

**June 6, 2023**

**State of Illinois  
County of Cook  
Village of Stickney**

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:  
Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa  
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos**

**Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.**

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

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic 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: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa  
Absent: Trustee Savopoulos  
Nays: None  
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Mayor Walik proceeded to hold a ceremonial swearing in of Auxiliary Stickney Police Officer Hannah Kosinski.**

**Trustee White Moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2023-11, "An Ordinance of the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois, designating the Harlem and Pershing Redevelopment Project Area Pursuant to the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act."**

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

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to pass and approve Ordinance 2023-12, "An Ordinance of the Village of Stickney Approving the Village of Stickney Harlem and Pershing Tax Increment financing District Redevelopment Project Area Redevelopment Plan and Project (Harlem and Pershing TIF District).**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa**

**Absent: Trustee Savopoulos**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2023-13, "An Ordinance of the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois, Adopting Tax Increment Allocation Financing for the Harlem and Pershing Redevelopment Project Area."**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa**

**Absent: Trustee Savopoulos**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to accept Resolution 10-2023, "A Resolution Appointing Certain Individuals to Certain Positions for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa**

**Absent: Trustee Savopoulos**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Jaclyn Mroz was appointed to the Police & Fire Commission**

**Robert F. Alvarado was appointed to the Zoning Board**

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek for Consideration Authorizing and Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 399 for the Village of Stickney.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa**

**Absent: Trustee Savopoulos**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Prior to the vote the Mayor explained that this is to ratify this and is giving the authorization to myself and our Village Attorney Jessica Fese to do the finalization of the contract. We are done but we don't have the final signed copy from the union.**

**Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to grant permission to conduct a block party on the 3900 block of Scoville on August 18, 2023 from 12:00 to 10:00 p.m.**

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:**

**Ayes: Trustees White, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa**

**Absent: Trustee Savopoulos**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** He thanked all for coming. He explained that about a year ago he and Trustee Milenkovic started working on a Village logo with resident Bob Behounek. We had the racetrack, (the oldest racetrack in the area) the water treatment facility, (the largest one in the world) and a couple of other things. Bob put in a lot of time into this. He helped us with this year's vehicle sticker. The Mayor gave a short history of A. B. Stickney the founder of Stickney. He was with the railroad. Bob put the seal of Stickney in the center of the vehicle sticker. The Mayor presented a display-sized version of the vehicle sticker to Bob Behounek and Trustee Milenkovic for the archive room. Bob Behounek has also done some artwork on the outside window of the library.

The Mayor asked Sergeant Gary Wiseman and Chief Michael Holub to step forward. Chief Holub hired Jeff Walik when he was 21 years old as a police auxiliary. If it wasn't for him he didn't know where he would be. Sergeant Wiseman was his supervisor his whole entire career. Gary was his partner, boss and great friend. Michael Holub served 20 years with the Stickney Police Department. He was hired on November 15, 1974 and retired November 16, 1994. He was promoted to Sergeant in May 1981; he was promoted to Deputy Chief in July 1988. In October 1988 he was promoted to Chief. He participated in many high-profile criminal investigations. He received a countless number of awards and recognitions. In 1993, Chief Michael Holub attended and successfully completed the FBI Academy. He served in the Army from 1972 to 1974. Chief Holub has been the Chief in numerous western suburbs. He still is a strong advocate for law enforcement. The entire Stickney Police Department would like to present Chief Michael Holub his retirement star that he didn't receive when he retired here in Stickney. Mike gave an anecdote of A. B. Stickney because we didn't have a picture of him until Mike found one hanging on the wall in Mount Auburn Cemetery. He then used the police department's 4 x 4 camera to reproduce the picture.

The Mayor informed the audience that Gary Wisemen served 27 years with the Stickney Police Department starting in 1981. He did some dispatching. In March 1982 he was hired as a full-time police officer. He retired on May 8, 2017. He was promoted to Corporal in July 1999. He was promoted to Sergeant in May 2022. He participated in many high-profile criminal investigations and received countless recognitions. He served in the Air Force from 1975 to 1981. After he retired, he became the Chief in adjoining Forest View. We want to present him with his retirement star that he didn't receive when he left the Village of Stickney.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** A thank you letter was read from Chief Jeff Boyajian. Dear Mayor Walik and Members of the Board of Trustees: I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unanimous decision to approve the purchase of the new quint fire apparatus. Your support and confidence in our fire department means a great deal to us. This investment will significantly enhance our firefighting capabilities and improve our ability to protect and serve our community. The new quint will be equipped with the latest technology and features, enabling us to respond to emergencies more efficiently and effectively. Your decision reflects your commitment to the safety and well-being of our residents. Thank you for your dedication and careful consideration of our department's needs. Your support will make a lasting impact on our firefighting efforts, and we are truly grateful for your unwavering commitment to our community's safety. With sincere appreciation, Jeffrey Boyajian

**TRUSTEE REPORTS:** All the Trustees give congratulations to today's recipients.

**Trustee Hrejsa:** Koppers Industries has been supporting our community for quite a while. They pay for our fireworks every year. They are now doing a community service

project cleaning the baseball fields. Our Mayor worked with the Jesse White Tumblers at the Stickney-Forest View block party. See it on YouTube.

**Trustee Kapolnek:** He announced that Congressman Chuy Garcia will be conducting satellite hours here in the Village on June 22, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. People with federal issues are welcome to attend.

**Trustee Torres:** She announced that Mike Holub hired her. She was the first female auxiliary officer and that she continued that position for 23 years.

**Trustee Milenkovic:** Announced that Commonwealth Edison will be trimming trees during the next three months. We will be holding the tree lottery. If anyone would like a tree in their parkway they can fill out an application in the Village Hall. They have a lottery and a drawing.

**Trustee White:** Today marks the 79-year D-Day anniversary of the 1944 invasion of Normandy. It was the largest seaborne invasion in military history.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Finance Director David Gonzalez:** We have completed the draft of fiscal year 2023-2024 audit for a period beginning on May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024. We have gotten all the calculation requests from all the department heads. We are going to put the tentative budget on display for the public starting this Friday. We are asking that the Board set the public hearing for Wednesday, July 5, 2023. You have the rest of June to review it and make any changes you see fit. It will be passed at the first meeting in July. We have until the end of July 31 to

**Public Works Director Joe Lopez:** The hydrant testing is done.

**Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian:** The grant that we received from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunities for \$150,000 we started spending some of that. We will pay for it and then get reimbursed from the state. The kitchen is being remodeled. We are updating the HVAC system. We will do some smaller items as they become available to us. The hose testing is continuing. Then we will have the annual fit testing for the SCBA masks. Two weeks ago, we had live fire training in Cicero.

**Police Chief James Sasseti:** Congratulations on our appointments. On behalf of our Stickney Police family, we would like to thank Chief Holub and Sergeant Gary Wiseman for 57 combined years of service not only to the community but as mentors to some of our officers who are still employed here. And thank you for everything you have done here for the community. Also, on Saturday, August 5, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. the police department will be hosting an open house. We encourage our residents to come visit us and see all the wonderful changes that have occurred in the last few years with the support of the Mayor and the Board. Please come and see us on August 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have tours and things for kids. Save The Date! Lastly, he referred to social media reporting a bunch of squad cars on Ridgeland Avenue. Last week we hosted a 3-day Police K-9 tracking class here. He then presented K-9 Officer Maday to explain the class.

Officer Maday and her K-9 partner Ali gave a synopsis of that training. She introduced K-9 Ali who has been with us for nearly two years. We had a 3-day seminar primarily in an urban environment. It is called the concrete jungle. It is all concrete, asphalt and gravel. It is a very different experience for our dogs. It is hard for a K-9 to do that. We were excited to have this opportunity to do this. We were excited to learn in our neighborhood where we primarily work and teach our dogs how to track in this environment. We had K-9s from all over the United States, Michigan, Wisconsin, Colorado, and a few from Illinois. We had two trainers here. One from Wisconsin and another from Orland Park. Ali and I have been working with those trainers and his development has gone through the roof. We passed the Urban 101 Certification on Friday. K-9 Hans, our newest K-9, started learning the environment and he made significant improvement throughout the three days. This training, because it was hosted by us, was completely free for us. In addition, we had some free training classes with our trainers. We are probably going to have them back again. They loved being here. Everyone was so respectful and helpful. It is a great environment here. Not all of these dogs are exposed to all these elements that they have to endure. There was some concern about the heat and the dogs. She explained that all of our vehicles are equipped with safety features. There is an alarm system that is mandated by the state in our vehicles. It is a good way for us to monitor our dogs. It is set for 85 degrees. If it gets higher than 85 degrees, all the windows drop down and the fan turns on. We have pagers on us that alert us that it is too hot in the car. On the flip side, if it gets too cold, it will also tell us that as well. They are totally fine.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Clerk

Approved by me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June , 2023

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Jeff Walik, President