

February 7, 2012

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 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 Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk.**

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik, to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Morelli moved, duly seconded by Trustee Schimel 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: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Zeedyk moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to approve the Engineer's Payment Estimate No. 4 & Final for \$21,535.10 to Central Blacktop Company for Street Rehabilitation-Phase 4.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.**

Trustee Mares moved, duly seconded by Trustee Morelli to pass and approve Ordinance 2012-02, "An Ordinance Amending "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" concerning the curfew for Halloween "Trick or Treating" hours from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a change to 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk
Nays: None
President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.**

PRESIDENT REPORT: A report was given on the February 4, 2012 West Central Municipal Conference Legislative meeting. We heard that the conference voted on a \$.10 per capita. What that means is that every resident that resides in the whole conference will pay \$.10 to fight the water rate increases. The City of Chicago increased the water rates for four years. As a group, along with the Metropolitan Mayor's Conference, we are trying to fight that. I will update you when we hear more about that.

President O'Reilly then extended an invitation for the Saturday, February 11, 2012, dedication of our Stickney Recreation Center. It is the old Sokol. It is for a couple of hours starting at 11:00 a.m.

CLERK'S REPORT: A letter was read from a resident living in the area of 41st and Ridgeland. The side of a garage located on that corner was hit with graffiti. Particular thanks were given to Ordinance Officer Arturo Terrazo and anyone else who worked on removing the graffiti.

A notice was read from the EPA concerning Heartland Recycling located at 6201 W. Canal Bank Road, Forest View. The clerk mentioned that copies of this notice were given to Trustees Schimel and Morelli since they are on the committees involved with air pollution and recycling. There will be a hearing on February 28, at the Forest View Village Hall to discuss the acceptance and treatment of special waste, including non-hazardous liquid waste, to their current municipal solid waste transfer and recycling activities.

The clerk went on to explain that she called the assessor's office and questioned the senior freeze and senior citizens exemption. She was told that applications will be in the mail by next week.

A report was given on some of the information provided at the West Central Municipal Conference Legislation breakfast on February 4.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Mares remarked on the fact that the swings have been taken down at Haley Park due to a recall from the manufacturer. He will replace them when he gets the new brackets in the spring. We are doing some upgrading in the parks and cleaning them up. He reminded people that after the grand opening of the Stickney Recreation Center on Saturday, the Sokol organization is holding their annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, February 12, 2012. He addressed the Central Stickney Park District's open invitation for any events they have. Trustee Mares also gave us an update on proposed activities that will be available in our Village.

Trustee Morelli reported on the January, 2012 Fire Department activity. Calls: include 5 working fires, 10 service related calls and 51 ambulance calls, 4 automatic fire alarms and trouble alarms, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 13 mutual automatic aid calls, 10 automatic trouble fire alarms, a fire at the Hawthorn Race Track stable area, a compost fire at a residence, a exhaust system fire at the Water Reclamation District, a car fire, and a boiler room fire, the total response for 2012 was 91.

Trustee Schimel spoke about the public hearing on February 28, 2012 concerning Heartland Recycling. He explained that what they want to do is take non-toxic liquid waste and mix it with ground up drywall or sawdust and turn it into a paste. This can now be dumped in a land fill. He is planning to go to the meeting with Fire Captain Tom Heller. All these people want to do is expand what they are already doing. He promised an update.

Trustee Walik moved, duly seconded by Trustee White to accept the treasurer's report for the month of November, 2011.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Mares, Morelli, Schimel, Walik, White and Zeedyk

Nays: None

President O'Reilly declared the motion carried.

Trustee White addressed a question that came from a concerned resident about the railroad ties that are being used at the ice skating rink. We are using railroad ties around the perimeter of the ice rink that are holding the liner in place in case of a thaw. When those ties were created some 15 years ago or so, a chemical called creosol was used as a preservative. The safety concern was over whether some of this chemical could leach and cause a safety hazard. Trustee White called the EPA in Springfield and spoke to a ground engineer named Sally Springer. She assured him that we would have no problem with those. She went on to explain that the leaching and seeping happens within the first six months of use. She did recommend that if you use them around your home that you don't use them around a vegetable garden.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Meyer reported on the Great Midwestern Shake Out. It was an exercise for earthquake preparedness. An expert advised that the damage we could experience is slim. One of the aspects of this drill was awareness. One of the items discussed was how to shut off your water supply because pipes could break. Another item was knowledge on how to shut off your gas service. Everyone in the family needs to know how to do this. The following was the most valuable information that came out of this whole exercise: We were enlightened with the fact that this is the 200th anniversary of the New Madrid Earthquake in Southern Illinois that even shook Boston and changed the course of the Mississippi River.

Deputy Police Chief Frank Figueroa shared an e-mail that he received from Alfrada Woods, the Tobacco Administrator of the Liquor Control Commission. As you know, we are in our second year of participation in the Kids Can't Buy Here tobacco enforcement program. The e-mail stated: We are pleased to announce that we had a great year with the fiscal 2011 tobacco enforcement program. We completed 17,000 compliance checks with a violation rate of only 7.1% which is the lowest rate since we started the program. Because of your commitment with the program, we attribute the success. We are looking forward to even greater things this year. New applications for fiscal year 2013 will be going out on February 10, 2012.

Deputy Chief Figueroa reported on a January 15, 2012 strong-arm robbery of a female's purse at the Jewel Store. A witness helped by coming forward. The male subject was taken into custody and charged. On January 19, a retail theft was reported at the Jewel Store. A store employee attempted to stop the offender. A description was circulated to surrounding communities. The subject was picked up and interrogated by our officers and charged with retail theft and battery. On January 24, the Jewel Store observed a retail theft on their video surveillance. Two days later the same individual returned and again loaded a shopping cart with beer. This time he was caught and charged with felony retail theft. On February 2, a vehicle sped away from the police when an attempt was made to stop it for speeding. Cocaine was discovered in the car and the subject was charged with possession of a controlled substance, a felony. February 3, an offender at the Jewel Store attempted to take \$667 worth of over-the-counter medications that he placed in a bag and proceeded to leave the building. The subject was charged with felony retail theft. February 6, a traffic stop was made for speeding and the driver did not possess a driver's license. The individual was found to possess a substance found to be cocaine. The subject was charged with one count of Possession of a Controlled substance. February 7, a NiCor truck was hit in a hit and run accident on 41st and Wisconsin and the offender took off on foot into the Harlem Avenue woods. A search was conducted. The offender was not located but his identity is known.

Public Works Supervisor Joe Lopez explained that they will be off on February 20. All pickups will be postponed by one day.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka notified us that administrative offices will be closed on February 20 due to Presidents Day.

There being no further business, Trustee Zeedyk moved, duly seconded by Trustee Walik that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 22nd day of February, 2012

Daniel A. O'Reilly, Village President