

**August 6, 2019**

**State of Illinois**

**County of Cook**

**Village of Stickney**

**The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, 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 Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White**

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous Regular session on Tuesday, July 16, 2019.**

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

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos 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.**

**Prior to the vote, Trustee White provided a summary indicating the source of funds used to pay the bills and the totals to be approved.**

**Corporate Fund: \$105,685.54**

**Water Fund: \$26,508.86**

**Subtotal: \$132,194.40**

**General Fund Payroll: \$12,325.52**

**General Fund Payroll: \$120,965.58**

**Water Fund Payroll: \$11,263.73**

**Subtotal: \$144,554.83**

**Total to be approved by Village Trustees: \$276,749.23**

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

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to Approve Resolution 13-2019, “A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a Cost Sharing Intergovernmental Agreement for Participation in the 2019 Statewide Planning and Research Program (“SPRP” of the Illinois Department of Transportation “IDOT”) with the Village of Western Springs to Serve as Lead Agency for Purposes of Applying for an IDOT Grant to Pay a Consulting Engineer to Prepare a Regional Comprehensive**

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**Transportation Infrastructure Plan and Administering a Request for Qualifications Process for the Selection of Said Consulting Engineer for the Village of Stickney”**

**Prior to the vote, Trustee White explained he and Public Works Director Joe Lopez went to a meeting several weeks ago. All surrounding communities are involved with this. Stickney is the last to get on board. After meeting with one of the people in charge with this we now better understand the concept. This will give us opportunities to partake in grants. Any communities that our borders touch you get more points to get more money. He used Berwyn as an example of the possibility of sharing in a grant for repaving of Oak Park Avenue. If we are not involved with this group we would not have the opportunities to get that money.**

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

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve Resolution 14-2019, “A Resolution Relating to Participation by Elected Officials in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund”**

**Prior to the vote the Mayor asked the clerk to explain. Clerk McAdams explained that this is mandated by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Every two years we are obligated to pass a resolution to have people who are already named, who is the Mayor and the Clerk who was designated in 2009, to be able to continue to be involved in the IMRF pension if they work 1000 hours per year. This is IMRF’s way in making the municipalities compliant. It is checks and balances.**

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

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to approve Resolution 15-2019, “A Resolution Awarding the Bid Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder M&J Asphalt Paying Company, Inc. for Certain Paving Improvements in the Village of Stickney, for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois.**

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

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Approve Resolution**

**16-2019, “A Resolution Rescinding and Revoking the Village of Stickney’s Notice to Withdraw to the Intergovernmental Risk Management Agency”**

**Prior to the vote Village Attorney Tiffany Jaworski explained that a few months back the board decided to notify IRMA that they were going to potentially withdraw from IRMA. This is required in order for them to go out to find cheaper rates for the coverage that IRMA offers. They were not able to find cheaper rates within the**

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**timeframe necessary. In order to insure that the Village has coverage, we had to revoke our withdrawal from IRMA. There is no guarantee that IRMA is going to accept the revocation but, according to the person that the attorney spoke to at IRMA, she has never seen anyone not get reaccepted. It is likely that Stickney will be able to stay with IRMA. Should the Village want to go out sometime in the future to look at various insurance programs to get better rates, the Village is certainly in its rights to do so.**

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

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to grant permission to conduct a Football and Soccer Parade August 10, 2019 at 12:00 noon from Haley Park to the Football/Soccer Field.**

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

**Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Information was provided from the MWRD concerning free compost available at 6001 Pershing. He thanked all the volunteers that worked the Senior Luncheon yesterday. He asked that people consider attending the Football and Soccer parade on Saturday. There will be an ice cream party hosted by Building Inspector Josh Brniak. The Trustees and Clerk were now given custom-made shadow boxes made by Trustee Torres with mementos from the Dedication of the Veteran's Pavilions.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** The Clerk read a thank you note from Mariene Scheive for checking on the seniors. An email was read from Steve and Cindy Brabec. They were visiting their aunt and uncle (Carol and Len Brabec) when Mayor Walik, Trustees Milenkovic and Savopoulos paid a wellness check. They were informed that the HVAC was not functioning. They quickly worked to find someone to diagnose and fix the problem. The writer said, "It is rare these days that anyone has anything good to say about politics and politicians in general. However, your response to two citizens in need is an example of what politics should be---solving problems for people, no matter how minor they may seem. Thank you again for helping my aunt and uncle and I'll remember what you did whenever I get discouraged about politics and politicians!" The Clerk continued with information pertaining to the 2020 Census.

#### **TRUSTEE REPORTS:**

**Trustee Kapolnek** gave the Stickney Fire Department Call Totals for January through June, 2019: Ambulance calls; 327: Mutual Aid Calls; 80: Service Calls; 36: Fire Calls; 57: Hazardous Condition Calls; 10: Motor Vehicle Accidents; 25: Working Fires; 3: Brush/Trash Fires; 1: Car Fires; 1: Outside Equipment Fires; 0: Error Generated Calls; 10: TOTAL CALLS FOR 2019; 550:

**Trustee Torres** thanked everyone who participated in the Village-Wide Garage Sale.

**Trustee Milenkovic** provided information on the Tree Lottery. Trees will be available for residents who would like a tree planted in the parkway of their home. There should be 20 trees. There will be a lottery for a tree. Applications will be available in the front office in September. Selection will take place in the end of September. Planting will take place in October. The tree grant that Ed Bartunek is working on will cover the cost of the lottery along with some of the trees that will be planted at the new Veteran's Pavilion. The variety of the trees will be: Eastern Red Bud, River Birch, Tulip Tree and Silver Linden: In addition, Trustee Milenkovic attended the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission meeting on July 26. There were no noise complaints from Stickney. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2019 our noise level was at 51.8 Decibels. This was down over 1 Decibel from last year's 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. The threshold is 65 Decibels in order to receive remediation. It was found that the odorous windows was found to be from the screens. Now they are replacing all the screens.

Trustee Savopoulos reported that the 50/50 sidewalk program ended at the end of July. There 178 squares to be replaced. The project should start in mid-September. He also provided information about a Property Tax Outreach on August 19. It is presented by the Cook County Board of Review and Stickney Township Assessor's Office. The location is at the North Clinic, 6721 W. 40<sup>th</sup> Street at 9:00 a.m.

Trustee White informed people of the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the state-of-the-arts fitness center at Morton College. It is free and open for residents to use. In addition, he warned people of letters that appear to be from ComEd. It tells people that on August 18, Eligo will no longer be their electric provider. If they call the number listed in this letter they could find a new electric provider. Stickney has a contract with Eligo. The contract has at least six more months to go. Another warning was given about a \$4,550 check scam that was delivered by FedEx last Friday. There are instruction for you to go to Walmart to buy gift cards and scratch them off the authorization numbers and take pictures and send the pictures to them. Once you deposit the check, they tell you that you could keep half of the money.

Village Attorney Tiffany Jaworski suggested that we contact Eligo Energy. Trustee White already spoke to them. They are waiting to receive a copy of the letter.

The Mayor asked Ed Bartunek to give a tree report. He gave credit to Administrative Assistant Beth Lukas for being in touch with the Morton Arboretum on the grant. We are expected to get 30 to 40 trees. He mentioned he is looking for a variety of colors for planting at the Veteran's Memorial.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian updated us on the testing being done at the fire house. The ladders have been tested as well as the air packs. The hydraulic tools passed inspections . They hired six new guys.

Police Chief Dan Babich announced that Police Officer Ashley McDonald delivered her baby today. It is a baby girl named Amelia. This is a first for the department. The kids are going back to school on August 26. The Chief mentioned that one of citizens

who complains a lot about speeding near his house was invited to sit in a squad and read the radar. He saw for himself that not all of the drivers were speeding. Last week's adjudication was a full house. They were out the door. Traffic arrests are at an all-time high. Our officers are staying in our local area. Scams were also addressed. Do not let anyone in the house. Do not give any information whether it is on the computer or by phone. People are bold. Don't trust anyone. All our officers finished the training program.

**The last one finished two weeks ago. They all turned out very good and are talented. We have 16 officers plus the Chief and Deputy Chief.**

**The Mayor mentioned that we just had the all-time top speeder on Oak Park Avenue going 49 m.p.h. in a twenty.**

**Public Works Director Joe Lopez told us that his men went out today and painted more hydrants.**

**There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:35 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk**

**Approved by me this 20th day of August, 2019**

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**Jeff Walik, Mayor**