

RESOLUTION NO. 8-2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A LEGAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH DAVID GROSSMAN & ASSOCIATES PLLC TO PROSECUTE ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS CIVIL LEGAL CLAIMS FOR HARMS AND PROPERTY DAMAGE FROM CONTAMINATION BY MICROPLASTICS FOR THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY

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 "Board" and with the President, the "Corporate Authorities") are committed to ensuring the general welfare of the Village and its residents; and

WHEREAS, various litigations are pending against for damages against the responsible parties who substantially contributed to municipalities being contaminated by PFAS, Microplastics and 1,4-Dioxane for the harms they caused; and

WHEREAS, the Village received communication from the law firm of David Grossman & Associates PLLC and its Partners ("Grossman") about potential claims for economic damages in proceedings against the responsible parties; and

WHEREAS, the Village is in need of testing of its land and water, and pollutants such as microplastics, 1,4 Dioxane and PFAS could be present; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Legal Services Contract (the "Agreement"), attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, allows David Grossman & Associates PLLC and its Partner firms to work with the Village to have testing and mapping performed, at no expense to the Village, and to prosecute on a contingency basis proceedings for damages against the responsible parties; and

WHEREAS, it appears the Village is entitled to participate in proceedings against the responsible parties, and accordingly engages David Grossman & Associates PLLC to investigate, make claim and/or file lawsuits on behalf of the Village to recover monies which it is entitled to; and

WHEREAS, The Village may possess substantial municipal contamination and cost-recovery claims arising from municipal operations, environmental pathways, public works impacts, fire department activities, landfill and leachate issues, drinking and waste water claims, former military fire training and airport-related contamination, and ongoing public nuisance conditions; and

WHEREAS, contracting with David Grossman & Associates PLLC and its Partners for legal services will allow the Village to efficiently participate in the suits and serve the interests of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The claims are intended to recover damages and obtain relief for impacts to municipal systems and property, including, without limitation, drinking water systems, wastewater systems, stormwater, infrastructure, airports, fire departments and training academies, turnout gear, landfills, airport, former military and industrial sites and other public infrastructure and environmental resources affected by such contamination; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined that it is necessary, advisable and in the best interests of the Village and its residents to enter into and approve an agreement with substantially the same terms as the terms of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the President is authorized to enter into and the Village Attorney (the "Attorney") is authorized to revise agreements for the Village making such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by the President and the Attorney;

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

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The facts and statements contained in the preamble to this Resolution are found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted as part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2: PURPOSE. The purpose of this Resolution is to authorize the President or his designee to enter into the Agreement and to further authorize the President or his designee to take all steps necessary to carry out the terms and intent of this Resolution and to ratify any steps taken to effectuate those goals.

SECTION 3: AUTHORIZATION. The Board hereby authorizes and directs the President or his designee to authorize, enter into and approve the Agreement in accordance with its terms, or any modifications thereof, and to ratify any and all previous action taken to effectuate the intent of this Resolution. The Board further authorizes and directs the President or his designee to execute the Agreement with such insertions, omissions and changes as shall be approved by the President and the Attorney. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to attest to and countersign the Agreement and any other documentation as may be necessary to carry out and effectuate the purpose of this Resolution. The Village Clerk is also authorized and directed to affix the Seal of the Village to such documentation as is deemed necessary. The officers, agents and/or employees of the Village shall take all action necessary or reasonably required by the Village to carry out, give effect to and consummate the purpose of this Resolution and shall take all action necessary in conformity therewith. To the extent that any requirement of bidding would be applicable, the same is hereby waived.

SECTION 4: HEADINGS. The headings of the articles, sections, paragraphs and subparagraphs of this Resolution are inserted solely for the convenience of reference and form no substantive part of this Resolution nor should they be used in any interpretation or construction of any substantive provision of this Resolution.

SECTION 5: SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be severable and should any provision of this Resolution 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 Resolution 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 Resolution shall be effective and in full force immediately upon passage and approval as provided by law.

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PASSED this 21st day of July 2026.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTION:

APPROVED by me this 21st day of July 2026.

Mitch Milenkovic, President

**ATTESTED AND FILED in my
office this 21st day of
July 2026.**

Candace Cetrangolo, Village Clerk

EXHIBIT A