

**April 1, 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 1, 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:**

**Present: Trustees Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White**

**Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

**Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, March 19, 2014.**

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

**Ayes: Trustees Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White**

**Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

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

**Absent: Trustee De Leshe**

**Nays: None**

**Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.**

**At this point John Vann, of LandTech Design, Ltd. was introduced to address the awarding of the bid for the construction of the Children's Park. He referred to the bid packet that was given to each trustee. It includes a cover letter and spreadsheet regarding the bids that were opened on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The recommendation was to Fuerte Systems, Inc. John Vann has a good rapport with this company. They will be able to do this project. He then referred that the current budget contract was a little over budget. This issue was discussed. There are three specific items:**

**Ornamental fencing substitution to save \$5,000.**

**Color change of rubber surface to save \$10,000**

**The design of the shelter can be reduced by \$10,000**

**When this went to bid, spring had not started. The contractors were starting to panic because they will be having a compressed year. Therefore, we are seeing higher prices coming in.**

John Vann could sit down with us and the contractor, Fuerte Systems and go over everything.

The design can be changed. John Vann then passed out a packet of playground spray feature pictures. The water feature can be postponed and be included in another park in the future. A substitute could be a sand/play area. The second page showed pictures of those designs. We were given scenarios of that feature. Trustee Sleigher asked for a cost. A play-sand area would be a little more than \$25,000 because it wouldn't require a water line, drain or utilities. Although the water pad has minimal maintenance. The liability would be higher with the water feature.

The State of Illinois, because they are part and parcel with his, would have to approve any changes to the plans. John Vann was unable to receive a review due to them traveling the state to complete some reviews. He expected to receive more information by Thursday. Trustee Sleigher asked what the expiration was on the grant. We were told that it would be a year and a half. We didn't have to rush tonight to make a decision. We could talk to the contractor and find out more information and get additional numbers.

The current park is not very useful. To push this back would see the new park finished by the end of summer rather than the middle of summer. Question arose over the safety of the current park.

Trustee Savopoulos questioned a couple of lines in the bid that said, "BY OTHERS". John Vann explained that the playground equipment itself and the installation are being bought through a joint purchasing agreement. It is not included because that is being installed by a different contractor. This is classified as "Owner Cost". Trustee Sleigher proceeded to decipher the bid with John Vann. The bottom line after this discussion was that we would have to add another \$43,710 to the total. Thus adding in the professional fees as well. Therefore, we are \$19,668 over the project budget. This would be the responsibility of the village because it over the state budget number. Discussion was held by reading the figures from the bid recommendation.

John Vann explained the avenues to lower the project. The fencing was specified incorrectly. The rubber surfacing was specified at a high level and Mr. Vann thought he could knock that cost down. There were other areas that he thought he could save on. Additional conversation was held over the bike rack. The existing bike rack will be used with an addition of a new concrete pad.

Attorney Donald Kreger asked if Mr. Vann is still recommending accepting the award tonight or should we come back. John Vann said it would be really up to Village Board and counsel to enter into a contract. If you were to adjust all these numbers and then award this contract, there could be some question as to could we have done that with someone else. We're recommending that you award it at face value. It does not have to happen tonight. He will be happy to bring back some additional numbers. You can then make a decision as to how this thing is going to go.

Trustee Sleigher asked if we could postpone the vote until the next meeting. An audience member voiced her opinion on the value of having a water spray. She

remarked that the library could have issues with the sand as well. Clerk McAdams remembered a statement given by an audience member at one of the planning meetings on how nice it would be to have this water feature during the really hot days. After all, we have no community pools. John Vann said that is why we planned this in the first place. The maintenance is friendly. Just turn the water off at the curb box and let the water run out through the French drain. It is like turning off a drinking fountain.

Mr. Vann never heard about a cat using a sand box in the 30 years he has been in business. He didn't think it was a real problem.

Trustee Sleighter moved, duly seconded by Trustee De Leshe to table this item until the next meeting.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Absent:

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

More information will be made available by John Vann for the next meeting. Trustee White asked him to forward him any correspondence.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to pass and approve Ordinance 2014-02, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 58, "Peddlers and Solicitors" by Revising Sections 58-1 and 58-2"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

**MAYOR REPORT:** the Mayor said that since she was not here at the last meeting, she thanked everyone who participated in the Saint Baldrick's Day program at the Stickney-Forest View Library. Over \$12,000 was raised so far for cancer research. Heather Shlah the director of the Stickney-Forest View Library couldn't be here today.

**CLERKS REPORT:** We learned that Clerk McAdams attended a seminar a few weeks ago where one of the speakers was from the Illinois Policy Institute. The clerk had been working with this organization along with Brent Tureson when the Village's web site was first being established. The goal at the time was to be 100% transparent. The Clerk asked the speaker to do an audit on the current web site. They wrote back, "We have performed an audit of the Stickney website, and you guys are doing very good for a first audit. The score is at 68.8%, which is very high for a first audit."

The Clerk went on to alert those people who should fill out their Statement of Economic Interest for the office of David Orr Cook County Clerk. People were told

that those who file after May 1, have to pay a \$15 fine. Failure to file by May 31, may result in forfeiture of office or position of employment.

A notice was read from Lyons School District 103 Foundation to support their June 25, golf outing. A reminder was given that the Stickney Township Assessor's office is holding a workshop on April 16, 2014 at the Stickney-Forest View Library to answer taxpayer questions regarding their property tax reassessment questions.

**TRUSTEE'S REPORTS:** Trustee Gomez gave the Fire Department Report for the month of March, 2014 there were a total of 124 calls: Ambulance calls; 74: Mutual Aid Calls; 22: Service Calls; 4: Fire Calls; 16: Hazardous Condition Calls; 2: Motor Vehicle Accidents; 4: Working Fires; 0: Brush/Trash Fire Calls; 2:

Trustee Gomez also reported that the Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place on April 12, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Trustee Lazansky motioned, duly seconded by Trustee Sleigher to accept the treasurer's report for the month of December, 2013.

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 gave the police report for the month of February, 2014. The total number of calls for service; 1,611: Total number of E911 calls received; 355: Arrest by type: Traffic: 143; Village Ordinance Offences: 15; Warrants and Complaints: 13; Parking violations: 381; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 552 Total number of squad miles: 9,787; Total amount of gasoline used: 1,147 Average gas mileage/squad: 8.530 mpg.

Stickney Police Ordinance Control monthly activity report for the month of February, 2014. Ordinance Investigations: 211, Business License Investigations: 16, Violation Notices Issued: 1, Miscellaneous Details: 165, S.L.O. Tickets: 4, Parking Citations Issued: 29, Tow Tags Issued: 5

Trustee Sleigher announced that April 26 will be a combination Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration in the Village. This will be a "Hug-a-Tree" day. The kids will be cleaning up the park. We will plant some trees and flowers. The American Legion will be helping out. This way the kids can honor the veterans' as well.

Trustee White explained that the solicitation ordinance amendment that was just passed. He said that it firms up our ordinance and makes it a little more difficult for people who want to solicit in our village. We will know a little more about them. It will cost them a little more to do so. Trustee Lazansky interjected that people should call the police to report such activity. Clerk McAdams clarified that she had gone to a clerk's seminar where she heard a speaker from Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office speak on Senior Scams such as con-artists at the door and solicitors at the door. I learned during a group discussion that we were charging \$30 per solicitor

and other municipalities were charging \$200 per person. Other municipalities were getting surety bonds. Some required that the entire board vote whether to allow such permits. The clerk said she then held a meeting with Chief John Sladetz, Deputy Chief Jaczak and Mayor Morelli. They wholeheartedly agreed that we needed to make changes. In the past we had solicitors who were ticketed but never appeared in court. Now if they have to post a surety bond at least that money is there to hold against them if they break our laws. Trustee White enforced the fact that the fee will now be \$250. Attorney Donald Kreger commented that people need to be vigilant for people who are going door-to-door without going to the Village Hall. The community needs to understand that solicitors have to have IDs and do not allow anyone to go to your door if they are not identified. People want to comply it just costs them more. The community has to help us. Clerk McAdams referred to the Attorney General's office warning that identification tags are being fraudulently forged. Trustee Sleighter suggested that people should walk to their door with their phone in their hand.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Supervisor Jeff Boyajian thanked his entire public works department for a job well done. More snow was removed than has been done in decades. A lot of hard hours were put in. Only once were they behind on the garbage pickup. They braved the weather. Street sweeping starts this Thursday. Tickets will be issued. The subject of tree stumps was discussed. He is working with the board to work out a plan to get the parkways in their original state.

Police Chief John Sladetz congratulated public works for a job well done. The police will start ticketing cars this Thursday and Friday for street sweeping. Last week they put street sweeping notices on all the cars that were parked on the street. Information concerning solicitors was addressed. The Chief reminded people that if someone is at your door and you don't like them, just call the police. He doesn't care if they are wearing a badge or not. He would rather escort them off of your property than take some sort of burglary or scam report.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer reported that they fought a garage fire the night before. The blue garbage can caught fire next to the garage. A lot of heat was generated by the garbage can and the Chief recommended that people place their own garbage cans away from their garages. In addition, the Chief reported that they fought a house fire in Lyons on Saturday.

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 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 16th day of April, 2014

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Deborah E. Morelli, Mayor