

August 20, 2013

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 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 De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White**

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Lazansky 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 Trustees voted:
Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried**

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of May, 2013 indicating the sum of \$35,990.49.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee De Leshe to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation motor fuel tax for the month of July, 2013 indicating the sum of \$13,892.24.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

Trustee De Leshe moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to pass and approve Ordinance 2013-12, "An Ordinance amending motor vehicles and traffic in Stickney by revising Article II, Division 5, Right-to-way, by amending section 14-120, "Stop Streets"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Trustee Lazansky reviewed the locations of the stop signs at Maple and 44th east and west bound, Maple and 43rd northbound, Maple and 42nd east and west bound, Maple and 41st northbound. The reason is a lot of traffic off of Harlem is using Maple to avoid the traffic.

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to pass Resolution 10-2013, "A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement between the Village of Stickney and Five Alarm Fireworks at our Centennial Fest."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Walik and White

Nays: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky and Savopoulos

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Morelli asked if all the proper paper work is in along with the insurance. Trustee De Leshe replied that all the paper work has been submitted to our counsel. Once we pick the amount, the insurance will be drawn up. We will have it by tomorrow. The Village of Stickney will be added as a certificate holder. The maximum level of fireworks would be picked.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik to approve Resolution 11-2013, "A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Village of Stickney and Bands entertaining at the Centennial Fest."

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve Resolution 12-2013, "A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement Between the Village of Stickney and A Zoo to You, Inc. at the Centennial Fest"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Walik and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Attorney Donald Kreger stated that they are providing insurance that is acceptable.

Mayor Morelli explained that the next item on the agenda is up for just discussion on a possible forensic audit covering the prior years of the administration. She remarked that it is not because there is anything in particular that warrants anything at this point because we have not gotten into our current audit that we do every year for the village. Once that is over with, if we find any red flags, problems with anything, we would look into having a forensic audit. This is just a discussion about this further audit and invited people to comment on this. Attorney Donald Kreger explained that we would have the discussion and decide what you are going to put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Trustee White asked Trustee Lazansky if he has researched any auditors. Trustee Lazansky said, "Yes he did" but, he sat down with our audit firm along with Trustee Savopoulos. Said, "Something on eBay that a forensic audit could be anywhere between \$25,000 and up depending on how much they want to dig." Trustee White asked again about the firms. Trustee Lazansky said, "There was a whole list of them but didn't go any further." "It seems that every firm that does have an audit company has a department that has it." "Do I have any names?" "Absolutely not." "I looked at different audit firms that were on the internet." "When I sat down with the audit firm that is starting September 3, and Trustee Savopoulos they will be doing a heavy audit and check everything." Trustee White stated that this is the annual audit that is done every year. Trustee Lazansky said, "When the audit gets done, like President Morelli said, then you want to look into something we can." Trustee Walik asked, "When you talked to this audit firm, how many discrepancies were found in other towns." "How many other towns do they audit, did they give you that?" Trustee Lazansky said, "In the many they dig into they have found nothing." Trustee Walik asked, "How many other towns do they audit?" Trustee Lazansky responded, "Yes, in the many they do they have found nothing." "They have to really dig deep on it." "If you have some kind of evidence of something then they can pin point where it is at." "That is the key thing." "You have got to have some evidence to go to them to show what they are looking for." "Otherwise it is a general audit." Trustee Savopoulos said, "A lot of time they don't catch something." Mayor Morelli said the audit will start in September. Trustee Walik asked how long the regular audit will take. Trustee Lazansky remembered that it would be completed October 31. A booklet will be given to each one of us. Attorney Kreger recommended that if you want to look into what firms do this, we could send out a Request for Qualifications to audit firms. He didn't think we should go to any of the big four firms. He continued, "The first set of motions when you get to it should show how you procedurally find someone to do it. Trustee Walik then confirmed that this should be revisited the first meeting in November. Trustee Lazansky said, "Once you receive the audit completed then it could be revisited and checked out should you feel that something is not correct." Trustee Walik said, "They are not going to find anything, you just said they didn't find anything in their other accounts." "We will have to revisit it at the first meeting of November." Attorney Kreger said, "There are two ways to do this." "Put it on the agenda for the first meeting of November." "Or, you could table it." Trustee Walik said, "No, we are not going to table it." Trustee De Leshe asked, "Wouldn't the audit have to come to us to approve at a meeting?" "Yes", Trustee Walik said. It was decided that it would be put on the agenda for the first meeting in November once we have the findings of our current audit.

MAYORS REPORT: A plaque from the Village of Forest View was displayed that Trustee De Leshe brought back from a recent awards ceremony. The plaque was thanking all of the volunteers from Stickney for the help they provided during the April flood. The Mayor also commented on a picture provided to her from Joe Lopez of public works. The picture shows a large hole near the top of one of our blue garbage bins. It was caused by rats chewing through it. This is a situation happening throughout the village. It is believed that it is caused by people not putting their garbage in the garbage bin without first putting it in plastic bags.

CLERKS REPORT: the clerk read a letter sent to the Stickney Fire Chief, Larry Meyer. The letter is from Forest View President, Richard Grenvich and his Board of Trustees, thanking our firefighters for all their assistance efforts after the severe flood in their community in April.

The Clerk explained a new feature she will be highlighting during each board meeting during this centennial year. She will be reading passages from the minutes written over the last 100 years.

Seventh Installment of the Centennial Minutes

On April 20, 1948 an application was submitted to allow a dining room and grill at 6925 and 6927 W. Pershing Road under the name of Stewart J. Taylor. The application was referred to committee.

On June 15, 1948 an ordinance was passed amending the liquor ordinance. The hours for the sale upon any premises or place of business for any day between the hours of 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. (except Sundays) and no liquors shall be sold between the hours of 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. on Sundays of each week.

An Ordinance was passed on October 18, 1949 allowing the installation and maintenance of benches along the public ways of the village, to be used for the public convenience and for advertising purposes, and providing for the licensing thereof. Each permit shall expire on April 30th of each year; a fee of \$2.00 for each bench shall be paid for each annual renewal. No bench shall be more than 42 inches high nor more than two feet, six inches wide, nor more than 7 feet long. No advertisement or sign on any bench shall display the words "Stop", "Look", "Drive-In", "Danger" or any word phrase, symbol or character calculated to interfere with, mislead, or distract traffic.

The Villages waterworks system was regulated on December 19, 1950 in an ordinance specifying a Superintendent of the Water Department, mandating an application process that requires in writing the purpose for which the water is to be used; the water meter would be installed at the expense of the applicant, a deposit of the sum of \$5. is required at the time of the application as a security deposit. There shall be a minimum semi-annual charge of \$7.00 for the first 3000 cubic feet.

On October 21, 1952 a resolution representing a new Water Supply Contract was agreed upon between the Village of Stickney and the City of Chicago. It dictates that the Village not draw water from the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. of any day during the period of May 15 to October 1 of each year. With the consent of knowledge

of the City of Chicago, the Village of Stickney can furnish water to the Village of Forest View, and sell water to the Commonwealth Edison Company.

It was agreed upon on November 17, 1953 to issue \$395,000 in Water Revenue Bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing improvements to the waterworks system.

On February 2, 1954 an ordinance was passed mandating water fluoridation.

On May 4, 1954 the bills were approved for the payment of \$137.50 for police duty of James Dolezal, Raymond Dus and Frank Manak.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee De Leshe reported that the Centennial carnival has arrived in town and is setting up on Ridgeland getting ready for their state inspection to make sure that everything is safe. There are a total of seven food vendors. They have met their requirements. There is one more certificate of insurance expected tomorrow. All the bands are in order. He thanked the Mayor and the board for helping out. At the next meeting he will be giving a closing report. Later in the meeting Trustee De Leshe answered a resident's question about the web site. He said that there is a new web designer we are looking at. Just to get the upgrades in the system now, we are locked out without passwords. There have been delays. They can't even update sites on the sites. They have to delete them. Trustee De Leshe explained that it is only portions of the web site that they can't get into. It is affecting the recreation portion of the web site for one. The new IT guy from the village is trying to backdoor programs trying to gain access to that so we could get our web site to where it once was. Until we get all that information, until we can get into it. We are not starting over because there is a lot of time and money invested in that. So, within the next month the minutes are close to getting back into the system to start getting stuff on a regular basis. Trustee De Leshe said that we are limiting updates to the web site by only a few people. The facts have to be approved by the mayor or our clerk so that the information out there is factual or accurate. Not just anyone can put things on the web site. That is why we are looking at a firm to handle that so that is done correctly. He is hoping that by next month it will be done correctly. Another topic Trustee De Leshe addressed later in the meeting concerned garbage and blight. He is planning to meet with the blight officer, ordinance officer and building department representative to go over and look at the entire scope to make sure they are not overlapping. They will make sure that the things we need to address are being addressed.

Trustee Lazansky hoped to see everyone out there at the Centennial Carnival because Trustees De Leshe and Gomez and the department heads have been doing a lot of work. Now it is up to the people to get out there and to let people know. It will be a good time. If anyone can volunteer or if you know of anybody, give Trustee Gomez your name.

Trustee Walik didn't have a report but asked a question. He said that a couple of people in town, residents, Trustee White and I noticed that we have a new park monitor. The Mayor said, "Cindy Chervinko?" Trustee Walik said, "I guess." The

Mayor said that she has been around for a very long time you would have to know who she is. Trustee Walik continued by saying that people are asking him how she got the job and what was the application process. Trustee Walik didn't know how to answer and I feel bad for these people. They ask me if there are any part-time jobs in these hard times and somehow she got this job. Is there an explanation on how she just walked in to this \$14 per-hour job? Trustee Lazansky responded that we are down on our auxiliary and she asked me and she's done it before and she is experienced with it and I asked if it would be ok and I got permission that is how Cindy Cervinko got the job. She didn't need no training; she knew what to do and how to do it. Trustee Walik asked about the injury to her left wrist. She should be in our parks with the hills and the bad terrain, with the sidewalks and the bad grass. If she falls on her bad wrist, we are looking at a lawsuit and another workman's comp case. Trustee Lazansky said she has the wrist band on and the doctor declared her eligible to work. Trustee Walik asked if he saw that note in writing. Trustee Lazansky claimed that she got it. Trustee Walik went on to say unless you see that in writing she should be suspended from park detail. Trustee Lazansky promised to see it in writing. Trustee Walik went on to ask if she has gone through a background check. Trustee White added, "That is the most important." Police Chief John Sladetz said, "I don't think she did." Trustee White remarked that we can't hire anyone in the village working with kids that hasn't gone through a background check. Trustee Walik announced that she should be suspended immediately.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief John Stadetz updated us on Officer Mark Kozelka's duty with the DEA. He finished his desk duty and has now hit the streets doing white collar drug enforcement. This includes illegal prescriptions, bad doctors, bad clinics and bad pharmacists. He has his own vehicle. We will potentially receive drug asset money from seizures.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer reminded us of his previous discussion with us over a power surge in our village. He discovered there were many people who were affected by it and suffered damage to their TVs, computers and power strips. He warned us that the power strips should be dusted off because they are usually located in hidden locations. The dust, which is made of fibers of carbon and things like that, could cause a short in the power strip. If you have power strips that are inaccessible, he recommended that you get child protective plastic caps and insert them in the open receptacles to prevent dust from shorting it out and causing a fire.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez 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 3rd day of Septembe , 2013

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor