

November 19, 2024

**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 19, 2024, at 7:05 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 Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Nays: None
Absent: None
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
Nays: None
Absent: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Approve the Determination of Amount of Money Estimated to be Necessary to be Raised by Taxation for the Year of 2024 (Collected in 2025) Upon the Taxable Property in the Village of Stickney

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Nays: None
Absent: None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Prior to the vote, the mayor introduced Financial Director David Gonzalez. Mr. Gonzalez explained that we have prepared a memo regarding the tentative 2024 draft tax levy. We will not take action until the December meeting. This will allow the board and the mayor to look at it. He then went over the memo. We showed last year's levy of \$3,782,427. We also showed the tax collected over the last six years, which is attachment three. We have been collecting about 94% of the levy. There is five to six percent is uncollectable. The major thing on this memo is the last page we are showing you what we are proposing. Last year it was \$3,785,715 and

we are proposing an increase of \$127,073, which is 4.50% of corporate. But the overall levy would be only 3.54% increase over last year. In addition, He prepared an impact for the homeowner. This shows what it means to the homeowner. It showed the 2023 schedule for a \$200,000 house with the homeowner's exemption and the senior exemption, their tax bill is \$4,678.29. If they did not receive the senior exemption, you would add \$884.24 back in. In 2024, what we are proposing for the same home example, our increase that we are proposing is \$45.84 more for the year. This will help explain the increase. It has been posted on the website as well as in the lobby.

CLERK'S REPORT: The clerk commented that one of the things that comes to her office is the Cook County TAP. They are a resource for Lead Service Line Replacement and Water Affordability. They are promoting a class they are giving on November 21. It will be giving key changes in the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements, where to find funding, upcoming water affordability, and community engagement. This is an important thing we must face. This is information for our leaders.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: All the trustees gave Happy Thanksgiving wishes.

Trustee Hrejsa: The trustee reported on the recent hayride. We had over forty actors in the woods. There were twenty or thirty volunteers near the food. He thanked public works, and the fire and police departments for making the event run. We had almost eight hundred people for the hayride. The Christmas parties for both the seniors and the children will be on December 14, at the lower level of Saint Pius. Thanks to all the volunteers.

Trustee Torres: The parties for the seniors and the kids, under the age of twelve, are for residents only. She then continued to make a special presentation to one of the outstanding volunteers, Mr. Anastacio Montz De Oca. He was then given a Commemorative Plack. Over the years he has provided extra donations, McDonalds meals for our events. He has lived in Stickney for eight years. Another Plack will be given to McDonalds as well.

Trustee White: He reminded people that the village will be closed next Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. He invited the attending students to come forward to have their assignment sheets signed after the meeting.

Trustee Savopoulos: The trustee recognized Anastacio Montz De Oca for all that he does.

Trustee Milenkovic: The trustee promoted the Operation Support Our Troops campaign. He told us we gather the needed items, and then they are shipped around the world. He attended the 100th Anniversary Fall Colloquium on October 24, 2024. He obtained a report on the Midway Noise Compatibility meeting. The meeting took place on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mayfield Banquet Hall. The next meeting will be January 23, 2025. During the third quarter of 2024: July, 132; August, 200; September, 121; The average daily operations at Midway, 648; The average daily operations at night, 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. were 74; the most popular airplane is a B737 with 435 per day and 55 per night. Our noise monitor is at 4308 Wenonah. During the third quarter of 2023 our noise level was at 54 decibels; during the 3rd quarter of 2024 our noise level was at 53.1 decibels. Our twelve-month average was 52.5. If the decibels reach 65 the commission will step in for remediation. There were zero noise complaints from Stickney.

At this point, Mayor Walik explained that they obtained a used van to turn into a curtesy van for use only in Stickney. The mayor enforced the fact that we are going in baby steps. They hope to have it functioning by Christmas to transport seniors to the Christmas party. Trustee Milenkovic presented the mayor with a replica of this van. He then gave the fire chief a replica of the new fire truck. In addition, he gave the police chief an official sign designating the retired ambulance that is used for the Mobile Command Center.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: He informed us that the new ladder truck will be ready in March. They are about six weeks into the build. The cab was primered, and they built the body of it. He assumed that the cab should be painted this week. He wished everyone a safe holiday. The mayor asked him to put together a side show for the next meeting.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: He told us that the leaves were heavy last week because they were wet and heavy because they were two weeks' worth. Remind your neighbors to move their cars. Do not put them in the street. Place them at the curb.

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 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 3rd day of December, 2024

Jeff Walik, President