

April 15, 2014

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, April 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 DeLeshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White**

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

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

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher 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: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White
Nays: None
Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

Mayor Morelli introduced the Director of Pace Bus, Alan Nowaczyk. He also is the Mayor of Willow Springs. He thanked us for our participation in the Pace Bus Shelter Ad Program. He presented a check from Pace to Mayor Morelli and the Board of Trustees in the amount of \$10,269.06 which is our municipality's share of the 2013 advertising revenue.

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 January, 2014 indicating the sum of \$40,237.93.

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

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to accept the report from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the month of March, 2014 in the amount of \$10,836.14.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleighter and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee De Leshe moved for purpose of discussion, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to award bid for Children's Park Improvement to Fuerte Systems, Inc., per recommendation of LandTech Design. Ltd.

The trustee's discussion ensued in this fashion: Trustee White stated that Mr. Vann's company was paid about \$31,000. How much more will be paid? Mr. Vann said that from this point the costs are on an hourly basis. Mr. Vann felt it could be \$1800 to \$2000 more for construction/observation on an estimated hourly basis. Trustee De Leshe questioned the fencing overkill. Mr. Vann revised for a lesser specification on the materials. The contractor identified two items to reduce costs on the fencing and the complexity of the rubber surface. The subcontractor for the rubber surface has also been switched. Additional opportunities for reductions will be obtained if possible. Trustee De Leshe asked if public works can come in to demolish the park. Mr. Vann said that he was instructed to have the contractor do that although it has been done in other municipalities. Mr. Vann explained that part of the demolition can be credited back from the contractor. Note that there are specific dumps that accept some the materials. Trustee Savopoulos asked where is the village going to come up with \$125,000 and is it budgeted. Mayor Morelli said, "Yes we did." Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka said that it was budgeted through the Capital Projects Fund. That is where we make transfers from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in previous years to cover projects. Trustee De Leshe asked if we have to pay this all up front and then we get reimbursed? So we have to put out the entire 250,000 plus dollars. Mr. Vann told them that is correct. It is paid out as progress is made on the job. Your books will be checked out by an accounting procedure. The state typically pays within 60 days of the project close. Treasurer Kasnicka said that the state already has the money encumbered. Trustee De Leshe asked if we turned down this grant, would it hurt us for future grants? Mr. Vann said it would put you on a blackball list. Mr. Vann said that we could file for an extension if we are making progress. We are making progress because we have a contract awarded. If we want to take a little longer to discuss things and work with the contractor, it would be a valid reason to ask for an extension. Trustee White mentioned the other demands on the money. We need an ambulance. Treasurer Kasnicka asked them to look at the treasurer's report that was given to the board today. It shows the amount of money in the Capital Fund. We were told that the fund has \$393,000. Fire Chief Meyer said that an ambulance costs is \$183,000. The need for a generator was also mentioned. Trustee De Lesch asked if we could wait until we went through the May budget process. Trustee Lazansky asked how long the bid will hold. This contractor will hold the price for 60 days unless there is an increase in costs. Mr. Vann could talk to the contractor. Trustee De Leshe voiced concern over the look of the original park. Mr. Vann didn't expect to get any great savings from this point on. It will still be a very nice park. Attorney Donald Kreger asked if any of the Capital Fund came from

bond proceeds. The treasurer said, "No." The Clerk, Audrey McAdams, referred to a notice she read about concerning \$26,000 coming our way. Then she referred to the \$10,000 from Pace, and then there is the \$100,000 that is promised from Senator Sandoval.

At this point, the lobbyist, Mark Fary, spoke. He explained that they look for opportunities. The \$100,000 is appropriated in this year's (state) budget. It could go for anything from roads, lights, roofs and anything else. He thinks that it could go for an ambulance. After Easter break, Senator Sandoval will try to change the wording on the grant to include an ambulance.

Mayor Morelli asked for action to be taken on the park tonight.

Trustee De Leshe moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to table the awarding of the bid for the Children's Park Improvements to Fuerte Systems, Inc. per recommendation of LandTech Design, Ltd. until the next meeting.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Present: Lazansky

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Mayor Morelli said that the next item is up for discussion as it pertains to a variance for the cell tower located in the Children's Park. Attorney Kreger said we do not have such an ordinance. Trustee Sleigher said that the engineer, Tim Geary, suggested that we change it from a variance to a special use. Trustee Sleigher was told by the attorney that he needs to hold a special public hearing as our ordinance states. It was further explained that this board can be the applicant for the special use. Or the person that has the tower can be the applicant to file for special use. Further explanations were given. The attorney will prepare a petition for special use. No vote was necessary.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to grant permission to the Stickney/Forest View Little League to hold their May 17, 2014 parade in the Village.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher to grant permission to the Salvation Army to conduct their Donut Days Solicitation on May 30 & 31 and June 6 & 7, 2014.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Morelli introduced Mark Fary, our lobbyist, who then introduced the other members of his lobbyist firm; Chris Ganschow and Robert Mularo. Mr. Fary provided a history of his lobbying involvement with the Village. It started with the original gaming bill SB744. Currently they are working on the newest gaming bill SB1739. There will be a hearing on this bill the day after this board meeting. He expects a vote to take place at the end of the regular session or in the veto session.

In addition to the gaming bills, Mark has worked for us on the Osland Grant for our proposed playground. He would consider asking Governor Quinn, who is a lover of nature, to attend our ribbon-cutting ceremony. He would also encourage Senator Sandoval to change the language in the \$100,000 grant to include the purchase of a fire engine.

We were told that as lobbyists they monitor all bills in Springfield and lobby for the bills that can help Stickney and against the ones that can hurt Stickney. They keep the Mayor informed and send reports. Trustee White asked if he could update us through reports. Trustee White said that the only reason the lobbyist is at this meeting is that no one here on this board knows anything about what he is doing. White said that they very often have to answer to the residents about the cost of a lobbyist and his \$36,000 per year salary. Each municipality is different in their requirements on updates. Mr. Fary promised to visit again after the General Assembly adjourns at the end of May. He further invited calls if there were questions or concerns.

Mark Fary's associate, Chris Ganschow then gave us an update on some of the bills they are watching in the General Assembly. They work in conjunction with the Illinois Municipal League.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Trustee Gomez thanked those that helped with the Easter Egg Hunt. . . . especially for those who donated the 14 Easter baskets. She thanked the Easter bunny for his visit. Trustee Gomez then reminded us of a job fair that will be held at Morton College on April 30. The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will be holding a drug collections event on April 26, from 10:00 to 2:00.

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

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleighter and White

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee Lazansky gave the police report for the month of March, 2014. The total number of calls for service; 1,864: Total number of E911 calls received; 370: Arrest by type: Traffic: 176; Village Ordinance Offences: 12; Warrants and Complaints: 11; Parking violations: 115; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 314; Total number of squad miles: 12,265; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,277 Average gas mileage/squad: 9.605 mpg.

Ordinance Activity Report for the month of March, 2014. Ordinance Investigations: 288, Business License Investigations: 15, Violation Notices Issued: 3, Miscellaneous Details: 154, S.L.O. Tickets: 1, Parking Citations Issued: 5,

Trustee Pat Sleighter reminded us that April 26, is Earth Day and Arbor Day in Veteran's Memorial Park. He informed us about the tree stump removal. They know exactly where they are. There will be no planting of trees this year. Morton Arboretum contacted him that we might be available for a grant for trees next year so we don't have to buy any. Trustee Sleighter is working with them to complete the grant process. The building inspector wanted Trustee Sleighter to mention that people need to get permits prior to starting any building projects. If you see your neighbor doing something and they didn't a permit, let us know. It is your property that is involved also. You have to protect your interest and investment.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief Sladetz informed us that a replacement vehicle was delivered for the 2011 Crown Vics which was pretty much totaled. The replacement is a 2014 Tahoe.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer reported that the computers in the station are quite old. A new server and four desktops were delivered. Concerning the ambulance that we were talking about for years to be replaced, it is going to be fifteen years old in August. This is very old for an ambulance. It was involved in a flood a few years ago. They are doing double ambulance calls constantly. The other ambulance they have is a 2007 and just had repairs done this week. Keep in mind that a new ambulance takes 11 months in lead time to build. So, 11 months from now it will be 2015.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka commented that the check that PACE gave us was a little more than \$10,000. This is a little more than the yearly check we have gotten in the past. This is our share of the advertising. The treasurer also referred to "Illinois Jobs Now Capital Bill." The clerk received information via email that Stickney is expected to receive \$26,900. We have received four other installments over the past few years. The funds are directly deposited in the Illinois Department of Transportation. In other matters, the offices will be open on Good Friday.

Attorney Donald Kreger addressed Item 17a of the agenda concerning handicapped parking. He said that from time to time we get requests to put in handicapped parking spaces put in certain places. What we don't have is an ordinance authorizes those to be granted with standards. We have one street where the whole one side of the street is handicapped parking without any follow up if there is anyone who is handicapped living at a particular place. We need to have some sort of ordinance adopted and he wants the authority to work with the clerk on that. He doesn't like spending the Village's money without the authority.

The Attorney then referred to Item 17b of the agenda concerning vehicle stickers and overnight parking. He said that it is an issue for the board to decide. The clerk was asked about the overnight parking. Clerk McAdams explained that Deputy Police Chief Rich Jaczak recommended that we not have overnight parking allowed for cars that are not licensed here. It has been done in other communities. The attorney then

said that what they wish to do with vehicle stickers is totally up to you. Also, Deputy Police Chief Rich Jaczak has been looking into other things. She then explained that she is handing out such an ordinance that is from Berwyn. Police Chief Sladetz has another ordinance from Cicero. The clerk explained that it is one of the ways that they limit the parking on the streets. Cicero charges more for subsequent cars. The Deputy Chief is looking into this as well.

Donald Kreger said that if no one objects he will prepare an ordinance for 17a for the next meeting. He felt that we need some sort of standards. He will work with the police chief on the issue of the overnight parking if there are no objections. On the issue of vehicle stickers, he didn't know if you wish to discuss this tonight or not that has to do with costs. There is also whether you want the penalty to be greater or not. He felt that he thought it was a good idea. He felt that people should not drive into our municipality and park overnight. We could provide a permit to people who will be having overnight guests. The clerk recommended that the trustees take a look at the two ordinances they will be given that refer to the licensing of vehicles. Mr. Kreger will work with the clerk accordingly.

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 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 7th of May, 2014

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor