

# VILLAGE OF STICKNEY

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**Jeff Walik**  
Village President

**Jim Hrejsa**  
**Tim Kapolnek**

## Village Trustees

**Mitchell Milenkovic**  
**Sam Savopoulos**

**Leandra Torres**  
**Jeff White**



**Audrey McAdams**  
Village Clerk

REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Stickney Village Court Room  
6533 W. Pershing Road

Tuesday, January 7, 2025

7:00 p.m.

## Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Possible motion and final action to permit member (s) to attend by electronic participation
5. Approve Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting
6. Authorize Payment of Bills
7. Approve Resolution 01-2025, "A Resolution Appointing a Hearing Officer and Approving an Agreement with Reyes Kurson for the Village of Stickney"
8. Report from the Mayor
9. Report from the Clerk
10. Trustee Reports/Committee Reports
11. Reports from Department Heads
12. Public Comments
13. Adjournment

Posted January 3, 2025

**December 17, 2024**

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

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 7:04 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.**

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

**Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Wednesday, December 3, 2024.**

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

**Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2024-17, "An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois"**

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

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2024-18, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 22, Section 22-3 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Business License Regulations"**

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

After the vote, the mayor explained that this ordinance is just an update, noting new and it is just housekeeping.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** She alerted everyone that needs to fill out the Statement of Economic Interest from the Cook County Clerk's office that they should expect it sometime in February. She recently received the application to submit the list of SEI Filers.

At this point, the mayor asked Public Works Director Joe Lopez to come forward. We were told that Joe Lopez is retiring as of January 1, 2025. The following proclamation was read:

WHEREAS: Joe Lopez currently serves as the Director of Public Works in the Village of Stickney and;

WHEREAS: Joe Lopez has a long and distinguished history with service to the Village of Stickney and;

WHEREAS: Joe Lopez was hired by the Village of Stickney Fire Department back in 1988 and;

WHEREAS: Joe was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant with the fire department and;

WHEREAS: Joe retired from the fire department in 2017 and continued thereafter as the full-time Director of Public Works for the Village of Stickney and;

WHEREAS: Under Joe's leadership, the Public Works Department has improved streets, parks, appearance and operations of the Village of Stickney and its infrastructure and;

WHEREAS: In addition to his dedication to the Village of Stickney to Public Works, Joe regularly goes above and beyond for Village residents by cooking for our events and;

WHEREAS: Joe answers to Stickney as a leader, college, and friend and;

WHEREAS: Joe has dedicated his entire working career to the Village of Stickney and its residents;

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Jeff Walik, and the Board of Trustees would like to express our sincere thanks to Joseph for his life-long dedication to the Village of Stickney and congratulate him on his retirement from the Village of Stickney.

A prepared video presentation was now given of pictures and personal testimonials from employees and elected officials from the Village of Stickney. A much younger picture of Joe was also included. It was truly a wonderful sentiment of respect for his 35 years of service to the Village of Stickney and its residents.

The mayor thanked an assortment of people for planning this event. He now presented Joe with an engraved plaque that read: Congratulations for 35 years of dedicated service 1988 to 2024. Thank you for the service to the Village of Stickney.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian presented Joe Lopez a shadow box for his 29 years of service to the Stickney Fire Department and the residents of the Village of Stickney.

Joe Lopez then spoke about his history with the village. He was hired in the fire department and then part-time in public works. He remembers lifting 55-gallon drums of garbage. He remembers his first accident call on Cicero Avenue. You will never forget that. In public works he learned the water system. He has learned from other people and other directors. Other directors could not believe he was leaving. In my heart it was time for me to go. I did not want to. In my heart I felt that if I could not give 110% each day that it was not worth it. I would be aggravated, and I would not make other people happy. I had to think about the residents, and I could not make them happy too. We have 6,000 plus residents and all the people passing through to worry about. I made up my time that it was time for me to leave and pass it on to someone else. Over the last few months, I have been teaching the guys more. He named off the list of the employees he oversees. The girls in the front office were thanked for helping and coping with him. When he yelled at his employees, he just wanted them to do things the right way. He reminisced over how many people who work for the village were

classmates. He said that he grew quite a bit while doing this. His final thank you drew an applause.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee White:** He is happy for Joe. Whenever I needed something, he was respectful and helped me.

**Trustee Savopoulos:** He congratulated Joe. He had a nice ride. Joe was always responsive to anything I asked of him.

**Trustee Milenkovic:** He wanted to wish Joe the best. He gave seasonal greetings.

**Trustee Torres:** She is going to miss Joe. We do a lot together. She could not believe it when he said he was going to retire. We cook together. She wished him the best.

