

November 18, 2009

State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 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 Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk.

Trustee Schimel moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk , to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk
Nays: None
Absent: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Schimel moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares, to approve the minutes of the special session meeting held on October 29, 2009.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk
Nays: None
Absent: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky 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: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk
Nays: None
Absent: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Schimel, to accept the report of the Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, and indicating Motor Fuel Tax collected for the month of October, 2009 indicating the sum of \$10,358.49.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: None

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for the month of August, 2009 indicating the sum of \$37,384.33.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: None

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Zeedyk moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik to approve the appointment of Auxiliary Police Officer Jonathan Matthews.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: None

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

We learned that Mr. Matthews lives in a community just south of us and that he had previously worked for the Village.

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Zeedyk to approve the appointment of Attorney Michael Cainkar as special attorney to prosecute charges before the Police & Fire Commissioners.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: None

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Trustee Schimel questioned the need for another attorney to be involved with the Fire & Police Commissioners. President O'Reilly explained that Attorney Stanley Kusper cannot represent the commissioners and do the prosecution as well. Attorney Cainkar will only be hired for the duration of this particular situation.

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Schimel to pass and approve Resolution 07-2009, "A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for the Purchase of Certain Personal Property."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: None

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli to pass and approve Ordinance 2009-28, "An Ordinance for the Revision of Violation Fines for possession of Cannabis."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: None

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Prior to his vote, Trustee Lazansky questioned where the revenue from the fines goes. We learned that the fines go into the General Fund under police revenue.

President O'Reilly asked the Board of Trustees for their consent to take a single Roll Call Vote on items 13 to 15 under the designation "Omnibus Vote".

Item 13. Pass and approve a proclamation to have Stickney proclaim December 2009 as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month.

Item 14, Pass and approval a request from the American Legion, Stickney Post 687, to conduct their annual Christmas Drive for local needy families.

Item 15, A request from Saint Pius X Catholic Church to have a parade on December 11, honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to pass and approve Item 13, Item 14, and item 15.

OMINIBUS VOTE

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Lazansky, Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik and Zeedyk

Nays: None

Absent: None

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Trustee Mares was called upon to relay an incident that occurred on the afternoon of October 23, 2009 when a 911 call came in. He described an attempted burglary that was taking place on Harlem Avenue. Trustee Mares observed our Telecommunications Officer Brent Tureson handle the call in an extremely professional manner. The resident who called in the 911 was watching two men break in to an apartment and carry belongings out and place them in a Taxi Cab. The caller described the whereabouts of the taxi after it departed. The dispatched police officers were greatly helped by the caller's information given to Officer Brent Tureson. They knew what the

offenders were wearing and what they looked like. The continued communications informed the officers that the taxi was stopped in traffic where they were apprehended. The responding officers were: Corporal Cruz, Sergeant Richard Jaczek, Deputy Chief Frank Figueroa, Police Chief Joseph Kretch, and a Forest View Police Officer Eric Kulaga. Trustee Mares intends to ask that these officers, including Brent Tureson, receive recognition for their quick, safe and professional response to this activity. Otherwise, the criminals could have gotten away.

Trustee Mares recommended that the citizen be recognized with an "Upstanding Citizen's Award" for his part in this incident. Trustee Mares enforced the fact that the quick involvement of this citizen is an example of "doing the right thing". With that said, President O'Reilly introduced Theodore G. Slusser and presented a certificate to him for his outstanding assistance in the apprehension of two burglary suspects on October 23, 2009.

CLERKS REPORT: The local census office is now open in Lockport. Other pertinent census job information was given. Additional information was given on Census Question and Answer Sites was given.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mares reported on the upcoming Village Resident's Christmas Party on December 11, at Edison School. Registration information was given. Additional information was given on the Christmas Tree Decoration Party and the House Decoration contest. Information was also provided about the Christmas event to be held at Mount Auburn Cemetery on December 5th at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Schimel informed us of the status of homes that have been restored to single-family status. They are located at 4207 Gunderson, 3913 Home, 3924 Grove, and another was inspected that was done that day and will go back to court on December 11. There are few additional home added to the list. They are located at 6944 40th Street to be sold for demolition only. Another is at 4103 Wisconsin, 4029 Euclid is also slated for demolition. Foreclosures are still coming in.

Trustee Walik reminded the people of donations for our troops. The Village Hall, Police Station and Public Works are drop off locations. Donations are due by November 19. The donations are being taken to a location in Lisle.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Larry Meyer told us that each year in the past the fire department applies for free smoke detector batteries that they drop off at the senior center. This year the economy caused them to receive only 24 batteries instead of the 120. The fire-fighter-association donated the remainder of the batteries needed. Chief Meyer will drop off the batteries at each senior club. The chief reminded people of the hazards involved with turkey fryers.

Deputy Police Chief Frank Figueroa reported that there will be 69 applicants taking the police patrolman eligibility exam at Edison School on Saturday November 21. The 911 center will be up and running in three weeks.

Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez suggested that people watch out for their neighbors during snow plowing season by alerting them to plowing in case they forgot. Supervisor Lopez recently went to a road salt class. He then gave us a review of the salt purchases dating back two years and current figures. We learned that the village regularly obtains 800 tons per year.

Treasurer, Kurt Kasnicka informed us that the Village offices will be closed on Thanksgiving, November 26 and the day after November 27. Public Works will be working on November 27.

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS:

Ron Carlson of 4433 S. Grove Avenue asked pointed questions pertaining to the legal budget and the legal expenses. In addition he questioned the proposed 10.13% tax hike. It was noted by the President that the tax hike was due to the bond issue that was taken out last year. What they did was to balance it over the two years in a way as to not to make the first year higher during an election year. The \$215,000 that is now being added to our tax levy from this bond increase. We need to get by this \$215,000 before it will level out at a manageable amount. This figure amounts to 7.65% of the tax increase. The rest is for the police pension fund. This increase will be seen on our tax bills one year from now. The rest of the increase is due to the Police Pension Fund which is 2.48% and represents a 69,882 increase. The legal budget is \$210,000 and it is a normal amount in comparison to previous years and adjoining communities.

Penny Gibas of 4425 Wisconsin, remarked on the annual report and the \$6,335,120 bond proceeds and the Resident's Christmas Party.

Bea Callahan, 4126 Grove, questioned Trustee Lazansky about the Midway Noise monitor.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams
Village Clerk

Approved by me this 18th day of November, 2009

Daniel A. O'Reilly, President