ultimately result in an approximately \$50,000 savings initially. All our officers will be outfitted with body cameras and tasers. It is an integrated system. Whenever there is a use of force involving a

handgun or a taser the body camera automatically triggers and will capture audio/video of that particular incident. Please note that through the generosity of State Senator Tony Munoz and State Representative Lisa Hernandez we were able to secure a grant that covered 100% of the initial cost of this project. There were a few supply chain issues. We expect this project to be fully implemented by Christmas or early Spring.

The Mayor said that we have a \$50,000 savings and had to request this grant by October 1, 2022. He had to poll all the Trustees prior to October 1st in order to make the deadline. The Finance Director David Gonzalez was instrumental in helping to obtain this grant.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve request to appoint Deputy Police Chief Jerry Chlada Jr. to the Safety Committee.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Village of Stickney

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor told us that the newsletter will be out very soon. An announcement was made that Stickney resident Albina Mladenoff will be turning 100 years old this week. A celebration is planned in front of her house. A reminder was given about our Haunted Hayride.

CLERK'S REPORT: Information was provided concerning Early Election Voting that will start October 24 through November 7, 2022. The Stickney-Forest View Library is the closest location for voting. Copies of the election ballots were available.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Welcome back greetings were given to the clerk.

Trustee Hrejsa: The trustee announced the Haunted Hayride on October 15, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. We are still looking for volunteers for the acts. Information was given concerning a Chicago Bears event that was held at Edison School. There were a couple of hundred kids out there running drills.

Trustee Torres: We were told that the Haunted Hayride is open to everyone. The cost is \$5.00 per person. The pumpkin patch is only for Stickney residents.

Trustee Milenkovic: He mentioned that he has been reviewing some of our ordinances. He didn't have anything tonight to report. Maybe in the future the Board would update. He foresaw that he would report on his findings at the next meeting. In addition, the paper-shredding event report was given. The Certificate of Destruction showed that 2869 pounds of paper was shredded.

Trustee White: He welcomed the high school civics class in attendance. He invited them to approach the Trustees after the meeting to have their assignment paperwork signed.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: An update was given about the water main on 4100 to 4300 East Avenue. Only one house on the 4200 block had lead service. They replaced it with copper. In the near future the sidewalks and landscaping will be completed. Leaf pickup starts on November 1.

Police Chief James Sasseti: Announced on September 23, we had three new officers (Nicole Godinez, Jorge Escobar and Eduardo Gonzales) graduated from the police academy. They are currently on the street training. The Illinois Training and Standards Board said that each passed the state certification on their first try. The Mayor commented that two out of the three were at the top of their class.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: He thanked the Board for concurring with his promotion recommendations. A history of the individuals was given. In addition, we learned that on Saturday the fire department went to a mutual aid to Cicero at a bar and coach house that were on fire. The Mayor asked about the hiring process. The Chief explained that a lot of full-time departments are having difficulty getting people to apply. We are fortunate to because we are BLS. We are going to hire another three. We lose all our guys to the full-time departments. Our guys go through the paramedic school, and they go to a full-time department. Many surrounding departments are having few qualified people to apply. We have firemen that have started with us that have moved elsewhere throughout the United States. Many have upper ranked positions.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic 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 18th day of October, 2022

Jeff Walik, Mayor