She mentioned that Trustee Milenkovic's birthday was missed on the day of the Christmas party. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to him. Then Trustee Torres told us that we also missed the birthday of Deputy Chief Chlada. The mayor also informed the audience that Clerk McAdams celebrated her birthday on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The parties for the seniors and the kids' parties had the most people ever seen. The kids kept running in the hall. It was hard to send them home when the event was over.

**Trustee Kapolnek:** He will miss Joe and the snappy communication answers he gives. He also commended Joe and his crew and the way they cleaned up after the Christmas parties. They did a fantastic job. He wished him well in his retirement. He will miss him. He told people to have a blessed Christmas.

**Trustee Hrejsa:** He thanked everyone that helped at the Christmas party. He especially thanked Joe for his cooking. He told Joe that he runs a great department. You showed them how to do it.

At this point, Clerk McAdams asked if she could say something because she was not included in the video presentation. She said that she also liked dealing with Joe. He was always respectful when I needed help. We had great conversations about books. She wished him a healthy retirement. She wished his wife the same thing and to be happy in the years ahead. She said that she did not know about this recognition prior to today otherwise she would have done something for him.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:** He gave season's greetings. He wished Joe much happiness. He said he would miss him.

**Deputy Police Chief Chlada:** Stated that he will miss Joe and invited him to visit.

**Financial Director David Gonzales:** Told the people Merry Christmas. He congratulated Joe.

Comments from various people around the room were given concerning Joe Lopez. Public Works employee Doug Czech provided remembrances of growing up with Joe. While working in Public Works he had good times and bad times. He wished him good luck in his future endeavors.

Finally, the mayor described how Joe presented his letter announcing his retirement. At first, the mayor laughed it off. It took a couple of days to sink in.

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 to adjourn at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Jeff Walik, President

**Village of Stickney**  
**Warrant Number 24-25-17**

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL LIST  
FOR VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING ON  
January 7, 2025

Approval is hereby given to have the Village Treasurer of Stickney, Illinois pay to the officers, employees, independent contractors, vendors and other providers of goods and services in the indicated amounts as set forth.

A summary indicating the source of funds used to pay the above is as follows:

01 CORPORATE FUND		236,733.21
02 WATER FUND		91,763.53
03 MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND		127.39
05 1505 FUND		-
07 POLICE REVENUE SHARING FUND		-
08 CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		-
09 BOND & INTEREST FUND		
	Subtotal:	328,624.13
General Fund Payroll	12/30/2024	243,101.98
Water Fund Payroll	12/30/2024	29,182.77
	Subtotal:	272,284.75
Total to be Approved by Village Council		600,908.88

Approvals:

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Jeff Walik, Mayor

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

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**VOS\_41665\_Village of Stickney**  
Check/Voucher Register - Check Register  
01 - General Fund  
From 12/12/2024 Through 1/3/2025

Check Number	Vendor Name	Effective Date	Check Amount
509367	Abila	12/16/2024	985.92
509368	Administrative Consulting Specialist, LLC	12/16/2024	3,750.00
509369	Air Comfort	12/16/2024	2,171.65
509370	Airgas USA LLC	12/16/2024	904.40
509371	Air One Equipment, Inc.	12/16/2024	614.00
509372	Anthony T. Bertucca	12/16/2024	900.00
509373	Atlas Bobcat, LLC	12/16/2024	773.33
509374	Bryan Davids Landscaping Maintenanc...	12/16/2024	15,040.00
509375	Bell Fuels, Inc.	12/16/2024	4,171.82
509376	Berwyn ACE Hardware	12/16/2024	258.69
509378	The Blue Line	12/16/2024	348.00
509379	Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	12/16/2024	455.81
509380	Citizens Bank	12/16/2024	3,746.73
509382	Costco - Citicard	12/16/2024	4,938.92
509383	Cummins Sales and Service	12/16/2024	1,585.18
509384	Forest View Dunkin Donuts	12/16/2024	215.28
509385	Eckert Enterprises, Inc.	12/16/2024	1,035.00
509386	Executive Gift Selection	12/16/2024	1,486.00
509388	International Institute of Municipal Cle...	12/16/2024	90.00
509389	Illinois alarm services, Inc.	12/16/2024	2,100.00
509390	Infinity Signs	12/16/2024	2,366.72
509391	Java Breeze	12/16/2024	160.00
509392	Konica Minolta Business Solutions U.S....	12/16/2024	713.63
509393	Lenny's Gas N Wash Cicero and Pershi...	12/16/2024	646.20
509394	Lyons Pinner Electric Co.	12/16/2024	3,986.00
509395	Major Appliance Service, Inc.	12/16/2024	551.50
509397	Metro Garage, Inc.	12/16/2024	80.00
509399	Minuteman Press of Lyons	12/16/2024	84.09
509400	Mitch Milenkovic	12/16/2024	58.38
509401	Municipal Emergency Services	12/16/2024	197.53
509402	Quadient Finance USA, Inc.	12/16/2024	500.00
509404	NTIVA ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT	12/16/2024	16,717.58
509405	Occupational Health Centers of Illinois,...	12/16/2024	654.00
509406	O'Reilly First Call	12/16/2024	450.48
509407	RAY O'HERRON CO. INC.	12/16/2024	0.00
509408	Shark Shredding, Inc.	12/16/2024	179.20
509409	Stickney Golden Agers	12/16/2024	1,500.00
509410	TERMINIX ANDERSON	12/16/2024	57.40
509411	The Eagle Uniform Co.	12/16/2024	68.00
509412	WASTE MANAGEMENT	12/16/2024	32,286.98
509413	Yuritz RC Landscaping Inc	12/16/2024	5,040.00
509414	Air One Equipment, Inc.	12/23/2024	1,515.00
509415	Artistic Engraving	12/23/2024	535.00
509416	B and B Maintenance, Inc	12/23/2024	2,180.00
509417	Bryan Davids Landscaping Maintenanc...	12/23/2024	715.00
509418	Brookfield Auto Center	12/23/2024	2,166.76
509419	Cummins Sales and Service	12/23/2024	631.39
509420	DAVID DEMATO	12/23/2024	141.00
509421	Deece Automotive	12/23/2024	3,835.00
509422	Illinois State Police	12/23/2024	38.25
509423	Municipal Web Services	12/23/2024	270.00
509424	Occupational Health Centers of Illinois,...	12/23/2024	1,846.00
509425	Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	12/23/2024	450.78
509427	Russo's Power Equipment, Inc.	12/23/2024	2,829.57
509428	Southwest Community Publishing	12/23/2024	86.70

**VOS\_41665\_Village of Stickney**  
 Check/Voucher Register - Check Register  
 01 - General Fund  
 From 12/12/2024 Through 1/3/2025

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
509429	STAPLES BUSINESS CREDIT	12/23/2024	833.73
509430	TERMINIX ANDERSON	12/23/2024	228.90
509431	The Eagle Uniform Co.	12/23/2024	66.00
509432	THOMSON REUTERS-WEST	12/23/2024	376.99
509433	VERIZON	12/23/2024	2,683.13
509434	Waterworks Pizzeria	12/23/2024	280.00
509435	Bell Fuels, Inc.	12/31/2024	2,054.66
509436	Canon Financial Services, Inc.	12/31/2024	3,169.20
509437	CDW Government	12/31/2024	940.80
509438	Corneliu Covaliu	12/31/2024	396.00
509439	Government Leasing and Finance, Inc.	12/31/2024	91,085.71
509440	Lauterbach & Amen, LLP	12/31/2024	1,000.00
509441	Menards - Hodgkins	12/31/2024	510.47
509442	NOVI'S ITALIAN BEEF	12/31/2024	1,425.45
509443	Petty Cash	12/31/2024	227.71
509444	RAY O'HERRON CO. INC.	12/31/2024	540.99
509445	Securitas Technology Corporation	12/31/2024	750.00
509446	Shark Shredding, Inc.	12/31/2024	515.20
509447	The Sign Edge	12/31/2024	300.00
509448	Southwest Community Publishing	12/31/2024	239.40
	Total 01 - General Fund		236,733.21



**VOS\_41665\_Village of Stickney**  
 Check/Voucher Register - Check Register  
 02 - Water Fund  
 From 12/12/2024 Through 1/3/2025

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
509375	Bell Fuels, Inc.	12/16/2024	2,085.91
509377	BERTHA OCEGUEDA	12/16/2024	161.71
509381	Clear View	12/16/2024	5,721.40
509382	Costco - Citicard	12/16/2024	357.42
509387	Ferguson Waterworks	12/16/2024	99.49
509396	Menards - Hodgkins	12/16/2024	15.92
509398	Metropolitan Industries, Inc	12/16/2024	1,206.24
509403	NICOR GAS	12/16/2024	335.00
509426	Riccio Construction Corporation	12/23/2024	79,753.10
509435	Bell Fuels, Inc.	12/31/2024	1,027.34
509440	Lauterbach & Amen, LLP	12/31/2024	1,000.00
	Total 02 - Water Fund		91,763.53

**VOS\_41665\_Village of Stickney**  
Check/Voucher Register - Check Register  
03 - Motor Fuel Tax Fund  
From 12/12/2024 Through 1/3/2025

<u>Check Number</u>	<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
509382	Costco - Citicard	12/16/2024	<u>127.39</u>
	Total 03 - Motor Fuel Tax Fund		<u>127.39</u>
Report Total			<u><u>328,624.13</u></u>

**RESOLUTION NO. 01-2025**

**A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER AND APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH REYES KURSON FOR THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY**

**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**, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs, and to review, interpret and amend its ordinances, rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village President (the "President") and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Board," and together with the President, the "Corporate Authorities") are committed to promoting the health, welfare, and safety of Village residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities recognize the need for an additional hearing officer for Village proceedings including liquor license hearings and ordinance violation hearings (the "Services"); and

**WHEREAS**, Attorney Victor Reyes is hereby appointed as a hearing officer for the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, Reyes Kurson provided an agreement (the "Agreement"), attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, whereby Attorney Reyes will provide the Services to the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities find that it is necessary for conducting Village business and the effective administration of government that the Village approve, enter into, and execute an agreement with terms substantially the same as the terms of the Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the President is authorized to enter into and the Village Attorney (the "Attorney") is authorized to revise agreements for the Village making such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by the President and the Attorney;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

**SECTION 1: RECITALS.** The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Resolution.

**SECTION 2: PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Resolution is to appoint Attorney Reyes as a hearing officer for the Village and to authorize the President or his designee to execute the Agreement whereby Attorney Reyes will provide the Services in accordance with the Agreement, and to further authorize the President or his designee to take all steps necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution and to ratify any steps taken to effectuate those goals.

**SECTION 3: AUTHORIZATION.** The Board hereby consents to the appointment, and authorizes and directs the President or his designee to authorize, enter into and approve the

Agreement in accordance with its terms, or any modifications thereof, and ratifies any and all previous actions taken to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. The Board further authorizes and directs the President or his designee to execute the Agreement with such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by the President and the Attorney. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to and countersign the Agreement and any other documentation as may be necessary to carry out and effectuate the purpose of this Resolution. The Village Clerk is also authorized and directed to affix the Seal of the Village to such documentation as is deemed necessary. The officers, agents and/or employees of the Village shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the Village to carry out, give effect to and consummate the purpose of this Resolution and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith. To the extent that any requirement of bidding would be applicable to the purchase of the Equipment and Services, the same is hereby waived.

**SECTION 4. HEADINGS.** The headings of the articles, sections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of this Resolution are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Resolution, nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provision of this Resolution.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.** The provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision of this Resolution be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable and as though not provided for herein and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. SUPERSEDER.** All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

**SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.** A full, true and complete copy of this Resolution shall be published in pamphlet form or in a newspaper published and of general circulation within the Village as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Resolution shall be effective and in full force immediately upon passage and approval as provided by law.

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**PASSED** this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTENTION:**

**APPROVED** by me this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**Jeff Walik, President**

**ATTESTED AND FILED** in my  
office this \_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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**Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk**

**EXHIBIT A**



REYES KURSON

Via Email: jwalik@villageofstickney.com

December 13, 2024

Honorable Mayor Jeff Walik  
Village of Stickney  
6533 Pershing Rd  
Stickney, IL 60402


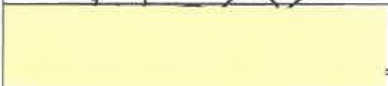
**Re: Village Hearing Officer (Stickney)**

Mr. Mayor:

Following up on the request received from Stickney Village Attorney Michael DelGaldo, I am pleased to submit this letter confirming arrangements for me to serve as a Hearing Officer for Stickney. Our understanding regarding the arrangement is as follows:

1. As from time to time assigned or requested by the Mayor, the village attorney, or another authorized Stickney representative, attorney Victor Reyes will serve as a Hearing Officer for village administrative hearings, relative to alleged liquor license violations, alleged business license violations, and alleged violations of other village Ordinances or rules. Such hearings shall take place at the time and place identified by Stickney.
2. For such services, the Village shall compensate the law firm of Reyes Kurson, at a rate of \$210 per hour, which sum shall cover all costs, including copying fees, messengers, room use, and travel costs.
3. Upon receipt of an invoice, the Village shall provide such compensation through check or other means established by the parties, as otherwise provided by the Illinois Local Governmental Prompt Payment Act.
4. Such services shall be provided as a professional independent contractor.

Please sign and return this letter as confirmation of our agreement, and if you (or anyone else from Stickney) would like to discuss the matter, please contact me directly. Thank you very much for giving us an opportunity to serve Stickney.

For Reyes Kurson: 	For Village of Stickney
	
Victor Reyes	Name:
December 13, 2024	Date:

copy: Stickney Village Attorney Michael DelGaldo  
Reyes Kurson Managing Attorney Amy Kurson