

March 3, 2026

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney met in regular session on Tuesday March 3, 2026, at 7:07p.m.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees were present:
Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Torres, Klouda and Smith

Mayor Walik gave an emotional and heartfelt tribute to retired Trustee Jeff White. The Mayor read a proclamation honoring Trustee Jeff White. A big round of applause was given by all. All Trustees, Clerk and Village Attorney offered praise and well wishes to Trustee White.

Trustee Klouda moved, duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to approve the minutes of the previous regular session on Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Torres, Klouda and Smith
Nays: None
Absent; None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Smith moved duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek 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 and Smith
Nays: None
Absent; None
Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Torres moved duly seconded by Trustee Hrejsa to Pass and Approve Ordinance 2026-03 “ An Ordinance Authorizing And Approving The Purchase Of Communications Equipment For The Village Of Stickney.”

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:
Ayes: Trustees Hrejsa, Kapolnek, Torres, Klouda and Smith
Nays: None

Absent; None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried.

Trustee Klouda moved duly seconded by Trustee Kapolnek to take agenda item number seven out of order.

Upon the roll call, the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent; None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried

Mayor's Report: Thanked Trustee White for all he has done for all of us. The Mayor acknowledged Village Attorney Michael T. Del Galdo for receiving the designation "Superlawyer" for the 12th consecutive year. The Mayor said the entire board was proud of him and thanked him and Attorney Jessica Fese for all they do for our community.

Clerk report: Former resident Vivian Schuler donated several items that belonged to her father John Green. Mr. Green was on The Stickney Police Department in the 1960's. Some of the items include uniform shirt and jacket, gun holster, gloves, 2 hats, 2 whistles and photographs. These items were displayed on tables during the board meeting. After the meeting they were moved to our Visitor Center for display. The Clerk also gave information concerning early voting. Since election day falls on the same day as our next board meeting the meeting will be held Wednesday March 18th.

Trustee Smith: We have our blood drive scheduled for May 2nd from 9-3 here in our board room. This drive is being held in honor of Trustee Sam Savopoulos.

Trustee Klouda: Stated he was looking forward to donating blood at the drive.

Trustee Torres: Corned beef lunch for the seniors will be March 9th. March 28th will be our Easter Celebration. June 7th will be our Cinco De Mayo / Mex Fest celebration.

Trustee Kapolnek: Announced that any students present that needed paperwork signed to see any Trustee for a signature.

Linda from front office: discussed Senior lunch and upcoming casino trip.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Chief Jerry. Chlada Ir.: The Chief introduced Deputy Chief Kozelka. The DC discussed a new traffic enforcement program to help with traffic cutting through town recklessly.

Sam Alonzo Public Works Director and Son: Street sweeping program begins April 1st.

Fire Chief Boyajian: Presented The Fire Department Annual Report For 2025. He received a thank you card from Oak Park Fire Department for assisting with a large extra alarm fire. We were out there for 9 hours. Our engine supplied water. No one was hurt

Trustee Klouda moved duly seconded by Trustee Torres to pass and approve Resolution Number 03-2026, "A Resolution Authorizing, Approving, And Ratifying The Appointment Of A Certain Individual To Specified Positions For The Village Of Stickney"

Upon the roll call the following Trustees voted:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Walik declared the motion carried

Mayor Walik welcomed Trustee Debra Johnson to The Village Board.

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 7:46p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitch Milenkovic, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 18th day of March, 2026

Jeff Walik, Mayor