

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2011

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, 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. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. The animal control agreement with Kane County expires in April and will be presented for renewal at the next meeting.

CLERK

No report. (Trustee Fudala arrived.)

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Schuster reviewed the resolution regarding the Sleepy Hollow Road resident who requested an easement be relocated in order to sell the property. The resident and his attorney discussed this at a board meeting last fall. Ziemba moved with a second from Wind to approve Resolution No. 422 entitled "A Resolution Accepting a Plat of Easement and Easement Abrogation (2008 Sleepy Hollow Road)." Motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER

1. The 2011 street improvements program will be submitted to IDOT for approval.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of February 7, 2011 in the amount of \$90,107.57. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Wind. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Lori Reedy of Deer Lane expressed her concerns about the large amount water in the Deer Lane cul-de-sac that develops from melting snow in the spring. There is a lot of erosion from the water and she asked if anything could be done. President Pickett said the situation would be reviewed and we would get back to her. (Trustee Getz arrived at 7:45 p.m.)

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Finney moved with a second from Wind to modify the agenda to move the "Public Buildings and Environment" report to now. Motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Maxwell updated the Board on the community garden project. They had about 10 residents attend their first meeting last month and a second meeting is scheduled for February 28. They hope to open the garden May 1st and will restrict it to only a community garden at this time. More planning will be done this year on the project and the 2012 garden will start earlier. They also hope scouting groups will work on the garden plots and hope to have a "showcase" garden to encourage participation. Mr. Maxwell would like to use the rain barrels to collect water for the garden and they hope to have pesticide-free gardens. The residents at the first meeting also expressed concern about controlling the deer in the gardens (and in their own yards).

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. The Board noted the great snowplowing done by Public Works during the blizzard.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba noted there will be a Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday. He also said water has paid back the general fund and is now working on paying back the DI&E fund. He also said the Village must thoroughly review the five year capital expenses to be able to correctly determine and plan for the Village's future needs and to advise the residents if a referendum becomes necessary. He asked all trustees to review their department needs for the next board meeting. We should also consider road improvements, hydrant replacements, and swale work in this review.

WATER AND SEWER

1. There has been a request to waive late water fees because the due date was the day of the snowstorm and the Village Hall was closed. Ziemba moved with a second to Finney to waive late fees for any payments received on Thursday (2/3) or Friday (2/4), either walk ins or mail delivery. Aye: Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Seiler, Wind. Motion passed.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The Board discussed the request for a new police squad car. The squad to be replaced has over 130,000 miles. The department currently has 5 squads in patrol rotation, the "Kid Kar" and another car used for school, court and investigations. The new car would be a 2011 Ford Crown Victoria at a cost of \$21,307. Wind moved with a second from Finney to approve the purchase of a new car to be delivered after May 1. Aye: Wind, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Seiler, Ziemba. Motion passed. It was noted that the Ford will only be available a couple more years for purchase as a police car.
2. Since the midnight shift was reduced to one officer, there have 17 calls to other departments for back up. The Chief would like to change the one man shift to the day shift, rather than the night shift. The Board had no objection.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Trustee Finney noted that a report shows Sleepy Hollow has a lower energy use than surrounding communities.

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BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. President Pickett received a letter from the Illinois Department of Finance and Professional Regulations advising that all individuals working at hair and nail salons must be registered with the State and have a license. The Village could ask to see a license for any individual working at those type of salons.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Seiler moved with a second from Getz to adjourn to executive session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining pursuant to §2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Wind, Ziemba. Motion passed.

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The regular meeting resumed at 9:15 p.m.

Wind moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk