November 7, 2011
Special Session

State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney

The Committee of the Whole of the Village of Stickney met in Special Session on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, Conference Room, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Cook County, Illinois

Audrey McAdams, Clerk noted that the following were in attendance: President O'Reilly, Clerk Audrey McAdams, Trustees Mares, Walik and White. She stated that this is a special meeting that was called to discuss the update on the purchase of the Sokol building and a discussion on the Village Christmas party.

President O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He remarked that we waited 30 minutes for any additional trustees who may have been late.

UPDATE ON THE SOKOL BUILDING

We now own the Sokol building. We need to work on a lease for the building. We will create a committee with a couple of the trustees and the president. In addition, representatives from the Sokol organization will be included. They (the Sokol) need to work on space, storage and our expectations of what they need to do. They need to clean the area of their mats for any uses that the Village might have planned.

The Truss Repair service is at the Sokol right now taking a survey of the building. He is projecting the repairs by the middle of the month. The plumbers are there right now. He has excavated the area where the water line and drainage access will be. Ripping up the inside is being avoided to keep the cost lower.

President O'Reilly spoke of forming a committee to draw up some plans on a proposal on what the rental should be. This will eventually have to be approved by the board.

Cody remarked that he has an excellent drywall taper but needs a drywall installer. He was going to get three estimates for cutting an opening for the two bathroom doors. Another estimate will be obtained for the proper width door for the front. A discussion was held on heat for the bathrooms to keep the pipes from freezing. A hot water tank will be needed for the bathrooms. The electricity was questioned.

President O'Reilly clarified that after the public statement made by Jim Lazansky at the November 1, 2011 board meeting; we brought out Jim Barthel the building inspector, Tom Heller & Fire Chief Larry Meyer fire inspectors, Mike Katcher the public health inspector and Fred Kuchta the electrical inspector. Other than cleaning the place up and some basic fire issues that needed to be looked into, we received a clean bill of health. It is up to code. There are only minor items. If it was a normal business it wouldn't stop them from

operating. We have the construction items that we want done. That included the bathrooms, the entranceways. The kitchen is already certified for 2011.

Trustee Walik recommended the outside light should function for safety purposes. Trustee Mares suggested that the current Village of Stickney announcement board located in front of the Village Hall may be able to be moved to the Sokol if we get a new sign in its place. There were other suggestions for outdoor lighting at the Sokol such as timers or sensors. Safety issues were a factor.

Parking was never an issue in the past.

In summary we will look at lights, doors for the bathrooms and doors for the front. Trustee Mares suggested that a light switch needs to be installed near the door on the side. Trustee Mares injected that the heat needs to be balanced especially in the kitchen. Fred Kuchta, the electrical inspector, suggested that there are inexpensive sensors available for vacant buildings that will cause the lights to flash if the indoor temperature goes below a certain temperature.

We learned that the heating plant, a boiler, looks relatively new.

Trustee Mares will be looking for new long tables because the current tables are disgusting. Storage has been an issue there. Some suggestions were given.

Trustee Walik asked for the time frame. President O'Reilly said that the truss repair is to be done by the middle of the month. The repair will take one week. The dry wall will take one day. The taping will take a couple of days. Then there is the clean up. Suggestions for cleaning were discussed. The two grass cutter employees are still on staff. They will be utilized. The plumber said he needs a day outside and a couple of days inside. Trustee Mares needs to move shelving for the plumber. The Sokol equipment has to be moved. They are in class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. President O'Reilly enforced the fact that the repairs and remodeling is a priority and not the building use by others.

THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

The date was discussed. December 4 or 11 was discussed. The object of having it on Sunday is to get two parties in on the same day. The village seniors would have their party in the afternoon when they could still be able to drive.

The subject of food was discussed. The sandwiches that were served last year took too much time to build. Plus we prepared too many sandwiches.

Trustee Mares suggested that each family will get one free picture with Santa and they could make copies on their own. He recommended a magic act or a singing group.

President O'Reilly explained that Beth Lukas is already looking into singing groups for the seniors. He liked the idea of a magic act.

Food was discussed. Ideas were tossed around.

Types of gifts were discussed. It was suggested that we not go to our local business people for donations. President O'Reilly said we already budget for activities. This is an activity. We are already asking for our music program. Then we ask for donations for Family Day.

Trustee Walik suggested that we go to several sandwich shops to get bids on food for the children's event. President O'Reilly suggested that we look into Sam's Club. He recommended that we need two food menus. One menu for the seniors another for the children's event.

Sub-committees were discussed.

Trustee Walik will get pricing for food.

Trustee Mares will do the building and electric.

Entertainment is already being looked in to by Beth Lukas and President O'Reilly.

The prizes were discussed. It appears that last year they put together 400 to 500 gift bags. The cost was approximately $7 each. Trustee Walik suggested $5 gift cards from McDonalds with a McDonald toy.

Discussion was held on the construction and the timeline. The finalized date was December 4.

There being no further business at this special meeting, President O'Reilly adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Clerk

Approved by me, this 16th day of November, 2011

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Daniel O'Reilly, President