

December 19, 2023

**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 19, 2023, at 7:06 p.m. in the boardroom located at 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Illinois.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:
Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa**

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres Kapolnek and Hrejsa
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 Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Present: Trustee White
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

At this point Mayor Walik proceeded to conduct a ceremonial swearing in of the (4) four Probationary Police Officers:

- a. Jose Santos**
- b. Daniel Rodriguez**
- c. Anthony Covarrubias**
- d. Hannah Kosinski**

Trustee Savopoulos moved, duly seconded by Trustee Torres to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2023-20, "An Ordinance for the Levy and Assessment of Taxes for the Village of Stickney"

**Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:
Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.**

Prior to the vote, Finance Director David Gonzalez mentioned that the levy has not changed from the tentative amount in November. There were no changes to the amount of \$2,846,142.00 which is a zero amount increase over last year. The Clerk noted that this Ordinance is out of sequence because it was originally supposed to be on the December 5 agenda, but it was postponed.

Trustee Milenkovic moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Approve Resolution 20-2023, "A Resolution Forgiving Certain Interfund Debt for the Village of Stickney, County of Cook, State of Illinois"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

Ayes: Trustees White, Savopoulos, Milenkovic, Torres, Kapolnek and Hrejsa
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Hrejsa moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to Grant Permission to the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club to Conduct the Queen of Hearts Raffle that Includes a Request for a Waiver of the fee.

Prior to the vote, the clerk asked if it also included the consideration of a waiver of the Fidelity Bond Requirement. It is included in the motion.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustee voted:

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

Present: Trustee White

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor thanked all the family and friends for being here. With the support of the new officers, they will do great. He reminded everyone that at one time he was police here too. He knows what it is like. But it is different now. He hopes that they do well in the academy. Make us proud. He also spoke about K-9 Officer Becky Maday and K-9 Ali receiving the award for attending the 3-day seminar with Real-Dog Training. Ali received the trophy for "Realist Dog Competition" and also "Best Dog."

He thanked people for their support. He thanked Trustee Mitch for the tie he gave him.

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk told people about a conversation she had with the individual who picked up the Toys for Tots toys in the lobby. During the conversation she learned that they are a well-organized not-for-profit organization. They gather all the toys and take them back to their warehouse in Bridgeview. As the toys are processed, the sku numbers on each toy are blacked out so people do not take the toys and try to return them at a store for a refund. When the toys are given out, the parent is asked to show their Medicaid card to show the name and age of their child. They have an actual board running this program. They have assignments. They work on this all year long.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: All the trustees welcomed and congratulated the new police officers and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Trustee White: The trustee asked the high school students to ask any of the Board to sign their assignment sheets.

Trustee Savopoulos: He told the officers to stay safe and he appreciates what they do.

Trustee Milenkovic: The Trustee gave the report on the Operation Support Our Troops donations. Detective Sergeant Cruz Ortiz has been delivering donations to the warehouse for several years. This year we had 182 pounds. This will go out to the troops around the world.

The Mayor commented that Sergeant Ortiz has been delivering the donations for years. Every year he steps up. It goes by pounds and not by what you have. We have had anywhere from 182 pounds up to 482. He thanked him for stepping up.

Trustee Torres: After she congratulated the new officers, and she offered her assistance if they needed help with anything. She thanked everyone who helped at our Senior Christmas party and kids' party. There were over 100 seniors and 110 children in attendance. They received prizes and gifts.

Trustee Kapolnek: Thanked Public Works Director Joe Lopez and his guys and Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian and his guys for helping to pick up hams and turkeys for delivery today for Saint Pius.

Trustee Hrejsa: He thanked Anti Deb and Santa Clause for helping us to have a highly successful Pets Pictures with Santa event. We were invited to a Christmas party at the Senior Club. The Mayor added that there were thirty-three dogs to get their picture taken with Santa.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Deputy Chief Jerry Chlada: He extended wished for a safe and merry Christmas and New Year and enjoy it with your families. Other police officers around the room extended their greetings as well.

Fire Chief Jeff Boyajian: The Chief wished everyone happy holidays and to stay safe. Congratulations were given to the new officers.

Public Works Director Joe Lopez: He offered happy holidays to all and to stay safe. The new officers and the older ones should stay safe out there. He thanked the Board and the Mayor for the new vehicle this year. It is a new white pick-up truck.

The Mayor asked for the schedule for the tree pick-up by public works. We were told that it will happen after the New Year going on until the end of January.

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 to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 2nd of January, 2024

Jeff Walik, President