

March 7, 2017

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 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, Milenkovic, Rivadeneira, Savopoulos and White**

Trustee White made this statement before the meeting began: "I would like to recognize our former Mayor, Dan O'Reilly in the audience today. I would like to thank him for coming. He is here because we are going to honor him with the resolution that we have on our agenda this evening. Worked on this for a little while and I just want to thank him for coming so we could honor him in this way."

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session meeting held on February 21, 2017 as submitted by the clerk.

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

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to approve the payment of the bills.

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

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve Resolution 06-2017, "A Resolution Designating and Naming the Playground Located at 4228 S. Oak Park Avenue, "O'Reilly Park" for the Village of Stickney."

Prior to the vote, Mayor Morelli stated, "Before we go into a roll call I would just like to make a mention to Dan, this is a very special time here too with that park, it means a lot to all of us. And, I would also like to take this time to thank you ahead of time too for all the work that you put in to getting that grant for that OSLAD Grant that worked towards getting that park and making it possible for the Village. It made my part with finishing the park a lot easier. Thank you so much for that. It is appreciated."

Trustee White said, "Before we take the roll call I would like to take the time to read a portion of the resolution."

WHEREAS, the Village of Stickney (the "Village") is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

WHEREAS, as a home rule unit of local government the Village may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs; and

WHEREAS, Daniel A. O'Reilly served as the Village of Stickney President from May 2009 until April 2013; and

WHEREAS, after his election, President O'Reilly started thinking in terms of updating our parks; and

WHEREAS, improvements were made to the land next to the Stickney Public Works garage to allow the Village to accommodate large affairs such as Family Day; and

WHEREAS, during this same time a grant was applied for to create a bike path connecting to Morton College; and

WHEREAS, plans were set in motion when playground specialist, John Vann, was secured to help with writing grants and planning and updating of the playground located on Oak Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, in August, 2010 a Park and Recreational Construction (PARC) grant application was filed with the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, a special meeting was held on November 3, 2010 to introduce John Vann to the public and to provide information on the grant application; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2010 Resolution 10-2010 was passed seeking a resolution to finance the redevelopment of the playground; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2012 special hearings were held to discuss the need to reissue the grant for the playground due to redefining the age limit to be less specific; and

WHEREAS, in August 2012 a special hearing was held to discuss the Master Plan for the playground; and

WHEREAS, testimony was given in Springfield to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources by President O'Reilly and John Vann; and

WHEREAS, President O'Reilly was notified in April 2013 that the grant was approved; and

WHEREAS, grant funds in the amount of \$120,246.57 were received; and

WHEREAS, by June, 2015 the new park was up and running; and

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is advisable and in the best interests of the Village to designate and name the playground located at 4228 Oak Park Avenue, "O'Reilly Park", to provide a lasting reminder to Daniel O'Reilly's dedication in updating and fulfilling a wonderful enjoyment zone for the youth of the Village of Stickney;

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to grant permission to the Stickney-Forest View Little League to hold their May 13, 2017 Annual Parade.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

PRESIDENT REPORT: Made a comment about the 3900 block of Home Avenue. It was brought to her attention by several residents that the traffic is horrible there. She talked to the police department about that. We have extra officers over there and they are handing out quite of few tickets trying to combat all the traffic that races through that area over there. We'll have the chief talk about that later. She further said, "And again, congratulations Dan."

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk McAdams stated, "I am keeping my eye on the early voting which starts on March 20. I am the originator of that resolution on Dan. It was easy for me because I was there along with him. I was at the Town Hall meetings writing the minutes. So I just refreshed my memory. It flowed easily. I was very happy to do that to honor him."

TRUSTEES' REPORTS: Trustee Fuentes gave the fire department report for the month of February, 2017 as follows: Ambulance calls: 53; Mutual Aid Calls: 13; Service Calls: 4; Fire Calls: 9; Hazardous Condition Calls: 0; Motor Vehicle Accidents: 5; Working Fires: 0; Brush/Trash Fire Calls: 0; Car Fires: 0; Outside Equipment Fires: 0; Total calls for the month of: February- 84; Total calls for 2017: 163.

Trustee Fuentes informed people of several scam phone calls she has received from automated voice telling me there are serious allegations if she didn't call the "Coaps" (not the cops) immediately or she would be arrested and they gave the wrong number.

Trustee Fuentes announced that the next Parks & Rec meeting is Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6:30. The egg hunt is Saturday, April 1, 2017.

Trustee Hrejsa commented on how much the kids love the playground by the library. She mentioned that she has been receiving phone calls from people on Home Avenue complaining about cars speeding. They are asking her if there could be speed bumps. She told the callers that she would get back to them. They said that they have left messages for the mayor. They are calling me now because they are not getting a response from the mayor. Mayor Morelli said, "I gave a report on that. I have the police department looking at it." Trustee Hrejsa responded, "I know you did. But you are not calling the people back. That is why they are calling me. And, there were several calls. I can call them back tomorrow if you could tell me what we could do with that block."

Trustee Rivadeneira gave the Police Department report for the month of February, 2017: Total number of calls for service; 1,363; Total number of E911 calls received; 355; Arrest by type: Traffic: 93; Village Ordinance Offences: 15; Warrants and Complaints: 5; Parking violations: 115; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 228; Total number of squad miles: 9,412; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,219.6 gallons; Average gas mileage/squad: 7.717 mpg.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of February, 2017. Ordinance Investigations: 174; Business License Investigations: 16; Violation Notices Issued: 11; Miscellaneous Details: 153; S.L.O. Tickets: 0; Parking Citations Issued: 0;

Trustee Milenkovic thanked Mayor O'Reilly for all the hard work he did for that park. He then congratulated him on the recognition honor.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Fuentes to accept the treasurer's report for September & October, 2016.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

President Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White then addressed a telephone scam that is going on. The call started out by saying, we represent first responders. He told them that he represents the Village of Stickney and that scam doesn't fly here. Trustee White reminded people that this is the season for scams.

Trustee White mentioned, "For the seventh time in a row, Mike Del Galdo has received the distinction of *Super Lawyer Magazine*. Everyone should know that this distinction is limited to 5% of all lawyers in Illinois. That is pretty strong. We are lucky to have you, Mike."

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Sladetz referred to the 3900 block of Home Avenue. We have been putting on extra patrol and manpower. Just today seven tickets were written. People who are calling about speed bumps need to know that public works are not in favor of that. It would rip up the plows and garbage trucks. We are trying our best to thwart that. There is a "No left turn" sign. People don't look at signs. Once again, concerning the scams, it is always the season. Our fire department and police department does not call residents and solicit. Just hang up. On a sad note, we lost one of our retired officers on Friday. Only a few old timers would remember Bob Kozak. He retired in 1997. He was our first Juvenile Officer. He was a unique guy. Funeral information was given.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer reminded us to move our clocks ahead this weekend. It would be a good idea to change batteries in your smoke detectors as well. He mentioned the death of Fireman/Public Works employee Bob Jaros. He was with the Village for 38 years. He served with the Marines serving in Vietnam. He was in Operation Frequent Wind, which was the evacuation of Saigon (the fall of Saigon). They had 15,000 enemy troops surrounding the Embassy while they evacuated the remaining people and a number of Vietnamese citizens as well. The newsreels of that show the

helicopters coming down with the people climbing on. They would take the helicopters to the ship and they had so many helicopters there they would just push them into the ocean. If you knew Bob, you would have never known that story. He was a Marine Veteran of Vietnam.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos 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 22nd day of March, 2017

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor