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The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 7:01 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:
Trustees Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk.

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Mares, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, December 6, 2011.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Schimel 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 Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of September, 2011 indicating the sum of $38,476.34.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation motor fuel tax for the month of November, 2011 indicating the sum of $15,311.75.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee White, to approve the Lease and Contract on the Commonwealth Edison Land.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mares wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He then spoke about the Welcome Home parade on Saturday. It is the second one organized in the Village. There was a great turn out. He thanked Trustee Walik for all of his efforts in planning this event.

Trustee Morelli gave us her greetings for the holidays. She then thanked the audience for attending these meetings.

Trustee Schimel wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Trustee Walik said happy holidays and thanked those who came out for the welcome home parade.

Trustee White gave his greetings for the holidays.

Trustee Zeedyk happy holidays and suggested that people spend it with their families.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Fire Chief Larry Meyer reminded us that at this time of the year there seems to be an increase in fires. People are busy. They have more things on their minds. He then informed us about an incident in the village last week. This couple was frying green beans on their kitchen stove. They thought they turned the pot off and went out for a few hours. They eventually went to bed for the night only to be awaken at 4:00 a.m. to the smoke detector going off. The people found that the pot with the green beans was on fire. The kitchen was full of smoke. The blinds were melting. Chief Meyer gave us a lesson on properly putting out such a fire. He told us that a flat pot lid should be used to cover the pot. The homeowner actually took a nylon windbreaker to cover the pot. When that didn't put it out the fire, he moved the pot to the sink and put water on it. We were told that that worked but it was totally unsafe. We were reminded that many fires are caused by animals. Very often food is left on the stove and a dog that might be big enough could reach up there and actually start a fire. The incident from last week might have actually been caused because they left the pot on simmer and the oil eventually caught on fire. Because they were embarrassed, the fire department wasn't called until 10:00 a.m. They couple realized that they needed a fire report for their insurance. The pictures were dramatic. Chief Meyer summed up his story by enforcing that the operating smoke detector made the difference. He then gave his wished for a safe happy holiday.

Police Chief Kretch informed us that they have been working with the Cicero animal control trying to catch the coyote that is living in the area of 44th and Wisconsin. A trap from Cicero was set in the area. Trustee Schimel reported to the police that someone vandalized the cage overnight by beating it with a pipe or a baseball bat. The cage was destroyed. It was noted that several cans of cat food were found in the area. The Chief also spoke of a letter of accommodation that will be read this evening by the clerk. This concerns Detective Kevin McGuire

Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez reminded us that yard waste should now be placed in the alley on Mondays of each week. The recycling will also be picked up in the alley as well. He enforced the fact that this change will be safer for the employees and allow them to do the pickups faster. Supervisor Lopez felt that this will allow extra time to do other things in the village. A reminder was given that public works is off on Monday therefore everything will be pushed back.

Treasurer Kasnicka noted that the Village Hall will be closed this Friday and next Monday for Christmas. Since New Years is on a Sunday, the Village Hall is closed on the following Monday. Christmas greetings were given.

CLERKS REPORT: A thank you note from Evelyn Strba for the Village's Christmas luncheon was read. A thank you note from Operation Support Our Troops was written to Trustee Walik thanking him for his efforts in providing goods that were sent to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. A thank you note was written to the Village President, Clerk McAdams and all the Trustees from Arthur E. Rawers for the plague he was presented at the December 6, 2011 meeting.

The clerk continued her report by reading a letter written by Detective Sergeant Richard Jaczak recommending that Detective Kevin McGuire receive a recognition accommodation for nine months of investigations on the thefts of trailers occurring in Stickney. He worked with other agencies including Chicago Police, Hammond Indiana Police, Illinois State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistance was received from the WEDGE Task Force. Suspects Anthony and Brian Cerrillos were arrested on December 3, 2011. Both were charged with theft over $100,000, theft over $10,000 and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

The clerk went on to clarify that at the December 5, 2011 meeting an audience member remarked that there was no announcement provided to the community about the Cook County Tax Assessor's Reach Out at the Township Assessor's office on December 5. The clerk informed the audience and Trustee Schimel that she had arranged that the information be placed on the front page of the Village's web site the day after the November 15, 2011 meeting when Trustee Schimel informed us about the Reach Out.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: A proclamation was read recognizing Sergeant Roman Villarreal upon his return to Stickney after serving multiple deployments to Iraq. December 21, 2011 was proclaimed as Sergeant Roman Villarrel's Day in the Village. He was provided a parade and rally on Saturday December 18, when he arrived home.

President O'Reilly extended Merry Christmas wishes to all and a Happy Prosperous New Year, with hopes that it will turn around for people.

There being no further business, Trustee Zeedyk moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this day of , 2012

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Daniel A. O'Reilly, Village President