

**ORDINANCE No. 2024-08**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-41 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, ILLINOIS REGARDING ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Stickney (the “Village”) is a home rule municipal corporation in accordance with Article VII, Section 6(a) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that pertain to its government and affairs, and to review, interpret and amend its ordinances, rules and regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village President (the “President”) and the Board of Trustees of the Village (the “Village Board” and with the President, the “Corporate Authorities”) are committed to ensuring the health, safety and welfare of Village residents and to the efficient operation of the Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Code, Village of Stickney (the “Village Code”) is silent regarding the electronic participation of the Corporate Authorities at public meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village and its residents to adopt rules to allow members of the Corporate Authorities to participate through electronic means at open or closed meetings, as authorized pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/7); and

**WHEREAS**, based upon the foregoing, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is necessary, advisable and in the best interests of the Village and its residents to amend Chapter 2, Section 2-41 of the Village Code as set forth herein;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

**ARTICLE I.  
IN GENERAL**

**SECTION 1. INCORPORATION CLAUSE.**

The Corporate Authorities hereby find that all of the recitals hereinbefore stated as contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are full, true and correct and do hereby, by reference, incorporate and make them part of this Ordinance as legislative findings.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Chapter 2, Section 2-41 of the Village Code, as set forth herein, and to authorize the President or his designee to take all action necessary to carry out the intent of this Ordinance.

**ARTICLE II.**  
**AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-41 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, ILLINOIS**

**SECTION 3.0. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-41.**

That the Village Code is hereby amended, notwithstanding any provision, ordinance, resolution or Village Code section to the contrary, by amending Chapter 2, Section 2-41 as follows:

**Sec. 2-41. - Regular meetings; electronic attendance.**

(a) The regular meetings of the board of trustees shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting place of the board shall be at the Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois, unless otherwise ordered by the board; provided, however, that if such meeting date should fall on a legal holiday the meeting shall be held on the following Wednesday.

(b) Electronic attendance at Village Board Meetings

1. A majority of the trustees must be physically present at the meeting in order to achieve a quorum.
2. A member of the Corporate Authorities wishing to attend a regular or special meeting of the Village Board by telephonic or video means must notify the Mayor not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting. Such notice for an emergency meeting shall be given as early as possible. Attendance by telephonic or video means is only permitted in cases of:
  - a. personal illness or disability;
  - b. employment purposes or other public business;
  - c. unexpected childcare obligations; or
  - d. a family or other emergency.
3. After a roll call establishing that a quorum of the trustees is physically present, any member physically present may make a motion to permit another member to attend by telephonic or video means. All members physically present are permitted to vote on whether such attendance will be allowed and the motion must be approved by a vote of a majority of those members physically present.

**SECTION 3.1. OTHER ACTIONS AUTHORIZED.**

The officers, employees and/or agents of the Village shall take all action necessary or reasonably required to carry out, give effect to and consummate the amendments contemplated by this Ordinance, and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith. The officers, employees and/or agents of the Village are specifically authorized and directed to draft and disseminate any and all necessary forms or notices to be utilized in connection with the intent of this Ordinance.

**ARTICLE III.  
HEADINGS, SAVINGS CLAUSES, PUBLICATION,  
EFFECTIVE DATE**

**SECTION 4. HEADINGS.**

The headings of the articles, sections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of this Ordinance are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Ordinance nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provision of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.**

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision of this Ordinance be determined to be in conflict with any law, statute or regulation by a court of competent jurisdiction, said provision shall be excluded and deemed inoperative, unenforceable and as though not provided for herein and all other provisions shall remain unaffected, unimpaired, valid and in full force and effect.

**SECTION 6. SUPERSEDER.**

All code provisions, ordinances, resolutions, rules and orders, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded.

**SECTION 7. PUBLICATION.**

A full, true and complete copy of this Ordinance shall be published in pamphlet form or in a newspaper published and of general circulation within the Village as provided by the Illinois Municipal Code, as amended.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

**AYES:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTENTION:**

**APPROVED** by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**Jeff Walik, President**

**ATTESTED AND FILED** in my  
office this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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**Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk**