

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2012

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, Joseph Nemec, and Jeff Seiler. Trustees Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz and Donald Ziemba were absent. Also in attendance were Acting Police Chief Susan Wilson, Finance Director Ellen Volkening, Village Attorney Mark Schuster, and Village Engineer Jeff Steele.

MINUTES

1. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to amend the agenda to move the discussion on the soccer fields to now. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Schuster, Mr. Becker and Mr. Conejo, representatives from 3 soccer groups that use the fields in Sabatino Park, were present. Mr. Schuster uses the main field for practices, but in the future would like to use the field east of Winmoor also. Mr. Becker requested that they not use the area in front of the goals as it damages the field. His group only uses the fields on Fridays. Mr. Domingo uses the smaller fields only. All parties were agreeable to use of the fields by the others. They were all asked to detail which fields they will use with diagrams, and complete schedules for the year, on all future applications for use of the park.

PRESIDENT

1. West Dundee has informed the village that they no longer wish to change the billing of the Apartments and Kindercare to Sleepy Hollow.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. Additional rip-rap work needs to be on Jamestown Court and can be done with MFT funds. It was not in the original contract, but included in a change order. However, the work could not be accomplished before the project was completed. Special equipment must be brought back into the

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the Village to do the work. The engineer's estimated cost is about \$1,000. The engineer will see if Schroeder can do the work and at what cost, and if they are not able, the engineers will seek another contractor for the job.

2. Maneval Construction, who is doing the water main project, requested a change in the specifications regarding pressure testing and chlorination. The engineer does not have a problem with this request. In return for the Village's deviation from the specs, Maneval will give the Village another leakage test and a second year on the maintenance bond for possible connection leaks (there is a one year maintenance agreement in the contract). The Board wishes this change in writing. Finney moved with a second from Nemec to authorize the Village President to approve the change order after one is submitted to the Village consistent with Maneval's letter of August 6, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve the accounts payable of August 6, 2012 in the amount of \$245,167.67. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Finney, Pickett. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Joseph Valente of Sleepy Hollow Road owns 10 acres adjacent to his home lot and is attempting to reduce his property tax assessment for this undeveloped property. In order to reduce the assessment, the township is requesting a letter from the village that the property cannot be developed due to the 7% elevation of the land from Sleepy Hollow Road. The village engineer agreed that good engineering practices would not allow a road constructed with this type of elevation. The Board was agreeable to the president writing a letter that the village would not consider development on the property because of the elevation.

2. Walter Heffron of Van Tassel read a statement objecting to any substantial trimming into the Sleepy Hollow Road right-of-way, noting that the Pleasure Driveway designation is to preserve it in its current configuration.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. ComEd will review proposed trimming with a trustee before the work begins, probably in September.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Although West Dundee is increasing the sewer rate, it is not substantial and Trustee Seiler does not feel it should be passed on to the residents.

2. There was a large water main break at Glen Oak and Surrey Lane which appears to have been on-going for some time and may have contributed to the decrease in efficiency on the east side.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Acting Police Chief Wilson has extended the probationary period for two part time officers.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The Environmental Committee met to discuss several issues. They agree that trimming is necessary on Sleepy Hollow Road for safety reasons (visibility) and damage to vehicles. Trustee Nemec would like to contact an arborist who was involved with a local eagle scout project, concerning invasive species along the road. Public Works has still not decided whether to rent or purchase a chipper and it was suggested we get price quotes on both options.
2. The committee recommended that the current trash removal provider be asked to provide a proposal to continue their contract which expires this year. The board suggested both 3 and 5 year proposals, including options for residents to both purchase and rent the toters.
3. The committee also recommended another tree sale to residents in the spring, with extra trees being used to replace dead ash trees in the village.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trustee Seiler suggested a vesting schedule for the employees' deferred compensation plan. This would save the village money in FICA taxes. The village would determine when an employee is vested and not lose the village contributions if an employee left the village after a short period of time (taking 100% of village contributions made during employment). There is currently a 6 month waiting period to join the plan. Ellen Volkening will obtain additional information from the administrator of the program for the next meeting.
2. A job description for the police chief position should be prepared. It was suggested we run ads for the position and post it on the website. We are unable to locate an interim chief at this time. Trustee Seiler wishes to limit applicants to under age 65; Trustee Finney does not agree with this age restriction.

Finney moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk