

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Jeff Seiler, and Steve Wind. Trustee Donald Ziemba was absent. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jim Montalbano and Finance Director Ellen Volkening .

MINUTES

1. Wind moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. A revision to the Class E liquor license has been prepared for specific events. This will enable the Thirsty Vine to obtain a three day permit for their wine festival. Comments on the revision should be directed to President Pickett. This matter will be on the May 3 agenda for review and approval.
2. President Pickett has two tickets to the 100 year boy scout celebration in mid-May if anyone would like to attend.
3. Reminder that our May 3 meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. to allow public comment on the Comcast franchise agreement.

CLERK

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve ComEd W.O. No. 06870242. Motion passed unanimously. This is for replacement of a pole on Sleepy Hollow Road.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

No report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of April 19, 2010 in the amount of \$85,723.30. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Wind. Motion passed.
2. There was a request to write off grass mowing at a residence where the homeowners have moved out of state and the home was in foreclosure. Wind moved with a second from Getz to write off \$139.10 for 1211 Carol Crest Drive. Motion passed unanimously.

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John Regan, owner of the Spring Hill Meadows shopping center, was present with George Hamas of Aetna Development Corporation, who is planning to purchase one of the vacant lots in the center. There is a potential tenant for the property should it be developed. Mr. Regan noted that there have been no serious inquiries for either vacant parcel for several years. Mr. Hamas stated that they had issues with IDOT and had to reconfigure their plans and because of the economy, financing evaporated. He submitted to the Board a proposal for a sales tax participation agreement where the Village would give back 1/3 of the sales tax received on the property for 15 years. He also submitted a chart of potential tax revenue to the Village for the next 10 years, noting it was only an estimate. On questioning by the trustees, Mr. Hamas did not know at this time if the tax rebate would go to Aetna or the tenant of the property, or be shared. He noted that Aetna would construct the building with its own funds and lease the building to the tenant. He said the seller has lowered the purchase price and they are trying to get the project done. He acknowledged that the sales tax participation agreement is a "critical" component to this project. When Trustee Seiler asked if the length of the agreement could be shorted, Mr. Hamas stated that there was an error in the proposed agreement and it was meant to be for only 10 years; the agreement was meant to be only a sample. He said this is not a TIF. President Pickett said the Board would consider this request at the next board meeting.

Wind moved with a second from Getz to amend the agenda to move "New Business (a)" to now.

Motion passed unanimously.

Pierre Torres and Helen Eliopoulos were present regarding a zoning violation at 902 Saratoga. Ms. Eliopoulos spoke on behalf of Mr. Torres, who constructed a storage shed on his property, unaware that it was in violation of Village code. She felt these are a practical necessity for storage and noted that there are several other sheds in the Village that appear to have been constructed recently. She noted that the Village already allows other structures, such as playgrounds and feels the Village should reconsider its code. She also presented code sections from other area villages which allow sheds. She proposed that Mr. Torres completely surround the shed with evergreens. President Pickett advised her that they can request a variance through the ZBA or ask the Board to consider changing the zoning to permit sheds.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public. (Village Attorney Schuster arrived.)

Getz moved with a second from Fudala to adjourn to executive session at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Getz and Fudala withdrew their motion and second to allow additional business to be heard prior to executive session.

Getz moved with a second from Fudala to amend the agenda to move "Roads and Parks (i)" to now.

Motion passed unanimously.

Javier Perez of United Soccer League was present to request rental of the soccer fields adjacent to the fire station for adult soccer games every Sunday from 9 am to 3 pm from April 25 to September 19. They anticipate 90-150 people throughout the course of the day. The Board was concerned about the number of cars and where they would park. There was also concern about the number of people and noise to adjacent homeowners. The Board also had concern as to whether the Park District used those fields. Mr. Perez noted that they also hold games in Elgin and Hanover Park. The Board asked Mr. Perez to give the Village contact information on those towns and the Board would consider his request.

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Barbara Dettmer of ICCI was present to discuss some zoning issues, but because of the full agenda offered to return another time.

Wind moved with a second from Getz to adjourn to executive session at 8:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Wind, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler. Motion passed.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:03 p.m.

ATTORNEY

1. Getz moved with a second from Wind to withhold approval of the final police collective bargaining agreement and table it to the May 3, 2010 meeting but approve the salary schedule in the proposed agreement. Aye: Getz, Wind, Finney, Fudala. Nay: Seiler. Motion passed.
2. Mr. Schuster reminded the Board that the May 3 meeting will start at 7 p.m. for public comment and further review of the Comcast agreement. (Attorney Schuster left the meeting.)

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. The Village Engineer has recommended that the Board lift the road weight restrictions. The Board preferred to leave the restrictions in place until they expire on May 1.
2. As part of the agreement with the Dundee Township Park District, Public Works has asked that the Park District manicure the baseball fields three times per season, and spruce up the playground area in Saddle Club Park. There were some concerns last year with the quality of the mowing/maintenance of the soccer fields last year.
3. The Board discussed the request to rent the soccer fields and questioned the effect it could have on Village insurance. Renting the property could also affect the taxing on the parcels which are currently non-exempt. The Board felt the anticipated number of cars and people for soccer games all day on Sundays would have a negative effect on the homeowners in the area. Getz moved with a second from Fudala that the Village not rent the soccer fields to the United Soccer League. Motion passed 4 to 1 with Finney voting nay.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the water/sewer accounts to be written off in the amount of \$ 508.21 and a \$.5 credit for waterworks. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney Fudala, Wind. Motion passed.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The monthly activity report was submitted.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The rain barrels are available for sale at the Village Hall.

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2. Com2 Computer has offered to leave a container at the Village Hall for residents to drop off computers, cell phones, printers, and other related electronic equipment to be recycled. Com2 would pick up the container when full at no charge to the Village. The container is very large and Trustee Finney would like to see if we could get a smaller box instead.
3. A resident sent a letter that she was informed the trash company would no longer pick up her trash unless she had the required container size. There have been several complaints since a new company starting picking up a couple weeks ago. Apparently a different company is doing trash pickup and is enforcing the container sizes that are in the agreement signed in 2007. Trustee Finney should respond to the resident's letter. Trustee Seiler noted that the new company picking up is not picking up recycling until later in the day and recycling material is blowing around throughout the day. He would like it picked up first as it was done with Arc.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. ICCI would like to explain their proposed building code changes to the Board. It was assumed this is the BOCA codes.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board briefly commented on the sales tax sharing proposal from Aetna.
2. Trustee Finney distributed an article on Ford Heights.

NEW BUSINESS

1. There was a recent eviction in the Village and personal property was left outside and the evicted person slept in her car in front of the house. The Board agreed the Village should have a procedure for handling evictions if the person remains on the property, and how to dispose of the property left outside. Chief Montalbano can check with the Kane County Sheriff on their procedures for evictions and possible advance notification to the Village. This should be reviewed with the Village Attorney at the next meeting.

Wind moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk