

**November 19, 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 19, 2019, at 7:05 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, November 5, 2019.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: 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.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to go along with the recommendation of our Finance Director of \$2,619,685 for the tax levy. The agenda states: (Approve the determination of the amounts of money estimated to be necessary to be raised by taxation for the year of 2019 (collected in 2020) upon the taxable property in the Village of Stickney, pursuant to Section 18-60 of the Truth in Taxation Law)

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustee Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savooulos, Torres and White

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Finance Director David Gonzalez addressed the Board. He stated that he met with individual trustees and the Mayor to go over the proposed tax levy.

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The actual levy will not be voted on until December. We began by looking at last year's levy. Last year's levy was \$3,496,145. This year there will be a savings in the bond portion of the levy of \$167,000. What they did was move that money into the Police Pension portion of the levy. The Police Pension amount was increased by \$121,069. The overall effect by taking some of those savings from the bond and putting it into the Police Pension allows the Village to meet its obligation to meet its annual requirement to fund the Police Pension. At the same time, the overall tax levy will be zero. We are not seeing an increase of the overall levy. We estimate that the total Village levy after increasing the Police Pension by \$121,000 (the savings of the bond) will be \$3,449,285. This is about a \$46,000 decrease from the prior year. Because of the savings of the bond this year we can put that money in to the Police Pension. The Pensions will probably keep increasing each year. The Village is fortunate this year that the tentative levy that we are proposing will not have any increase on next year's taxpayer bill. For your motion, for the tentative portion that needs to be approved for today, is \$2,619,685. That is the tentative levy for the Corporate portion. The bond is not included.

Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained that by law, the Corporate authorities, the board and the Mayor, are required to decide of the amount to be raised through taxation. There needs to be a motion to make the determination that the amount of \$2,619,685 is the estimated amount to be raised through taxation. The final levy to be presented to you doesn't have to match this number this is just the initial proposal.

At this time the Mayor asked for discussion and possible action for Recreational Marijuana: Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo said, "As you know, the State of Illinois Legislature and the Governor, passed a law that allows for the recreational use of cannabis. The law permits each municipality to decide if you will allow the sale of marijuana in your community, or you will prohibit it or regulate it. For purposes of discussion only and to give my office guidance on the type of ordinance that you want presented to you, the options would be: 1.) Permit it but regulate it through zoning; meaning to Regulate it to a specified area; Regulate to special use; Regulate it to special use within a specified area or by a specific zoning district; 2.) To prohibit the sale within the Village's Corporate limits. 3.) Don't do anything and allow the voters to express their opinion in an advisory referendum. We would have to adopt this before the end of the year to go on the March 2020 Presidential Primary.

The Trustees gave the following opinions: Trustee White stated he would be for the sale of marijuana in a specified zone. Trustee Savopoulos He felt the same. He added that we could pick out a location far enough away from churches, daycares and schools. Trustee Milenkovic felt the same. He also felt that it should be regulated by having it in an industrial/commercial area and no where near a residence. He also said that it should be kept small and in a designated area. Trustee Torres said if we kept it in an area away from schools, kids or churches it would be a consideration. Trustee Kapolnek agrees with the consensus himself to keep it away from the schools and churches. To keep it in an area that is outside. Trustee Hrejsa said she would prohibit it or put it to a referendum for the residents. She said, "I am not in agreement with this. "

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Deputy Police Chief Jaczak reminded the Board and the audience that this is a state law. Just like prohibition when alcohol was lifted. Now marijuana is legal in Illinois. It will be sold somewhere. It sounds like the Board has opinions that they don't want it near churches. Bars cannot be near churches. The difference with a bar is, people go there and if they drink too much, we pull them over. The marijuana centers will be very tightly regulated. You can't smoke in them. You drive home. Everything comes in a sealed container until you get home. If our officers walk to a car just leaving a store, they would never be able to smell it in the vehicle. Years ago, people got arrested for retail thief. People went to jail for a suspended license. They couldn't carry a gun. It is a changing world. With the Village Board; if we limit where it could go, he doesn't have a problem with it. He would follow whatever they decide to do.

Trustee Torres asked about licenses from the State. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo admitted that there have been no licenses issued. Trustee White explained that we must be proactive and be prepared for when it does happen. Trustee Savopoulos informed us that he has heard that there are applications in. From what he understands, when you apply for a license you must have an address. We haven't gotten anything at this point.

Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo clarified that there will be two rounds. Those who already have a license to sell. Medical or medicinal purposes under the Compassionate Care Act are Round One. Round Two would be those who had been previously licensed and want to be newly licensed. Even if people don't apply in the first round doesn't mean that people won't apply in the second round. Attorney Del Galdo agreed with Trustee White that we should have a position. Trustee White mentioned that we are not 100% all for it. We want to have the opportunity to say where it happens at and there is tax revenue. We want to get our portion of the taxes. We want to have things in place for our protection.

An audience member asked if there would be a limit of the amount of locations. Village Attorney Mike Del Galdo explained that they would get licensed through the state, and through zoning with the village you could limit the facilities by zoning regulations. Such as you could only have two on Harlem Avenue. Or you could have one with one mile separating the next one. Effectively you are controlling the amount of people who come into town.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Walik thanked Finance Director Gonzalez for all the hard work he did in putting together and presenting the tax levy.

**CLERK'S REPORT:** Clerk McAdams provided information she received from the EPA concerning a spill into the sanitary sewer at Koppers. She read information pertinent to the Census 2020.

**Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to approve the 2020 Regular Board Meeting Schedule**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

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**Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the 2020 Administrative Office Holiday Schedule**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

**TRUSTEE REPORTS: All the Trustees gave Happy Thanksgiving greetings.**

**Trustee Hrejsa mentioned that the Senior Christmas Party on December 7, at 11:00 to 1:00 and the Children's Christmas Party will be at 2:00 to 4:00 at the Stickney Clinic on 40<sup>th</sup> Street. Sign up is required.**

**Trustee Kapolnek thanked the Police Department for their help at the Super Bingo party last Sunday. We were reminded of the breakfast with St. Nick on December 1.**

**Trustee Milenkovic informed us that there will be a tree board meeting tomorrow. They planted 40 trees through the grant. Ed Bartunek was thanked for all his help. He happens to be a certified arborist and knows his stuff. The Mayor and Beth Lukas were thanked for all their help with the trees. The Morton Arboretum will be out on Monday to inspect what was planted.**

**Trustee Savopoulos announced that he is leaving out of the country and returning on December 11. He is going to Greece.**

**Trustee White reminded people that the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club will be hosting their Ham and Egg Breakfast this Sunday at the Forest View Village Hall. They will have raffles on Hams and Turkeys.**

**Ed Bartunek informed us that there are 40 new trees in the ground, and they look good. There are 11 trees at the memorial, six at the soccer field, along 43<sup>rd</sup> Street entering Rensch Field there were six planted and five at the dog park. In addition, Dr. Bernard of Edison**

School worked through Morton Arboretum and received ten trees. In total there have been a total of 50 trees planted.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

Public Works Director Joe Lopez reported that leaf removal continues. Because the streets are wet it is clogging up the vacuum. We are off Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving. The garbage pickup will be delayed one day. The lawn waste pickup from Waste Management will end at the end of November. The Village will pitch in and continue to pick up garden waste when Waste Management stops. The Mayor added in his thanks to the Police Department for assisting in getting cars moved so the leaves could be removed. The Mayor explained that they were towing cars to alternate spots if they couldn't find people to move their cars. We fell behind because of Veteran's Day and snow the next day. He asked people to stay off the streets until 8:00 p.m.

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Deputy Chief Rich Jaczak mentioned that Officer Will Dooley ran the program of moving cars for street cleaning. Seventeen cars were move over the last two days. Most were relocated nearby. Our communication center was informed of their new locations. We wrote forty tickets over this week. The same process will be done for next week. In addition, we completed our annual rifle training in Lemont. Corporal Lockridge oversees rifle training. This year most of our night shift shot at 4:00 a.m. in the morning. We were the first town that could do this. Corporal Lockridge wanted it to be realistic. Officer Ashley McDonald has returned to work after being off on maternity leave. She was given light training to get caught up on the new computers.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian warned people to be watchful when using a deep fryer to cook their turkey. He described the dangers of leaving a candle unattended. He suggested that the candle be extinguished when leaving a room.

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 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk**

**Approved by me this 3rd day of December, 2019**

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**Jeff Walik, Mayor**