

**December 17, 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, December 17, 2019, at 7:04 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, December 3, 2019.**

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

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

**Nays: None**

**Absent: None**

**Present: Trustee Savopoulos**

**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 Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2019-19, “The 2019 Tax Levy Ordinance for the Fiscal Year, beginning May 1, 2019 and ending April 30, 2019”**

**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.**

**There were no comments or questions.**

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**Mayor Walik introduced Fire Chief Boyajian who proceeded to read the following letter to the Mayor and the Village Board of Trustees:**

**I am requesting to promote two Lieutenants to the rank of Captain and Four Firefighters to the rank of Lieutenant. The new promotions will add the leadership needed to move the department forward. The Chiefs and I met approximately two weeks ago to discuss this and developed the list of members we believe would be best for these positions, based upon the leadership they show, and the work effort put forward by each of the below individuals.**

**I would like to request the following Lieutenants be promoted to the rank of Captain;**

**Jacob Anderson—Member since 2003-16 years**

**Keith J. Chervinko—Member since 2005-14 years**

**I am requesting that the following members be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant:**

**Daniel White—Member since 2013-6 years**

**Bob Wyant—Member since 2003-16 years**

**Sam Alonzo—Member since 2003-16 years**

**William Sticha—Member since 2013-6 years**

**The Mayor asked that a Consent Agenda be used to condense Item 7 (a) through (f)**

**Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic to establish a Consent Agenda to condense Item 7 (a) through (f)**

- a. Motion to Authorize the Promotion of Jacob Anderson to the Rank of Captain.**
- b. Motion to Authorize the Promotion of Keith J. Chervinko to the Rank of Captain.**
- c. Motion to Authorize the Promotion of Sam Alonzo Jr. to the Rank of Lieutenant.**
- d. Motion to Authorize the Promotion of William Sticha to the Rank of Lieutenant.**
- e. Motion to Authorize the Promotion of Daniel White to the Rank of Lieutenant.**

**f. Motion to Authorize the Promotion of Robert Wyant to the Rank of Lieutenant.**

**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.**

**Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Approve the Appointment of John Trotsky to the Stickney Zoning Board of Appeals to Fill the Vacancy Left by Arthur Gross' Resignation**

**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.**

**The Mayor congratulated John Trotsky.**

**MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Walik congratulated the firefighters on their promotions. He mentioned that the Fire Chief will be hiring approximately ten more guys by the first of the year. We will be losing one fireman as well. The Mayor announced that on January 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a groundbreaking event involving the Casino at the Hawthorne Race Track.**

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**CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk read a Thank You note written by a resident in appreciation of Ed Bartunek changing a broken light bulb for her. Clerk McAdams read information pertinent to the Census 2020.**

**TRUSTEE REPORTS: All the Trustees gave Holiday Greetings. They all congratulated the firefighters who were given their promotions and John Trotsky on his appointment.**

**Trustee White welcomed John Trotsky to the Zoning Board and reminded people that the next board meeting is January 7, 2020. We will be on the holiday garbage schedule for garbage pickup during the week of Christmas and New Year's.**

**Trustee Torres mentioned that her husband transported all the donation for our Troops. It totaled 295 pounds. The Mayor thanked Trustee Torres' husband for taking in the donations for the troops.**

**Ed Bartunek informed us that a representative from Morton Arboretum approved our tree plantings and will now release the grant money we applied for. The Mayor explained that Ed worked on a tree grant with Administrative Assistant Beth Lukas.**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Assistant Public Works Director Sam Alonzo** reported that leaf removal program is concluded as of today. Waste Management is done picking up yard waste for this year.

**Police Chief Dan Babich** gave Christmas greetings and congratulated the firefighters. He made us aware that New Years is a very busy time for the police department. He will be out there patrolling as well.

**Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian** reported that there was a structure fire in a home yesterday. It was a basement fire that appeared to have started in the dryer. Everyone was out of the house. The dog made it outside safely. A smoke detector woke up someone sleeping in the basement. The fire burned everything in the dryer, and everything located around it. It is unsure if the dryer malfunctioned or if the fire started because of a lint buildup. The Chief implored people to clean the lint from their dryers and the dryer vent.

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,

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**Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk**

Approved by me this 7th day of January, 2020

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**Jeff Walik, Mayor**