

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 3, 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, Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, Acting Police Chief Jim Linane and Finance Director Ellen Volkening.

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. The legislature has approved changing the candidate filing deadline from December 24 to December 26. This will not be official until the governor signs the bill.

CLERK

1. The newsletter was briefly discussed, and information to be included on the new trash contract was reviewed. The trash contractor will send out information to the residents in the near future on the free recycling bins that will be distributed to all residents.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

Chairman Jim Kruger was present but had no report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The engineer will be meeting with the State regarding the proposed detour on Sleepy Hollow Road for work on the tollway overpass at Boncosky Road.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of December 3, 2012 in the amount of \$62,145.60. Aye: Nemec, Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala. Motion passed.  
(Trustee Ziemba arrived.)

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Bob Miskic of Maple Lane, along with two other residents of the street, advised the board of a neighbor that appears to be operating a landscaping/snow removal business out of the home and has numerous items on the property in violation of village ordinance. Trustee Fudala will look into this matter.

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PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Public Works would like to keep, rather than sell, the old dump truck. It can be used during the winter for water main breaks, rather than using the new truck. Trustee Ziemba noted that the sale of any village vehicle is on hold while the insurance company prepares a detailed report on insurance costs for each village vehicle.

FINANCE

1. The Finance Committee recommended an approximately 3% increase in the tax levy. At its meeting, the Committee reviewed and is pleased with the 6 month financial reports. It was noted that we have probably received all money due on the wetland mitigation bank program; an audit is being done on this program to confirm we are owed no additional funds. The State appears to be 4 months behind, rather than 5 months, in tax payments to municipalities. Utility tax revenue has decreased for several years and will probably continue to do so. The Village will not pursue an HSA health insurance option at this time since there appears to be little employee interest.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Water efficiency is up to about 82% since the leaks have been repaired.
2. The Village received the balance of the grant money for the water main project.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane reported as follows: School District 300 teachers will be on strike starting tomorrow. The new truck ordinance is progressing as well as discussion on an agreement with Dundee Township for Boncosky Road traffic enforcement. He has reviewed the current AWT program and distributed a sample ordinance to the Board. Dundee Crown High School asked about a student internship program with the SHPD and the Board suggested Chief Linane obtain more information on it. He suggested we consider a prisoner booking fee as all other area departments do this; it was suggested that this may only be done by home-rule communities. He gave Trustee Ziemba a booklet of grants available through Kane County. The SHPD raised over \$6,000 this year for Special Olympics, double the amount raised last year. A part time officer submitted his resignation. Chief Linane summarized the recent administrative tow hearing where 10 cases were heard; 4 were appealed, and 2 cases prevailed in having their fines refunded. He noted that there are 6 cars that have been sitting in the towing yard for several months because the owners have not paid the fees and he will look into the village possibly taking possession of those cars. He has worked out a procedure on court hearings where we will have an officer present only if it is necessary. The police website is under renovation.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The prices on the two quotes for the generator were confirmed. Nemec moved with a second from Finney to approve the quote of \$13,225 from Ron Jones Electric for purchase and installation of the emergency generator. Aye: Nemec, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Seiler, Ziemba. Motion passed. Installation will be several weeks out. Public Works would like an electrical outlet installed by the diesel fuel pump when the generator is installed.
2. Trustee Nemec will be meeting with the ComEd tree trimming representative.
3. At the next Environmental Committee meeting, they will discuss the Arbor Day tree sale. They do not intend to purchase as many trees as in previous village tree sales.

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4. Trustee Finney asked if grants were available for ash tree removal/replacement; no one was aware of any.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. There are ordinance violations on Jill Peak which have not been corrected by the resident after a request by Trustee Fudala and ICCI will now take over to ensure enforcement.
2. Trustee Finney expressed his concern with the lack of enforcement of ordinance violations and our ability to maintain and preserve the standards of the village. He suggested ICCI do monthly drive-bys in the village for violations, at no cost to the village. Chief Linane said the officers could advise Trustee Fudala when they see obvious ordinance violations and he could then take further action.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board reviewed possible new domain names for the website. The Board preferred to use the entire name "Sleepy Hollow" in the domain name, with no punctuation between the words, if possible. They would also like to see if an ".org" or ".gov" name was available. The IT people at West Dundee are working on this issue as part of the new contract.

Ziemba moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk