

November 5, 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, November 5, 2019, at 7:01 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

Deputy Clerk Beth Lukas is substituting for Clerk Audrey McAdams while she is on vacation.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos and White

Absent: Trustee Torres excused absent and is on vacation

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Session on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Torres

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.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Torres

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2019-18, “An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2019-09 to Correct a Scrivener’s Error 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 and White

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Torres

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

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Prior to the vote, Village Attorney Tiffany Jaworski explained that there was a typo that gave reference to an incorrect code section. We corrected the reference. Once this is passed it will be incorporated into the codified ordinances.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to Approve Resolution 22-2019, “A Resolution Regarding the Release of Executive Session Minutes”

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Torres

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Approve Resolution 23-2019, “A Resolution Appointing a Certain Individual to the Position of Zoning Administrator for the Village of Stickney”

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Torres

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Walik explained that this is appointing Josh Brniak to the position of Zoning Administrator. There was always a position for it but it was never filled.

The Mayor now asked for discussion and possible action regarding Recreational Marijuana. Village Attorney Tiffany Jaworski explained that the State Legislature approved the use of Recreational Marijuana in the State of Illinois. Currently many municipalities are making the decision whether to allow the sale of marijuana in their community. They can't prohibit the use any longer with certain restrictions. The Board basically has two options before it. One option is to prohibit the sale, cultivation, manufacture, infusion within the community. The other option is to allow it but zone it through special-use permits or zoning mechanism where you think it is most appropriately allowed in town. It is a decision for the board to make.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to table the action regarding the recreational marijuana until we have our full board here when Lea Torres is back from vacation.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Torres

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Thanked Beth for stepping in for Clerk McAdams who is out of town. He thanked all the volunteers for helping at both of our Halloween events. He estimated that there were 480 hayrides given each day. He mentioned the volunteers and the actors. He invited the people to the Veteran's Day Program on November 11,

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at 11:00 a.m. Food is being donated by McCracken's Pub for our veterans and those who attend.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Milenkovic attended the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission meeting. Our noise levels are down in Stickney. The third quarter decibel level was 51. Last year it was 53.4. They are going to have another window and door replacement program starting in January. We will not qualify because our levels were down. We will be discussing this at the January meeting.

Ed Bartunek provided important information concerning the planting of 20 new trees all made available by the grant. Beth Lukas added in that there will be 20 additional trees planted within the next two weeks. There was a total of 40 trees obtained from the grant.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: Reminded people to check your batteries in your older model smoke and carbon-monoxide detectors. The newer models have 10-year batteries.

Deputy Chief Rich Jaczak: Informed us that he went to a training session recently through our insurance company on Recreational Marijuana. This will happen. It will be allowed for people to smoke in their backyards. You can call the police all you want. There is nothing they can do. It is not legal to be opened in your vehicle. They come in sealed containers. They are very difficult to open. You must use a knife to open them up. Like alcohol you can't drive and be under the influence. There is a rumor of a trailer bill. It may be brought up downstate to change some of the law and clarify it. Law enforcement was very nervous about conceal carry. All and all there have been very few problems with that. One of our very young officers stopped an out-of-town car going the wrong way on a one-way street. When he approached the car, he could smell marijuana. Just like beer, you can't have it opened in a car. He got everyone out of the car. This is the second one in two months. Another good arrest by one of our officers.

In addition, Deputy Chief Jaczak notified us of a situation where he and Sergeant Ortiz met with the FBI concerning a threat on Social Media regarding Washington Middle School. The FBI came here to discuss a juvenile. They made contact with the family. They met with the Superintendent and Principal. The student will be suspended immediately and probably will be expelled long term. This is your tax money doing what it is supposed to do.

Street cleaning will continue. Street cleaning and leaf removal. It will continue until it is all cleaned up. It could last until 5:00 p.m. We will be out there all day writing tickets when leaf pick up is going on. A Code Red will go out on Sunday to remind everybody.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: We are off on November 11, there will be no pick up. He reflected on the damage done to trees by the early snow storm. The leaf program will pick up your leaves in the street. He suggested that people place their leaves on the grass near the curb. This way the leaves will not clog the water going

towards the sewers. The Fire Chief suggested that people not park on top of leaf piles. It could cause a fire from the catalytic convertor in the car.

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 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lukas, Deputy Village Clerk

Approved by me this 19th day of November 2019

Jeff Walik, Mayor