

**December 3, 2019**

**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 3, 2019, at 7:04 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:**

**Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Torres and White**

**Absent: Trustee Savopoulos excused absent and is on vacation**

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Tuesday, November 19, 2019.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Torres and White**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Trustee Savopoulos**

**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: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Torres and White**

**Nays: None**

**Absent: Trustee Savopoulos**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Approve Resolution 25-2019, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving Payment to Lindahl Brothers, Inc. for Certain Labor and Materials Relate to the 2019 MFT Street Resurfacing Project for the Village of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Trustee White explained that the dollar amount is \$124,488.13 for the resurfacing of 40<sup>th</sup> Street. There is a holdback of \$6552.01. This will be held in reserve for one year in case there are any problems.

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**CLERK'S REPORT:** Pertinent information was provided pertaining to the Census.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Hrejsa** reminded people of the Senior Christmas party at the Clinic on December 7, at 11:00 to 1:00. The Children's Christmas Party is on the same day at 2:00 to 4:00. The Trustee explained that she has been volunteering today at the Shriners Hospital helping her husband entertaining 400 children.

**Trustee Torres** informed us that she and Trustee Milenkovic are working on trying to get a dedicated zip code for Stickney. Right now, we share our zip code with Berwyn. The Trustee then presented a birthday cake to the clerk in honor of her birthday.

**Trustee Milenkovic** we learned that the collection for the Troops is wrapping up. He appreciated all the donations. We were reminded that it was the Mayor who started this program 11 years ago when he was a Trustee. The American Legion Auxiliary donated \$757 in products to the cause.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Reminded people to sign up for the Christmas parties. He mentioned Trustee Torres and her husband Frank for their involvement in the collection and distribution of the collection for the Troops. Everyone pitches in. He thanked the American Legion. He then thanked the police department and public works for working together for our leaf program. There may be one more week on the schedule. There were a lot of cars removed and relocated in order to clean the streets. He had a meeting with

Hawthorne Race Course concerning the Casino project. They are applying with us for their permits, building permits and the Water Reclamation District permits. We had builders there, engineers, and a Gaming Specialists from Vegas has been hired. It is exciting. We will provide additional information as we learn about it.

Ed Bartunek provided important information concerning the planting of 40 new trees. Morton Arboretum came out to inspect them. There is some remediation that we are required to do to be compliant. Only one tree is damaged beyond repair.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Public Works Director:** We are continuing with the leaf program unless there is snow. They are working at clearing leaves away from the sewers. They will start around the schools.

The Mayor read a letter of resignation from Arthur (Butch) Gross from the Zoning Board.

**Police Chief Babich** the police department completed a Stranger Danger program at Edison School on the request of Dr. Bernard. There was an incident that took place in Lyons where there was a suspicious vehicle. Lyons never notified us. The goal was to be proactive. Very often the kids do not know what to do. We played out scenarios

where we tried to lure them with candy or trick them that we had lost a dog, and could you help me. They did very well. It is sad that we must teach the kids to be aware. We told them not to go home with anybody. They should have a pass word.

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The Chief worked with Arturo Terrazas and Officer Maria Guzman. We have a strong police presence at the schools.

**Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:** Reminded people to place a space heater at least 3 feet away from fabric. A warning was given about candles. Don't walk away from a burning candle. At the firehouse we promoted four Lieutenants and two Captains. He thanked the Board for allowing him to do that. He really needs the help and to bring everything back up to snuff and continue to move forward. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained that protocol and procedure requires that the appointments are not effective until the Board votes. You must issue correspondence, then the Mayor will consent to the appointments and then send it to the Board and at the next meeting they will vote. And, they should be here to be sworn in.

**Police Chief Babich reminded people that the police had a Jewel Store detail during Thanksgiving. We had a presence there. It avoided thefts. We had no incidences.**

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

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk**

**Approved by me this 17th day of December, 2019**

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**Jeff Walik, Mayor**