

**October 17, 2023**

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

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at 7:11 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 Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, October 3, 2023.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:  
Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres and Hrejsa  
Present: Trustees Savopoulos and Kapolnek  
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  
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to grant the request to hire one (1) Probationary Police Officer.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:  
Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa  
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2023-19, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 14, Section 14-161.2 of the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney, Illinois Regarding Overnight Parking."**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:  
Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa  
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Prior to the vote, Police Chief James Sasseti explained that this ordinance reflects that the yellow-hanging placards on the rear-view mirror will no longer be acceptable. We have gone over completely to an on-line system for visitors' parking. The date it will become effective will be November 1. Anyone with yellow or green hanging placards will be issued tickets for being in violation of the ordinance. We have done a public information campaign for the purpose of getting everyone informed. He recently checked it, and we had 40 submittals so far over the weekend**

for visitors parking on the portal. It is in the newsletter along with the QR Code to scan to get to the input page.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to grant permission to the Stickney-Forest View Library to close the alley between Oak Park Avenue and Grove from 42<sup>nd</sup> Street to 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to vehicle traffic. They are also requesting the assistance of public safety for crowd control. They are hosting a haunted house in their west parking lot on Friday, October 27, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The Mayor informed the audience that the newsletter will be coming out soon.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The clerk reminded everyone that this is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Statistical information was provided.

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Hrejsa:** He reminded everyone to come out for the Haunted Hayride on October 21, 2023, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Ridgeland.

**Trustee Kapolnek:** The hydrant flushing will start on October 23 to November 3. Check your water after they do it because it may be cloudy. It will start on the east side.

**Trustee Torres:** We will also be having the Pumpkin Patch on October 21, for Stickney kids. They will be able to pick out a pumpkin. There will be snacks available.

**Trustee Milenkovic:** He wanted to remind people about the Haunted House at the library on Friday, October 27, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He already received a note from one of our residents concerning Operation Support Our Troops. We will be starting this shortly. A list of products that are needed was given. The tree planting for the Tree Lottery will be taking place in the next two to three weeks.

**Trustee Savopoulos:** He announced that he is happy to be back and see everyone again.

**Trustee White:** The leaf program will start the first Monday and Tuesday of November. It will continue weather permitting. Lawn waste will end at the end of November. They will start working on removing the top layer of the streets starting tomorrow. It will start on 40<sup>th</sup> then proceed to 41<sup>st</sup>. They will not interfere with the kids coming or going to school.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:** October is Fire Prevention month. This year's theme is Cooking Safety Starts With You. It highlights safe cooking skills at home. Crews will be out at schools teaching cooking safety. Next week we will be out to both schools with the fire escape smoke trailer. They will learn how to crawl out of a smoke-filled house. We will teach them how to have an escape route out of their homes. Pre-

schools will start later this month. Also, we were told that North Riverside Fire Department was training here with Stickney.

Police Chief James Sasseti: We were reminded that two weeks from tonight it is Halloween. He asked that people drive safely down the streets. The hours of Trick or Treating are from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. Extra personnel will be out.

Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez: Tree trimming will take place after the first frost because some trees are delicate.

Village Engineer Tim Geary from Novotny & Associates: He explained that the State has passed the Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act that took effect on January 1, 2022. There are a number of things to do that are required by the IEPA. Starting in 2027 Stickney and every municipality in the U.S. is required to remove lead service lines. We have approximately 1,900 services. We have to remove 6% per year. That would be 115 lead service lines. The estimated budget is \$1.7 million per year. We have been meeting with the county concerning their Build-Up program. They will be providing some assistance through grants through the IEPA. The Federal Government has passed \$15 billion across the country that has been divided by state. Now they are going to divide it by which state's have the most lead service lines. Illinois has the most lead service lines. The lines will be removed from the water main going all the way into the house. He expects that there is going to be a shortage. Since this is a National project, there could be a shortage of copper. In Chicago it could be copper. Elsewhere they could use something made out of product of plastic. The big point is we have to go from the water main to the B-Box then into the house. It is estimated to cost per home \$15,000. If we do 6% per year and we have 17 years to complete. Another part has to do with the inventory. We started working on the preliminary inventory and turned it in last April. The final inventory is due in April 2024. We are going to do Productive Modeling instead of an AI approach. This will also come with a GIS Mapping System. That will allow us to update our other atlases. The GIS map will be placed on the website. This will be a huge task. There will be street maps of every house. The next task will be the inventory due in April 2024. We need a plan which will go to Cook County to help municipalities get IEPA loans. The loans are forgivable. We could get up to \$4 million per year. There is not enough money. The Federal \$1.5 billion across the country will estimate approximately \$1,500 per lead service across the country. It is not enough. It will start us going. The agreement we passed last week is with a company called Blue Conduit. They will do modeling and do a GIS Map. We were told that the GIS Map will be monitored by the engineers. We will be able to view their GIS Map. Eventually everything will be on a GIS Map. We were also told that lead pipes stopped being used typically in 1986. The engineer also explained that they must gather a number of point inspections on homes in order to build the database and the model.

The Mayor wanted every Board member to understand this plan that has to be done.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez added the information that whenever there is a water main leak it has to be replaced with copper. Some discussion was held as to whether the Village may have to charge homeowners for the changeover from lead pipes. Chicago has already started changing over their pipes.

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 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7<sup>th</sup> of November, 2023

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Jeff Walik, President