

March 18, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 7:12p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:

Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Torres, Klouda, Smith and Johnson

After the Pledge of Allegiance The Mayor Acknowledged Watch Commander Kevin McGuire's retirement. The Explained that when he was on the police department he was Kevin's Field Training Officer. As a result of his training Kevin became a great officer. The Mayor was able to promote Kevin to Seargeant. Watch Commander McGuire stated he was in his 27<sup>th</sup> year. He started with the village on the fire department. Then he moved to public works. Then when he saw the hero that the Mayor was on the police department he decided to leave the fire department and join the police. Police Chief Chlada stated that Watch Commander McGuire's badge number 640 would be retired. The Mayor next acknowledged the retirement of Darlene from the front office. He had many kind words to say about her. She was a very hard worker and a great help to the rest of the front office staff and the Village Board. The Mayor joked that maybe we would retire Darlene's desk.

Trustee Kapolnek moved, duly seconded by Trustee Klouda to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Torres, Klouda and Smith

Nays: None

Present: Trustee Johnson

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Smith moved duly seconded by Trustee Torres 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 Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Torres, Klouda, Smith and Johnson

Nays: None

Absent; None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa To Authorize And Approve The hiring Of Two Lateral Police Candidates As Recommended By The Chief Of Police Of The Village Of Stickney.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Torres, Klouda, Smith and Johnson

Nays: None

Absent; None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Klouda moved duly seconded by Trustee Torres to pass and approve Ordinance 2026-04, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 46, Article II Section 46-43.5 Related To The Lateral Entry Process And Requirements For Certain Police Officers For The Village Of Stickney"

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Torres, Klouda, Smith and Johnson

Nays: None

Absent; None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried

Mayor's Report: He mentioned the monitor in the front lobby was going to be updated as well as various signs and banners throughout the village. He Thanked Trustee Kapolnek for taking over the LED message board sign located outside of Village Hall from Trustee White.

Clerk's Report: The Clerk read a thank you card addressed to the Mayor thanking him for supporting this residents Eagle Scout Project. He earned the rank of Eagle Scout. The mayor commented that he was very proud of him and also proud of his brother who the Mayor supported when he earned his Eagle Scout Rank. He discussed the upcoming Legislative Breakfast taking place at North Riverside Village Hall, ICC water conservation tips for Fix-a-Leak-Week and Postal Service Changes That Could Impact Tax Filings.

Trustee Hrejsa: Discussed upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and the upcoming 4 Winds Casino Trip.

Trustee Kapolnek: Discussed information available on Village Website. Told students in attendance if they needed any paperwork for school to be signed to see any board member after the meeting.

Trustee Torres: Discussed recently held Senior Corned Beef Luncheon. She thanked Trustee Hrejsa for all his work on upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. She also Discussed upcoming Cinco De Mayo Fest.

Trustee Klouda: Thanked Public Works for the great job keeping the village clean during the recent exceptionally windy weather. Fallen branches and trash were nowhere to be seen. He Congratulated Watch Commander McGuire on his retirement and mentioned what a pleasure it has been working with him.

Trustee Smith: Discussed upcoming blood drive and 50/50 sidewalk program.

Trustee Johnson: Looking forward to working with this great board and great residents to make good things happen.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Sam Alonzo Public Works Director: Alley behind Village Hall will be shut down tomorrow through the weekend for water main repair. Street sweeping starts April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Police Chief Jerry. Chlada Jr.: Thanked The Mayor and Board for supporting the 2 lateral hires and congratulated Watch Commander McGuire on his 27 years of service.

There being no further business, Trustee Torres moved, duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa that the meeting be adjourned. Upon which the Board adopted the motion at 7:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Mitch Milenkovic, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026

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Jeff Walik, Mayor