

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 2, 2010

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:33 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, Steve Wind, and Donald Ziemba. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jim Montalbano, Finance Director Ellen Volkening, Village Attorney Mark Schuster and Village Engineer Mark Reimers.

MINUTES

1. Wind moved with a second from Finney to approve the Public Hearing minutes of July 19, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Wind moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of July 19, 2010. On page 3 under Finance, paragraph 2, the vote on the ordinance should be corrected, and comments by Trustee Finney should be modified. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. The Tri-Cities Little League Board finished 4th out of 215 teams in the Illinois state tournament and has asked to be recognized by the community. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to proclaim August 4th as Tri-Cities 12U All-Stay Day. Motion passed unanimously.
2. President Pickett has advised that all police chiefs should soon receive an update on the police consolidation study.

CLERK

No report. (Trustee Ziemba arrived.)

PLAN COMMISSION

1. Chairman Carol Schoengart discussed the recent Plan Commission meeting, where the monument sign at the SpringHill Meadows complex and the Advance Auto sign were both approved. Wind moved with a second from Getz to approve the shopping center monument sign and Advance Auto sign. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Bill Dettmer of ICCI said the Plan Commission would like authorization to develop a commercial appearance code for approval by the Board. Chair Schoengart said the board members are very qualified to take on this task. Trustee Seiler suggested they also communicate with West Dundee on this issue as they may be facing the same concerns. The Board asked that they be updated by the Plan Commission as work progresses. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to authorize the Plan Commission to develop an appearance code for Board approval. Motion passed unanimously.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Schuster advised the Board that an ordinance for a tax increase referendum must be passed by August 16 if they wish this to be on the November ballot. It was noted that the next date to put a referendum on the ballot would be in April 2011. Any increase in taxes resulting from that

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April referendum would not be received by the Village until spring of 2012. There was some discussion on the budget problems and projected deficit but there was no action to pursue the referendum at this time.

2. The Board reviewed the resolution for a referendum to increase the local sales and service tax in the Village. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve Resolution No. 417 entitled "A Resolution Submitting to Referendum the Public Question of Increasing the Local Retailers' Occupation Tax and the Local Service Occupation Tax in the Village." This increase would not affect the agreement with the new retail development. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Mr. Schuster advised the Board that the tax rate referendum rate would remain locked as increased for the number of years it was requested in the referendum (1 to 4 years). At the end of that period, the rate does not revert back to the original rate prior to referendum, but would be reassessed by the county to set the rate for the following year.

ENGINEER

1. Engineer Reimers presented the 2010 MFT street program. Getz moved with a second from Seiler to approve \$100,000 from the MFT account as funding for the purpose of maintaining village streets, approve the "Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs" in the amount of \$98,494.63 which includes an engineering fee of \$10,661.63 which can be paid for with MFT funds, approve the Maintenance Engineering Agreement, authorize the Village President and Clerk to execute all necessary IDOT MFT forms, and authorize the Village Clerk to advertise for bids upon IDOT approval of the program. Because the MFT fund had a \$60,000 balance at the end of the fiscal year that can only be used for MFT projects, Trustee Ziemba suggested we take \$40,000 from that fund to add to this project. Engineering fees are paid from the general fund. The Engineer said we can increase the project by up to 25% after the bid is awarded. If we know the changes we may wish to add in advance, we can do so for approval as soon as the bid is awarded and it should not affect the timeline of the project. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to amend the motion to increase the appropriations level from \$100,000 to \$105,000 and the maintenance cost from \$88,494 to \$105,000.

On amendment: Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Wind. Motion passed.

On main motion: Aye: Getz, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Wind, Ziemba. Motion passed.

2. The engineer was asked to give an estimate on the cost to pave 1/2 mile of roadway.

3. Trustee Seiler said that Jamestowne Court is still seeing the effects of the water coming from west of Randall. He viewed the ponds with Art Sunderlage and stated that two ponds feed into the large pond that discharges under the street and asked if the feeds from the 2 ponds can be restricted or diverted to other ponds in the complex. The engineer noted that the discharge rate is correct from the main pond. President Pickett suggested the engineer review this issue and possibly discuss it with Elgin to see if anything can be done to reduce the impact to the homeowners in Sleepy Hollow.

4. There was a meeting with IDOT last week concerning the pathway project from the Village Hall to the bird sanctuary. The current timeline is to start project construction in 2012, at the latest.

5. The SpringHill Meadows commercial development should be starting work again.

6. The Beau Brummel water main project timeline is to prepare the plan in the fall/winter and for construction to be done in the spring and summer of 2011.

7. The Engineer and Art Sunderlage reviewed a driveway apron on Belmont and have determined that the homeowner's complaints are not the Village's responsibility.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of August 2, 2010 in the amount of \$69,274.02. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Wind. Motion passed.
2. There are 8 interviews scheduled for the reception position and a recommendation will be given to the Board for the next meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. William and Janet Paarlberg of Crane Drive commended the Board for improved cooperation at this meeting and thanked the police for their service and assistance over the years.
2. Sue Harney of Timber Drive asked the Board for specifics on how the police department personnel would be reduced, what shifts will be affected, and who the residents will call if there is no officer available. She asked that Village reserves be used to fund the department until other arrangements are made for the budget deficit. Mrs. Harney also asked that the Sleepy Hollow Road swales be repaired and that the work could be done by Public Works.
3. Carol Grom of Hilltop Lane strongly disagrees to cuts to the police department. She is also concerned about the general maintenance of the Village and the Board's lack of general planning for the infrastructure and maintenance of the Village. Mrs. Grom also feels the referendum is necessary and expressed her disappointment at the Board's lack of cooperation and action on this matter. She does not feel the Village can continue to operate under the current funding level.
4. Carol Schoengart of Willow Lane, former village president in the 1970's, said the Village faced the same funding issues then but passed a tax increase referendum on the second attempt. Infrastructure improvements were made as a result but there have been no major improvements to the Village since that time and she feels another referendum is necessary now.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Bids were received for swale work on Locust and removal of trees at various locations in the Village. A tree on Maple should be removed soon for possible safety considerations. These will be on the next agenda for approval.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba said the Village is not at the maximum utility tax rate for electricity. The current rate for 2,000 kilowatt hours is .545% and Illinois statutes show a maximum allowed rate of .61% for the first 2,000 kilowatt hours. ComEd then adds a 3% administration fee to the rate. Utility taxes are the third largest source of revenue to the Village. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to instruct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance modifying the village code to reflect an increase of the ComEd electricity tax rate to .61% per 2,000 kilowatt hours. Aye: Ziemba, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler, Wind. Motion passed unanimously.

WATER AND SEWER

1. A meeting will be scheduled with West Dundee concerning the sewer billing.
2. Mr. Schuster has responded to the EPA letter concerning several water issues. Public Works will now routinely test for chlorine in response to one of the EPA's concerns.
3. A Sleepy Hollow Road resident has asked to tap into West Dundee's sewer system.

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POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The Police Department received thank you letters from East Dundee and West Dundee regarding assistance from our officers on two recent incidents in those villages.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Trustee Wind noted that there is a product that can be used in the soil to combat the Japanese beetles that the Environment Committee may wish to look at for possible use in the Village.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. ICCI is working on modifications to the shed ordinance to address sheds made of polymer materials that are not permanent structures, and to also possibly permit sheds. Trustee Fudala should discuss this matter with Mr. Schuster.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Getz moved with a second from Fudala to adjourn to executive session at 9:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel pursuant to §2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Getz, Fudala, Finney, Seiler, Wind, Ziemba. Motion passed.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:48 p.m.

Seiler moved with a second from Getz to recess this meeting to Wednesday, August 4, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk