

December 18, 2018

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 18, 2018, at 7:07 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Trustees Hrejsa, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, December 4, 2018.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to pay 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, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Treasurer Paul Nosek read the warrant.

Corporate Fund: \$63,971.10

Motor Fuel Tax Fund: \$0

Badge Fund: \$0

Water Fund: \$3,158.97

Police Pension Fund: \$0

911 Account: \$0

1505 Account: \$0

Family Day: \$0

Police Revenue Sharing: \$0

Capital Projects Fund: \$15,706.87

Bond & Interest Fund: \$0

Subtotal: \$82,836.94

General Fund Payroll: \$209,861.90

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Water Fund Payroll: \$15,688.23

Subtotal: \$225,550.13

Total to be approved by Village Trustees: \$308,387.07

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Approve the Engineer's Payment Estimate No. 1 of \$24,519.60 Pursuant to the Contract for Services with H & H Electric Company

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, the Mayor explained that this is the bill for the LED lighting in the Village. Public Works Director Lopez enlightened us that all the installations are completed.

Trustee (as corrected) Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2018-46, "The 2018 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Fiscal Year, beginning May 1, 2018 and ending April 30, 2019"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Trustee Savopoulos addressed the audience. He felt that the tax levy should be amended to reflect a zero percent increase. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained, "That would require an amendment to this ordinance to change the amount that is listed. That amount is \$3,495,846.00. We need an oral amendment to Sections 5,6,7 & 9 of the Tax Levy Ordinance to insert the number \$3,399,030.00 and that would reflect a zero percent increase in the real estate tax levy. This means that the Board will vote to set the taxes at the same amount as they were last year."

In addition, Trustee Jeff White said, "When you do see your tax bills, you will see increases for the county and the state, but you will not see anything from the Village. Just so you know, whatever your increases are, they didn't come from the Village."

Mayor Walik thanked the trustees for taking care of that.

Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo clarified, "A vote of yes would change sections 5, 6, 7 & 9 and insert last year's levy amount. This means you are not going to increase taxes. If you don't approve of that, you would vote no."

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Approve Resolution 28-2018, "A Resolution Authorizing and Approving a Certain Water Agreement with the City of Chicago for the Village of Stickney"

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Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent: Trustee Kapolnek

Nays: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo informed us, "There was a last minute change that the City finally agreed to. Just to be clear, you are voting on an agreement that has a new page 6. Previously the agreement specified that if the Village objected to the amount of the City of Chicago's water bill, we had to pay the bill anyway and argue with the finance department after the fact. We went back and forth with the City for about four months. They finally agreed that if there was an objection to the water bill amount, we would raise it to City and if they agree, we would pay the reduced corrected amount as opposed to having to chase our money."

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor announced that one of our fire fighters retired. The Mayor asked our video man, Ed Bartunek, to send a copy of this board meeting to Deputy Chief Dan Kuffell who retired from Stickney and took a job in San Antonio, Texas. He worked in Stickney for 34 years. He was a great training officer. His family was already in San Antonio and is waiting for him. Various good wishes were recorded for his memory video. He will be missed.

The Mayor gave holiday greetings to all.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk extended holiday greetings. She also reported that the deadline for filing of the petitions for the 2019 Consolidated Election was December 17. The current incumbents were the only people to turn in petitions for the April 2, 2019 election.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: All the Trustees present gave holiday wishes to all.

Trustee White gave the holiday closing dates for the Village.

Trustee Savopoulos thanked the Village Board and staff for working so hard.

Trustee Milenkovic wished retiring Deputy Chief Dan Kuffell much success and thanked him for his service. Tree trimming is done for the year. Street sweeping is continuing dependent on the weather.

Trustee Torres thanked Ed Bartunek for helping Frank Torres to deliver the donations to the troops. There were 474 pounds collected. She thanked all the volunteers from Parks and Recs, for helping with the Christmas parties for the seniors and the children. The volunteers work well together and give 100%.

Trustee Hrejsa gave holiday greetings.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Chief Dan Babich: Gave the traffic detail statistics: Traffic stops 55; Y (state) tickets 24; Local ordinance 26; Verbal warnings 11; Administrative code 1;

There was a theft at Jewel this evening. They were caught. He felt that the men and women in the department have been doing a fabulous job.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: He asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of the two Chicago officers who died. He wished everyone a very happy and fire-safe holiday.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez tree trimming is done. Alley sweeping will continue tomorrow. He gave holiday greetings to all. He wished Deputy Chief Dan Kuffell the best. He and Dan have been together a long time. Dan's daughter goes to Texas A&M College. The Mayor commented that we had 26 dogs take pictures with Santa at Public Works.

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 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk, Audrey McAdams

Approved by me this 2nd day of January, 2019

Jeff Walik, Mayor