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**July 18, 2023
Executive Session
Pertaining to
Executive Session Minutes**

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

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in Executive Session on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 8:08 p.m. in the Stickney Village Conference Room, 6533 W. Pershing Road, Stickney, Cook County, Illinois.

The Mayor called the meeting to order to review the closed session minutes.

The people in attendance were: Mayor Walik, Clerk McAdams and Village Attorney Jessica Fese, Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Milenkovic, Savopoulos, Torres and White; No non-members were at this meeting.

The clerk reminded those in attendance that they cannot disclose anything that has been discussed in a closed session. It is unethical. The clerk asked all in attendance to turn off their phones. Phone activity can be considered a meeting within a meeting. Your phone could be part of a FOIA request. All things heard are confidential. A reminder was given that it is unethical to disclose closed session activity.

The purpose of this meeting is to: At this point, the clerk turned the meeting over to Attorney Jessica Fese. "Discussion regarding the semi-annual review of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, (Consideration of This Matter Held In Closed Meeting/Executive Session Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (21) (2017)." This is to be done semiannually. We have not done this in a few months. We are going into closed session to determine whether or not our minutes from previous closed sessions should be released and made public. She asked if there were any questions.

She went through a prepared memo in reverse from the DelGaldo Law Group. Anything before the February 7, 2017 meeting where there were several closed sessions minutes going back many years. Anything that was closed prior to 2017 will remain closed. Those [REDACTED] Anything that has been closed since 2017 we will keep it closed per her recommendations. Moving forward.

The 2/17/17 meeting: [REDACTED]

The 2/21/17 meeting: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Attorney Jessica Fese recommended,

[REDACTED]

The Mayor just wanted the Board to know. He remembers the way it used to be when he was a trustee we went around the table and gave a consensus on whether to keep closed on each review of the minutes. Trustee White mentioned we had a consensus on what could hurt us if we opened them up.

Attorney Fese

[REDACTED]

Attorney Fese continued from the memo at this point.

The 10/15/19 meeting was the last time we did a review of the closed session minutes during the semi-annual review. Her recommendation is to release a redacted version and remove all our privileged information and release it. She said that it was a meeting similar to what we are having now. She will redact language that refers to specific cases and leave who was there, what time we entered, what time we left etc.

The Attorney stated that it had been another two years before you had another closed session.

At 6/7/22 meeting:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The 4/19/22 Meeting: [REDACTED]

The only meeting that we release redacted is the 10/15/19 meeting which was just like this closed session for review. The clerk said that she would send it over to the Attorney for redaction.

[REDACTED]

Mayor Walik adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m. No roll call was necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey McAdams, Clerk

Approved by me, this 25th day of July, 2023

Jeff Walik, Mayor