

VILLAGE OF STICKNEY

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REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 1, 2014

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approve Minutes of Previous Special Meeting
5. Approve Minutes of Previous Regular Meeting
6. Authorize Payment of Bills
7. Approve July 26, 2014 Block Party Request for 40th Place between Wisconsin and Home Avenues
8. Approve August 2, 2014 Block Party Request for 4400 Block of Maple
9. Report from the Mayor
10. Report from the Clerk
11. Trustee Reports/Committee Reports
12. Reports from Department Heads
13. Audience Questions
14. Adjournment

Posted June 26, 2014

June 17, 2014

State of Illinois
County of Cook
Village of Stickney

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in special session on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:
Trustees De Lesch, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Mayor Morelli explained that the purpose of this meeting is a discussion concerning the possibility of an intergovernmental agreement with the Stickney Fire Department taking over a part of Forest View's Fire service. She went on to explain that this is something that was brought to her attention. This was not something that Stickney has gone to Forest View requesting.

With that said, she noted that the Forest View Mayor and manager were in the audience to answer questions.

Attorney Donald Kreger explained that this was presented in a letter from the attorney of Forest View that we consider covering the fire and mt service north of I-55. He felt that there is no reason to discuss this in closed session. . . . to keep this transparent. It is up to the board. This way the board can become informed. It is not on the agenda to vote in favor or against it. This is an information session.

Mayor Morelli asked if the board had any questions. Trustee De Lesch asked for an overview. The only thing he had was a letter dated April 1. Donald Kreger said that he needs to know the effects on this fire department. The Forest View fire department has three full-time members. Trustee De Lesch said the information is very generic.

Note that statements and quotes are condensed due to the length of the presentation:

Mayor Morelli asked the Forest View mayor to fill in the information. Mayor Grenvich said it is all about one thing and that is money. He felt that there was a misunderstanding. He was not looking for Stickney to underwrite. They are looking to cut costs and give Stickney revenue. It would cover a two by four block area. Stickney would have to add a position (that is up to us) and Forest View would pay for another one plus 25% in essence that would be \$330,000 coming into the village. We would not be responsible for the expressway or south of the expressway. The count of the yearly calls was given. He stated it is two to three calls per week.

The Forest View mayor said that they put \$550,000 into the police and fire pensions just to pay catch up. They lost a pumper and an ambulance in the flood last year. They can't live without a second pumper. It would cost \$400,000. They will not see a state grant for that.

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The last fiscal year, it cost them \$1.1 million to run the fire department for 270 calls. Last year there were 73 requests for backup. That amounts to every five days they get a call. Last year they raised the tax levy by \$200,000 that was all for police and fire pensions. A couple of years before that they raised property taxes by \$300,000 just to keep up. They cut salaries by 10% for a period of time. They can't continue to raise taxes.

Finally, Hartney Fuel Oil was explained to the audience. In short, this was a situation where this company was located in Forest View but was using an address in another location for their sales office a hundred some miles away where the tax dollars were advantageous. Forest View sued and would have received \$8 million. The judge from the Illinois Supreme Court ruled in favor of Forest View but felt that it wasn't fair that this company would have to pay back taxes, so Forest View received nothing.

It was Mayor Grenvich who approached Stickney Mayor Morelli with his proposal. He continued to speak to the plan. The details were given. Some highlights include: the use of their firehouse; their firehouse is closer to residents of Stickney; the use of their pumper (15 years old) and ambulance (8 years old); use of their chief who could also do fire code inspections and advanced computer work.

Mayor Grenvich enforced that the reality is about money. Things are not going to get much better. The Mayor explained that he works with the Illinois Department of Employment Security representing them in court. That is unemployment benefits. The economy is not getting better.

Trustee Lazansky asked about backlash from the union. Mayor Grenvich said the reality was they can't raise taxes again. In summary, they can't keep spending that kind of money.

Trustee Sleighter asked about their ISO rating. He was told it was at 5. Trustee Sleighter also asked who would maintain their firehouse. It would be maintained by them as well as the pumper and ambulance and a couple of other vehicles. Sleighter asked who would support your pension fund. Forest View would support the fund. This plan will give them \$300,000. They could then use that money toward police and fire pensions.

A continuation of the plan what discussed. We learned that the equipment was lightly used. Trustee Lazansky described the Stickney Fire Department and how well it runs. Mayor Grenvich explained that the Forest View Fire Chief will be an employee of Forest View. If you don't want to use their equipment you don't have to. Trustee Sleighter asked what it would do to our ISO rating. Mayor Grenvich didn't think it would affect us at all. He continued to say, "We are going out of business." Trustee Sleighter also asked about the area south of I-55. He was told that Central Stickney is interested in doing it. Trustee Savopoulos asked where the calls will go. Mayor Grenvich said that it would have to be worked out. During the flood the calls went here (Stickney). They get a call every two to two and a half days.

Police Chief John Sladetz addressed the mutual aid agreement with various municipalities. He wanted to know if Central Stickney would be going on those. The Chief asked if we would be dispatching here. Mayor Grenvich felt that if there is staffing at their fire house and a call comes in they could relay it to Stickney. It was a technical thing and Stickney would have to decide. Contrary to that, Chief Sladetz said it was an issue. Stickney's dispatchers would be caused an undue burden to dispatch for another town. He understands that this is in its infancy but, you will have to figure something out. Deputy Chief Rich Jaczak felt that calls could be bounced around and gave examples of such.

Mayor Grenvich did announce that their village attorney was also in the audience.

Stickney Attorney Donald Kreger said that whether we staff that station it is up to Stickney and whether to staff it at all. The contract that has been presented to Stickney is suggested for four years. It is the type of contract that generally lasts longer because once you get it going and their needs are there, and now they don't have anybody to do it. He reflected that in 1967 our fire department was started. Berwyn had been doing our service up to that time. This board needs to consider more than just a four year contract. Yes, you can end the contract if you want, but politically you do not want to leave people without fire protection. So, when they say they are no longer a fire department, they are still answering the calls. The whole purpose of this meeting is for this board to understand negotiations and to go forward with the negotiations. He didn't think this board had enough time with this information to vote on it tonight and that is why it is not on the agenda.

Trustee Jeff White said that this impacts two communities and is larger than a seven member board. He felt it was a referendum item. He felt for the community of Forest View. Our obligation is to our community. His opinion is that this is larger than this board. Attorney Kreger said from a legal point of view, you can have an advisory referendum because Stickney is Home Rule and you have the power to do it without it.

Trustee Sleighter asked the coordination efforts with Central Stickney in this matter. Mayor Grenvich said that they are very anxious and get frequent emails asking about it. With that said, Trustee White remarked that they just learned about this. They started seeing bills from attorneys and knew something was going on. We were left in the dark. Attorney Kreger said he distributed the letter on April 1. Contrary to others, Trustee White never saw this letter dated April 1. Trustee Savopoulos surmised that they should have had this discussion prior to any negotiations. Mr. Kreger said that he didn't negotiate this letter. He made copies and distributed it when he got here. There was one phone call. Mayor Grenvich explained that he met once with the Mayor in November and once (he believed) in March. There has not been a whole lot of discussion. He wanted to see if there was any interest.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer said he had a copy of the April 1, letter and held a meeting with the officers. They discussed it and weighed the pros and cons. The pro they determined was that if they staffed that fire station with three people not two, because a two-man engine company is just not safe, the advantage would be that on

that side of town they would have a quicker response time. Beyond that everything was negative. One person staffed 24/7, 365 takes 12 to 15 of our part-time people. We would have to hire that many people. They would have to be trained, have physicals, and take ability tests and so on. All of this costs and takes about six months. In addition, we don't have that type of people to do it. There was no type of advantage.

Chief Meyer also spoke about a wedge of land located beyond I-55 that contains several businesses. So it is not just a 2 by 4 block area. His recommendation is not to do it.

Trustee Sleighter asked Mayor Grenvich the following: "You can maintain the firehouse, maintain the equipment and maintain the pension fund, what can't you afford." Mayor Grenvich explained that by ceasing the village fire service we can cut costs and not only salaries but pension costs and if we continue with full-time fire in our own fire department the way it is the pension costs will only increase. If you stop the fire costs within the village, that cuts the cost of pensions. It doesn't eliminate the costs of the pensions. We still have pensioners. One of the two people we have would still be eligible for a pension. We learned that they have ten or eleven pensioners.

In addition, Mayor Grenvich explained that they might be looking at a new pumper and probably a new ambulance for very few calls. They would have to spend over one-half million dollars in new equipment. Add in increasing cost, it is a spiraling cost. They have a total of 160 to 170 calls per year.

Chief Meyer stated that Stickney answers 1000 ambulance calls per year. He elaborated on the fire fighter progression through certification and advanced training.

Fire Captain Jeff Boyajian asked if they have reached out to their guys to ask for concessions to try to save your department. Mayor Grenvich didn't know what kind of concessions. There is nothing we can do about the equipment. He said that they pay pretty well. We don't have the staffing that Stickney has. I don't know about concessions when you are looking at the total package. Jeff also remarked that it was his understanding that they just found out about this on Friday. Mayor Grenvich responded that that wasn't true. This has been talked about.

Trustee Gomez asked about the residents of Forest View. Mayor Grenvich explained that they had a town meeting two weeks ago and laid this out. The only thing that got back to him was that "Wow, we have a nice fire house." Without some sort of change, the taxes are going to be band-aided to rise. They raised the taxes a year and a half ago by \$200,000 for police and fire pensions. There were about 50 people at the meeting and not one person asked anything.

Fire Chief Meyer remarked that Harvey fire recently took over Dixmore. And Crestwood is looking to outsource their fire service.

Mayor Morelli felt that she wanted her board to hear about it. This was the best thing to give information to our board. She knows that there has been not been a whole lot said about this. Mayor Grenvich kept asking her if she heard anything yet. She hadn't heard nothing yet. She had nothing to tell him. She felt this was the best way to get information to our board and those interested in hearing about it. That was her plan. There is no other reason other than to get information going with it. She thanked the audience for coming.

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 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this day of 2014

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor

June 17, 2014

State of Illinois
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The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, June 17, 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 Lesch, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos, to approve the minutes of the previous special session meeting held on June 3, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees De Lesch, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Sleigher moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday June 3, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees De Lesch, 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 Lesch, 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 March, 2014 indicating the sum of \$37,886.58.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees De Lesch, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the month of May, 2014 in the amount of \$17,565.25.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Sleigher moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to approve Resolution 04-2014, a Resolution authorizing the release of executive session minutes.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Morelli read a gracious letter of gratitude from the Director of the Stickney/Forest View Library, Heather Shlah. Thanks was given for the participation and help provided from many village elected officials, departments and employees to help make their annual summer read kick off block party a success.

Mayor Morelli then introduced Hawthorne Race Course President, Tim Carey. Mr. Carey addressed their July 12, 2014 Running of The Bulls event. He mentioned the controversy and concern over it. He assured us that they are a thoroughbred horse facility and do not abuse animals in any way shape or form. They will do everything in their power to make sure it is done the right way. They will work with our staff and the police and fire department in terms of any needs that they are going to have that day. This is an event that has taken place across the county in the last year and currently this year. There haven't been any incidences. There will be 64 bulls and they will run 12 bulls at a time so they can rotate them through again to make sure that the bulls are safe. It is different from Spain where they have a bull fight at the end where the bulls die. This is going to be a managed event. It is a family event. They welcome any and all to come out for it. They believe they have everything under control with Stickney's staff and police/fire department. He then took questions. The Mayor asked about the tomato fight. Tim Carey said it is called Tomato Royal where you can throw tomatoes at each other. That starts at 3:00 in the afternoon. It is supposed to be a great time. There is going to be games, music, food, alcohol and whatnot. The clerk asked if they hire special policing. We were told that it is their security staff working with our police department.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Gomes reminded us of the Flea Market on June 28, at 9:00 to 1:00 at the Ridgeland Pavilion.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to accept the treasurer's report for the month of April, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky gave the police report for the month of May, 2014. The total number of calls for service; 1,851: Total number of E911 calls received; 421: Arrest by type: Traffic: 143; Village Ordinance Offences: 24; Warrants and Complaints: 10; Parking violations: 212; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 389; Total number of squad miles: 11,063; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,192 Average gas mileage/squad: 9.284 mpg.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of May, 2014. Ordinance Investigations: 384, Business License Investigations: 5, Violation Notices Issued: 28, Miscellaneous Details: 188, S.L.O. Tickets: 7, Parking Citations Issued: 124,

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief John Sladetz explained that most of our police officers just finished a particular tactical training called Rapid Response Training. It has to do with going after active shooters in schools and office buildings. It is a certain way to be trained. Sergeant Gary Wiseman has been thoroughly trained as an instructor in this. He is very intense in the training. It is actually very intense in itself. Your adrenalin is pumping. The Chief has done it twice himself. What you are actually doing is going after this person not to arrest him but to take him out so he doesn't take any more lives. It is a different mindset, than going in to take this person out in cuffs. Eight or nine of our officers have gone through it. They did this at Edison School. It was warm in there.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer reported that on the day of the library block party they had an incident at Koppers located at 39th and Laramie. What they do there is they take the byproduct from the steel mills and they make coke. They make coke by baking coal and the product that is settled the bottom is waste to them, they want the carbon. They put the waste in trucks and take it to Koppers to recycle. Koppers refines it further and they get tar out of it. The scrubber and an oxidizer became overheated and caught fire. In other news, the alternator froze on the ladder truck. When it froze the belts flew off. The alternator weighs 72 pounds. Ironically enough the alternator then went out on the ambulance as well.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka commented that vehicle stickers must be displayed by the end of the month. Tickets will be issued after that. They have extended hours on Saturday, June 28, 8:00 a.m. to noon. On June 30, we will be open to 6:00 p.m. The budget draft should be ready from July 2. On July 16, a notice will be posted in the LIFE Newspaper advertising our public hearing and when a draft of the budget will be available to the public. On July 29, at 6:30 p.m. there will be a hearing on the budget and we will have a Special meeting 7:00 p.m. to consider passing the budget.

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 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this day 2014

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor

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BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION

BLOCK INVOLVED: 7000 40th Pl

CONTACT PERSON/ORGANIZER:

NAME: MARIA LACEY

ADDRESS: 7044 W. 40th Pl

PHONE NUMBER: [REDACTED]

DATE OF EVENT: July 26-2014 HOURS: 10am - 10pm

STREETS TO BE BLOCKED OFF:

40th Pl Wisconsin to Home Ave

WILL THERE BE A BAND, DISC JOCKEY OR ANY AMPLIFIED MUSIC OR ANNOUNCEMENTS?

YES: _____ NO: Ø

IF YES, NAME OR THE BAND OR DISC JOCKEY:

NOTE: HOURS FOR THE BLOCK PARTY ARE LIMITED FROM 10:00 a.m. UNTIL 10:00 p.m.

AT THE CLOSE OF THE BLOCK PARTY, THE ORGANIZER MUST CLEAN UP AND RESTORE ALL PUBLIC PROPERTY TO THE CONDITION THAT IT WAS IN PRIOR TO THE BLOCK PARTY.

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BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION

BLOCK INVOLVED: 4400 maple Ave

CONTACT PERSON/ORGANIZER:

NAME: KATHY Stanevicius

ADDRESS: 4442 S. MAPLE

PHONE NUMBER: 

DATE OF EVENT: SATURDAY August 2, 2014 HOURS: 10 AM - 10 pm

STREETS TO BE BLOCKED OFF:

4400 MAPLE AVE. NORTH + ^{SOUTH} ~~SIDE~~ side

" IF FIRE DEPT. comes PLEASE GO TO NORTH SIDE OF MAPLE "

WILL THERE BE A BAND, DISC JOCKEY OR ANY AMPLIFIED MUSIC OR ANNOUNCEMENTS?

YES: X NO: _____

IF YES, NAME OR THE BAND OR DISC JOCKEY:

Mitch Mayer Band

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