

July 15, 2014

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County of Cook

Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday July 1, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez 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 De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Revenue for sales tax collected for the month of April, 2014 indicating the sum of \$40,818.02.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Sleigher moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the month of June, 2014 in the amount of \$13,209.09.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

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Trustee Sleigher moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky for consideration to Architect Frega Associates' proposal for the Stickney Police Department entrance renovation FA#D4501.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Lazansky and Sleigher

Nays: Trustees DeLeshe, Gomez, Savopoulos and White

Mayor Morelli declared the motion failed

Prior to the vote a lengthy discussion was held. Trustee White asked if this was an estimate of \$109,200. Plus, the \$15,000 for Frega. It could be approximately \$125,000. Public Works Supervisor Boyajian said it was. Trustee DeLeshe asked if there were any drawings. Public Works Supervisor Boyajian said that there will be one larger staircase and have room for a ramp. There will be a handicap door. The trustees asked where the money will come from. Mayor Morelli said that it will come from the \$100,000 grant. It has to go toward the grounds. The trustees asked, "What about the grant for the ambulance?"

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka stated that as of April 30, 2014, Capital Projects has \$369,000. The Park Grant will have \$275,000 going out with \$123,700 coming back. Also, if we are to

do this project for the stairs (he estimated \$150,000), and what we have is this first \$100,000 grant. Yes, we have received letters from the state that this grant is available to us. The paper work is ready to submit. The other expense is the ambulance. He budgeted \$200,000. He went on to say, "If we get the park grant for the park project and the \$100,000 grant this year, pay the ambulance in cash." "We are a little bit short." Kasnicka went on to say that this grant is not authorized to be used for the ambulance. He informed us that the 911 fund is paying us back Capital Projects \$3,000 per month for \$36,000 per year. If we pay off the ambulance in cash and you are going to use \$365,000 out of the \$369,000. At that point, Capital Projects is basically done.

Trustee Savopoulos voiced that they were under the impression that we were going to get a \$100,000 grant. That is why Treasurer Kasnicka is laying all the numbers out. Kasnicka added that we have another \$100,000 coming. Trustee Savopoulos asked if they would raise the taxes. Kasnicka said that you have to eventually have to raise something down the road. What he is doing right now is zeroing in on these three projects without transferring over new money from the General Fund. And, there is going to be more Capital expenditures. In the next two to three years there are going to be additional projects coming up.

Trustee Sleighter questioned leasing the ambulance. Kasnicka remarked on the leasing aspect. After all, do you want to spend your last \$200,000? Trustee White commented on paying \$50,000 cash for the Bobcat. At that time we had plenty of money. The whole idea was to lease that and hold \$50,000 in real money in hand.

Attorney Donald Kreger asked if we have outstanding bonds for Capital Improvements and what was the amortization. The treasurer responded, "Not for another ten years." Trustee DeLeshe asked when would the \$100,000 grant be available. Kasnicka felt it would be available to us in a timely manner. Trustee White

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asked if this is the Senator Sandoval grant. Kasnicka said that it was. Then there is another \$100,000 grant. Mayor Morelli said that it is written in stone. The treasurer said that there is an acknowledgement there. Attorney Kreger said that you have to spend the money first. That this is a reimbursement grant. Trustee White questioned what happens if we don't have the money to lay out? Do we have to borrow the money? Then Kreger responded that if you want to have a project and you want to get the \$100,000 and together when you get the \$100,000, you could get a six-month loan for 1 ½% from a bank. You then can get the money back. He explained that you have to pay for the entire project and then you get the money back. The fear in this state is, are you going to get the money back and how long are they going to delay. The problem is that the state said you are entitled to get \$100,000. Are you going to take the risk on the state? Or are you going to throw away the \$100,000 and say you are not going to get it.

Trustee Savopoulos again commented that he thought that we could use this \$100,000 grant toward the ambulance. Treasurer Kasnicka responded that this is a grant from the

Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity that we received. It has to be used on a project. The initial feedback we received was that we could use it toward an ambulance. It cannot be used toward a piece of equipment. It has to be for a project.

Treasurer Kasnicka informed us that in December we will be paying our last lease payment on the sweeper. Next April is our last lease payment on the telephone system. Then you get rid of those lease payments. If you have to do a lease on the ambulance it is an option. Whether you want to do the stairs or not, it is up to you. We still have it where it is proposed in the budget to transfer \$175,000 over from the General Fund over to Capital Projects. If you are going to do that, then you have to make sure that the General Fund is in the position that you can transfer that \$175,000 that is the proposed budget. When the balance goes down in the General Fund, it goes down. You have decisions to make. Projects are always coming up. You have to decide to fix the stairs or to scale the project down.

Trustee DeLeshe again asked if we could get a better drawing.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Morelli reported that she went with Trustee Lazansky to

Hawthorne Race Course on July 12, 2014 to watch the Running of The Bulls event. It was very organized. A couple of people did get hit. There were very good instructions given. Those that ventured into the center of track were at risk of getting hit. It was very muddy due to the morning rain. The bulls were not hurt at all. They ran from one end to the other and back again.

CLERKS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE: The clerk announced that Mayor Morelli asked her not to publish a summer newsletter, but instead enter news information on our web site. The clerk asked people to check out the Community tab on the Village of Stickney website and look for NEWS and a selection of articles.

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TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Gomez gave the Fire Department Report for the month of June, 2014 there were: Ambulance calls; 82; Mutual Aid Calls; 13; Service Calls; 1; Fire Calls; 15; Hazardous Condition Calls; 1; Motor Vehicle Accidents; 4; Working Fires; 2; Brush/Trash Fire Calls; 0; Car Fires; 0; Total calls for the month of June: 118; Total calls for 2014: 663

Trustee Lazansky gave the police report for the month of June, 2014. The total number of calls for service; 2,067; Total number of E911 calls received; 533; Arrest by type: Traffic: 146; Village Ordinance Offences: 22; Warrants and Complaints: 14; Parking violations:

246; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 428 Total number of squad miles: 10,202;
Total amount of gasoline used: 1,118.5 Average gas mileage/squad: 9.121 mpg.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of June, 2014. Ordinance Investigations: 412, Business License Investigations: 10, Violation Notices Issued: 21, Miscellaneous Details: 181, S.L.O. Tickets: 1, Parking Citations Issued: 95,

Trustee Sleighter mentioned that there is an overabundance of skunks. We feel that they are coming out from the cemetery. His dog got sprayed last Saturday at night. He used a special potion that worked quite well. The skunks are afraid of light. Therefore, go out first with a flashlight.

Trustee Savopoulos mentioned that the 50/50 sidewalk program is drawing to a close. He asked people to get on the list. The project will be starting soon

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief John Sladetz explained that few months ago they were having a rash of burglaries on the east end of town at 37th and Cicero at the Red and White trucking terminals. There were truck tractors being broken into all the time. Officer Ashley Sinkowitz, one of our officers on midnights happened to catch two of the offenders. They told the officer that the owner said that they could do this. They were brought back to the station. Sergeant Merrill called this owner and this owner said that, "Sure they could do this." Sergeant Merrill asked the owner to come into the station. The man showed up and parked his tractor trailer in front of the police station. It was discovered that in checking his ID that his license was suspended for a DUI. Under law his vehicle is subject to seizure. It was good work from Officer Sinkowitz, Deputy Chief Jaczak who does our asset seizures, Sergeant Merrill and Officer McGuire. We solved pretty much all the burglaries there. We are now the proud owner of a 2001 Freight Liner Road Cab Truck Tractor. We have seized many cars, mini vans but we hooked a big one this time. We don't know what it will get at auction.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer remarked on the Running of the Bulls. He attested that the bulls were well taken care of. They had a doctor on the scene. They came in from Kentucky. They had a nurse, an EMT, and a veterinarian that travels with them. Only one person had to be transported by ambulance. He suffered a pulled hamstring. There were bumps and bruises. The race track has two ambulances. Everyone else was treated at the scene. People were leaving with big smiles on their faces.

The Fire Chief also reported on an unusual incident that happened involving the deep tunnel project. The Sanitary District boat dock located on Laramie and the canal had a geyser spraying out of the vent from the deep tunnel some 200-300 feet into the air. This

geyser soaked down one of the boat docks associated with the company Koppers. One of their boats was nearly swamped.

Also on that day, residents living near the fire house reported smoke coming from an area south of the firehouse. There were two trucks burning in the ConGlobal company just south of the fire house.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka reminded us that there will be a public hearing on July 29, 2014 at 6:30 concerning the Annual Budget and Appropriation for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015. At 7:00 we will have a special meeting to pass the proposed budget. If anyone wishes to get a copy of the budget please come in and you can get a copy in a timely basis after filling out a Freedom of Information request.

Trustee De Leshe moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to go into a Closed Session.

To Discuss and Consider to hiring, discipline, performance and compensation of certain personnel, matters of collective bargaining, acquisition of real property and matters of pending probable or imminent litigation.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:37 p.m.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to return to regular open session at 8:35 p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to approve the settlement of 2007 and 2008 Tax Rate Objections Cases.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

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Prior to the vote Attorney Kreger explained that he negotiated a settlement of standard tax exemptions for \$25 million worth of assessed evaluation for the years 2008 and 2008 for taxes collected for the following years. He negotiated a settlement that is basically half of the demand. Totals for each year are approximately \$1300 to \$1325. This is the whole amount that would be settled for. His conclusion is that this is the best he could do is half of that and the best they could do would be twice that. He thought we would be better not to be spending money to save \$600 per year. It would cost more than that going through it. He would recommend a settlement for those two years. He would authorize that we settle for those two years for approximately \$1400. This is the best he could do without spending money.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 6th day August, 2014

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor