

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2011

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:34 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Russell Getz, Jeff Seiler, Steve Wind, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Dennis Fudala was absent. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jim Montalbano and Finance Director Ellen Volkening.

MINUTES

1. Getz moved with a second from Wind to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2011. Under Water, change that Public Works met with the salesman, not Trustee Seiler. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Getz moved with a second from Wind to approve the Village Board Special Meeting Minutes of January 6, 2011. Trustee Wind asked that Mr. Balling's complimentary comment on the Police Dept. budget be added. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. West Dundee has set up a site for dining establishment links in their Village to encourage residents to eat locally. They are willing to link Sleepy Hollow establishments also. President Pickett will have our establishments contact West Dundee directly. There is no fee to the Village, but establishments may have to pay a fee for the link.
2. President Pickett attended a meeting with area villages regarding the West Dundee postal facility on Route 31. The building is for sale. If possible, the post office may lease a portion of the building from the new owner; if not, they intend to have a retail facility for area residents for pick ups and drop offs in the area of Routes 31 and 72.
3. The Board discussed the special meeting concerning the police consolidation study. The Board appreciated the opportunity to consider cost saving opportunities with East and West Dundee, but did not feel this police department consolidation was in the best interests of our Village. There would eventually be no Sleepy Hollow Police Department and it would be more expensive as the Village would become liable for officer pensions. Trustee Finney noted the police costs per resident that were quoted at the special meeting and how much lower Sleepy Hollow is than the other villages. He feels we need to take a new look at our resources for the police department. (Trustee Ziemba arrived at 7:50 pm) Finance Committee member Lee Brotcke was present and said the Committee had not yet met on this matter. However, another member had expressed some concern about East and West Dundee's unfunded pension liabilities, and Sleepy Hollow's possible liability should it participate in this police consolidation and subsequently wish to get out of the agreement at a later date. There were also concerns about the loss of control concerning disciplinary action with Village officers. Former Village President Robert Shields was present and agreed with the Board that a consolidation was not good for the Village and that the Sleepy Hollow police department should not be eliminated. Resident Jim Kruger, who is a police chief, attended the special meeting and made comments based on his knowledge and experience in law enforcement. He did not feel this consolidation was good for the Village, either professionally or financially and that there would be supervisory and discipline problems between villages, and that service to the Village would suffer. It was the consensus of the entire Board that the Village not proceed any further in this consolidation study and President Pickett will so advise East and West Dundee and the study facilitator.

CLERK

No report.

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PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The engineer submitted a report on the roads to be paved and patched.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of January 17, 2010 in the amount of \$101,080.03. Aye: Ziemba, Getz, Finney, Seiler, Wind. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Trustee Getz complimented Public Works on their snow plowing in the Village.

FINANCE

1. Comments on the financial statements were deferred to the next meeting.
2. Steve Brueggman submitted his resignation to the Finance Committee.

WATER AND SEWER

1. There was a water break on Hilltop Court earlier this month, which was found with the detection equipment still on loan.
2. The two hydrants will be ordered and we have asked the engineer for recommended installers.
3. Water efficiency is down 2%, even with the two recent breaks. The water and sewer fund is making money and down about \$90,000 and should be paid in another 6-8 months.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. There is a meeting next Monday at 7 p.m. on the community garden project.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

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OLD BUSINESS

1. A resident on Crane has cars, boats and jet skies in his driveway/yard. Trustee Fudala should be asked about the status of this matter.
2. We are expecting a letter very soon from West Dundee regarding the sewer matter.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Getz moved with a second from Seiler to adjourn to executive session at 8:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining pursuant to §2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Getz, Seiler, Finney, Wind, Ziemba. Motion passed.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:20 p.m.

Wind moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk