

July 16, 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, July 16, 2019, 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 Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Torres and White

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

The Mayor recognized Deputy Clerk Beth Lukas for filling in for Clerk McAdams. The Mayor also mentioned that Trustee Savopoulos has an excused absence today.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, July 2, 2019.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Milenkovic 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, Torres and White

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

At this point, Mayor Walik introduced Stickney Township Animal Control Officer Pam Barnett. We were told that it is her job to protect the public from animals that could hurt you. And, we protect the animals from the public that can harm them. That is the number one thing that Animal Control does today. They help with nuisance wildlife such as skunks, raccoons and foxes, and we will take anything that is injured. If it is digging on your property, we teach you how to remove the attraction first. You can always call in anonymously. She gets calls of dogs living in garages or tied up. There are many laws for animals on the books. She invited people to call her with their questions or comments. She has an office in Burbank. We were told that if it is above 86 degrees the laws kick in for extreme weather conditions. The first warning she gives is a misdemeanor, the second warning is a class 4 felony. She discussed

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Distemper. She picked up 13 raccoons in Stickney that were dropping out of trees. Others were sick and still alive. Animal Control does not pick up dead animals. If is on public ways it is public works that picks up the animal. Otherwise, it is your problem. She will scan an animal that is dead to discover their identity. Stickney Township has contracted with Animals Welfare. The Village of Stickney has a contract with Waggin Tails in Cicero. Animal Welfare does not accept any animals from the public. Lastly, she addressed rat poison misuse where people scatter it around in piles on the ground. She mentioned that people will place containers of antifreeze out for animals to drink. She tries to educate people that this will not just kill the rats, it will kill everything. Our Township provides rat control for free where they will give you a rat box with rat poison. Call the Health Department for a rat box.

Ed Bartunek mentioned to the audience that the Animal Warden left informative pamphlets in the lobby.

Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to pass and approve Ordinance 2019-10, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 78, Section 78-318 of the Village of Stickney Municipal Code Regarding Local Motor Fuel Tax the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to pass and approve Ordinance 2019-11, "An Ordinance Authorizing and Approving a Five-Year Extension on a Lease for Certain Real Property Leased by the Village of Stickney From the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Trustee Savopoulos

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Walik reminded people of the August 5, 2019 Senior Luncheon to be held at Saint Pius X. We will begin our new LED lighting installations around the Village. We should have it done by our next meeting. The Mayor reminded people of the safety measures to take with the excessive heat.

TRUSTEE REPORTS:

Trustee Milenkovic explained that he and Trustee Kapolnek have been working on a rat ordinance. He stated that the rat numbers are down but the Mayor still wasn't happy unless the numbers are completely down. He foresaw that this ordinance would include larger apartment buildings and commercial areas. The plan is to get it under control completely. Perhaps we will see the ordinance at the next meeting.

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Trustee Torres Read the Total Activity Report for the Stickney Police Department for January 1 – June 30, 2019:

Total number of calls for service; 11,867; Total number of E911 calls

Received thru May 16, 2019: 761; Arrest by type: Traffic: 815; Village Ordinance Offences: 359; Warrants and Complaints: 35; Parking violations: 1,476; Total number of arrests/citations issued: 2,685;

Most common traffic-related tickets issued: Speeding: 285; No Insurance: 105; No Driver's License or Driving Suspended/Revoked: 81; DUI or Alcohol Related Tickets: 24;

Most common parking tickets issued: Snow Removal: 398; Street Sweeping: 365; Vehicle Stickers: 180; Expired Registration: 156;

Index Crimes Offenses: Homicides Number 0; Rape Number 0; Robbery Number 1 Arrests 1; Aggravated Assault & Battery Number 0; Burglary Number 2; Theft Number 11. Arrests 3; Motor Vehicle Theft: 1; Arson Number: 0; Human Trafficking Number 0.

Common Activities/Incidents: Ambulance Assists: 233; Assist Other Agency: 144; Battery: 5, Burglar Alarms: 20; Disturbance Calls: 67; Domestic-Related Incident: 65; Hold Up Alarms: 5; Lost/Mislaid Property: 38; Loud Noise Complaints: 54; Neighbor Complaint: 24; Motorist Assists: 93; Open Door/Window Investigations: 163; Suspicious Noise/Person/Vehicle: 304; Traffic stops: 1,420; Traffic Accidents: 245;

Funds Collected: Admin Reports: \$1,150.00; Admin Tow Releases: \$54,620.00; Boot Fees: \$200.00; Ordinance: \$27,186.94; Cannabis (part of Ordinance): \$3,300.00; Parking: \$58,016.61; TOTAL: \$141,173.55

Ordinance Control Report Ordinance Investigations: Ordinance Investigations: 897; Business License Investigations: 26; Violations Notices Issued: 49; Miscellaneous Details: 999; S.L.O. Citations Issued: 12; Parking Citations Issued: 359;

Lastly, Trustee Torres reminded people of the Village-Wide Garage Sale on July 27 & 28, from 9:00 to 2:00.

The Mayor thanked Trustee Torres, the Police Chief and Deputy Police Chief for the report. Remember this is for six months. We will have another one for the end of the year.

Trustee Kapolnek told us that it has been a little more than a year that the Village's Back-Flow program went into effect. This is an EPA mandate. Our Building Inspector Josh Brniak gets all the reports.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Public Works Director Joe Lopez reminded us that Waste Management is starting earlier because of the heat. He told us that Waste Management will be conducting a Document Destruction Day on August 24th from 9:00 a.m. to Noon on 41st and Ridgeland.

Deputy Fire Chief Andrea Acosta gave safety tips for dealing with the excessive heat. Well-Being checks were encouraged for neighbors who have not been seen for a period of time. The cardinal rule is when you stop sweating you have overdone it.

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Police Chief Dan Babich spoke about the July 4th activity in the Village. We had six officers on duty. They worked on July 3rd for a 15-hour day. We did it again on the 4th. They did it again on July 6th. He said that his guys did a fabulous job. They gave over 67 warnings to people. They wrote two citations. In addition, the Chief told about the vehicle sticker survey they have done. They wrote over 81 citations on their first night out. Additional survey days will be held later in the year. Our last new officer will be done with his training in two weeks. We will have 16-full officers plus the Deputy Chief. They are doing many traffic stops.

There being no further business, Trustee White moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:37p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Lukas, Deputy Village Clerk

Approved by me this 6th day of July, 2019

Jeff Walik, Mayor