

February 4, 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, February 4, 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 De Leshe, Gomez, Lazansky, Savopoulos, Sleigher and White

Trustee Sleigher moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2014.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Lazansky to approve for the maintenance of street and highways by a municipality by authorizing the appropriation of \$29,878.00 of 2014 Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purchase of Rock Salt MFT Section No. 14-0000-00-GM.

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 Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to approve the request from Saint Pius X Church to display street banners along Oak Park Avenue and along 43rd Street and on Grove Avenue to recognize their 60th Anniversary.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: Sleigher

Mayor Morelli declared the motion carried.

Prior to the vote, Mayor Morelli explained that the approval needs to be made for your board to get the plans made. They did this for their 50th anniversary as well. Trustee Sleighter asked who will be putting them up. He was told by Mayor Morelli that the company making the banners will be putting them up and taking them down. They also did ten years ago too. It has nothing to do with the village, it is their own program.

MAYOR REPORT: Mayor Morelli read a letter from Cicero Town President, Larry Dominick expressing his deep appreciation for the firefighters from Stickney that came to the assistance of the Town of Cicero Fire Department on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. The fire was an extraordinary 4-alarm blaze that drew upon resources of many surrounding communities.

On March 15, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. the Stickney-Forest View Library will be having a Saint Baldrick's Day fundraiser and Mayor Morelli has been asked to be a guest head shaver. Proceeds will benefit childhood cancer. The library web site has information concerning donations.

Saint Pius X will be hosting a 50's dinner fundraiser on February 28 in celebration of their 60th Anniversary. The dinner is hamburgers and shakes. They will be having the Harry Stevens Band and Ronnie Rice at 7:30. The cost is \$20 and the food is extra.

TRUSTEE'S REPORTS: Trustee Lazansky attended the Midway Noise Compatibility Commission meeting on January 23. The noise levels averaged 49.6 decibels for October, November and December. The yearly average was 48.3. The highest level near Midway was 71.0. The next report will be in April.

Trustee Savopoulos informed us that January is Radon Gas Awareness month. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. He mentioned that kits can be purchased at hardware stores or you can hire a service to do it for you.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Police Chief John Sladetz mentioned that he passed out a proposal to all of the board. He explained that we had a program called City Watch that would alert anyone of a crisis such as a flood, power outage or anything that needed to have people notified. "Well" he said, "The system died." They have been looking into other programs. Therefore, he is making this proposal to the board. It appears that this new program will reach out to everyone. Not just a text message. It will include home phones and cell phones. The company is named ECN and it bought out City Watch. Therefore we will be getting a discount price. It will cost \$5,000 per year unlimited use. It could do snow parking, street cleaning parking or leaf clean up parking. It will reach out to anyone not just anyone with a smart phone. They have their own data base, pretty much based off of City Watch. We can supply them with other information. It should be a good deal. It is very friendly. He is asking the board to consider it and vote on it at the next meeting. Trustee Sleighter asked if people will have to sign up for it. Chief Sladetz said that the service will go to everyone unless they are not in the data base. They will work with the water department to get as many of the phone number as we can. If don't get enough, then they will work with our auxiliaries and get flyers printed up and deliver them to each street. Chief Sladetz said that City Watch is pretty much dead. City Watch had no technical

support. He reached out to Nixle and EverBridge. They were the same but ECN gave the best price.

Public Works Supervisor Jeff Boyajian was told by Mayor Morelli that you guys have been doing a great job. We were told by the Supervisor that they have been working nonstop. He mentioned that there is a salt shortage. This year we budgeted for 600,000 tons which is our allotment from the state and we are allowed 20% over that and that would be 720,000 tons. We are at that 600,000 ton mark right now. To make it stretch they are salting the main streets and all the intersections to make it last. Based on the news reports and other municipalities he has talked to, they are paying \$195 to \$220 a ton for salt. Currently we pay \$48.00 a ton from the state purchase plan. They are going to try to do their best and make it work. Patrick Sleighter commented on the deplorable condition of the streets he confronted in Oak Park. Trustee Savopoulos questioned adding sand to the salt. Supervisor Boyajian said that that would be a last ditch effort because of what it does to the sewers.

Fire Chief Larry Meyer reminded people to be careful with their space heaters and some people use Kerosene heaters. He mentioned a recent fire caused by a space heater being plugged into a power strip. He suggested that people plug in such a device directly into a wall socket. A suggestion was made to make sure that fire hydrants were kept clear. We are allowing Forest View to borrow our 1992 fire engine while they were having their engine repaired as a result of the April flood. We are due to get our engine back tomorrow. The Chief addressed a circulating email that refers to 9-volt batteries causing fires. We were told that terminals on the batteries can touch metals or other 9-volt batteries and can cause a fire or create enough heat to melt whatever they are on. He told us that they cannot be recycled. We were told to cover the terminals with tape.

Treasurer Kurt Kasnicka reminded us that February 17, 2014 is President's Day and the Village Hall will be closed. Look for garbage pick-ups to be delayed by one day.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos to go in to closed session to discuss and consider the hiring, discipline, performance and compensation of certain personnel, matters of collective bargaining, acquisition of real property and matters of pending probable or imminent litigation.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to reconvene the meeting.

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.

Meeting reconvened at 7:44 p.m.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Gomez to authorize the payment of \$750 to share in the cost of the appraisal of the property listed on our agenda and also to give our attorney the authorization to further execute whatever he has to do in the mater.

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.

After the vote, Attorney Donald Kreger mentioned that this refers to Kornerstone Properties and docket number 11-23073.

There being no further business, Trustee Lazansky moved, duly seconded by Trustee Savopoulos that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 18th day of February, 2014

Deborah E. Morelli, Village Mayor