

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2013

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 Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Scott Finney was absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, Finance Director Ellen Volkening and Interim Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Getz moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2013. Motion passed with Ziemba abstaining.

Nemec moved with a second from Getz to amend the agenda to move two police issues to be heard now. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Chief Linane told the Board that the Sleepy Hollow Police Dept. raised over \$6,000 for the Special Olympics last year with the assistance of the Randy's Vegetables on Randall Road, which sponsored the fundraising event. Officer Duffy, who coordinates this event, presented Chris Gaitsch of Randy's with an incentive gift from Special Olympics for her work, and showed the plaque received by the Department from Special Olympics. The amount raised was substantial for a department of Sleepy Hollow's size. The goal for this year is \$15,000.

2. Chief Linane introduced a new candidate for part time police officer. Getz moved with a second from Ziemba to approve the hiring of Kira Petronella as a part time officer at \$13.11 per hour. Aye: Getz, Ziemba, Fudala, Nemec, Seiler. Motion passed. The clerk administered the oath of office to the new officer.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett has attended several local legislative forums over the past few weeks, with discussions on pensions, property taxes, government distributive funding, and other matters.

CLERK

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve the ComEd permit request, work task #07641070. Motion passed unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Schuster reviewed an ordinance to permit video gaming in the village. At present, there is only one location in the village that could apply for video gaming. Trustee Nemec asked if the

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ordinance could be repealed in the future should the village wish to no longer allow gambling. Mr. Schuster believed the village could do so. The Board also discussed the option of letting the annual gaming registration expire as an option to stop video gaming. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve Ordinance No. 2013-2 "An Ordinance Establishing Certain Regulations for Registration of Video Gaming Terminals to be Placed or Located in the Village" with a modification to change the issuance and expiration of the registration from a calendar year to the village's fiscal year. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Fudala, Ziemba. Nay: Nemec. Motion passed.

2. Mr. Schuster reviewed an ordinance to change truck regulations on Sleepy Hollow Road. This does not change the rules, but simply clarifies truck weight restrictions. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve Ordinance No. 2013-3 "An Ordinance Amending Regulations Governing Pleasure Driveways in the Village." Aye: Seiler, Getz, Fudala, Nemec, Ziemba. Motion passed. Chief Linane noted that Dundee Township is changing the road weight signs for Sleepy Hollow and Boncosky Roads to conform to this new ordinance. West Dundee will also change signs on their portion of Boncosky Road.

ENGINEER

1. Mr. Steele attended a meeting for Phase II of the bike path and said construction should start this fall. IDOT asked about the wooden bridge on the path. The Service Club has offered to do the work on the bridge and their plans may need review by IDOT.

2. Mr. Steele was asked to check into the drainage issue on the Homelife property and Locust. There was previous work on this issue by the prior engineer at Heinz.

8 p.m. Megan Butler of Energy Impact Illinois made a presentation on programs for homeowners to analyze energy efficiency in homes. The U.S. Dept. of Energy offers rebates of up to \$1,750 for air sealing and insulation work done in homes by their certified contractors. Details will be put on the village website and in the next newsletter.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of February 4, 2013 in the amount of \$72,039.68. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Getz, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Carol Grom of Hilltop Lane reiterated her opposition to video gambling in the Village. She also suggested the Board assess the funds needed to keep the village in good condition and to fund its long term road and maintenance plans, and to locate sources of revenue, which may include a possible tax increase.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. There should be an update on the Sleepy Hollow trimming after the Environmental Committee meeting.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba reviewed the December financial statements and noted his concern with the water fund. The problems could be due to the many leaks in the village.

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2. The Finance Committee held its first budget meeting. Revenues are anticipated to increase only 1% next year.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane updated the board on recent equipment received through grants, training of officers, and additional grants being submitted for other equipment. With the new equipment received, we have two older pieces of surplus equipment which the Chief believes he can sell to another police department.
2. There was a snowmobile accident in Sabatino Park that resulted in injuries to the driver and two children on the vehicle. The Department of Conservation is handling the accident since an officer from that Dept. was in the area at the time of the accident. Chief Linane suggested we consider some changes to our ordinance regarding snowmobiles. He noted that many snowmobilers using village property are not residents.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The Environmental Committee is meeting on February 13th.
2. IDNR has taken 7 deer for sampling to date; 30 were requested.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. ICCI is following up on an ordinance issue on Jill Peak.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Trustee Fudala reviewed the computer manual from Information Systems. Fudala moved with a second from Nemec to approve the Computer Systems Policies Manual. Motion passed with Ziemba abstaining.
2. President Pickett thanked the Illinois Association of Law Enforcement Executives for their evaluation of the police department and Chief Linane for his responses to the report. Chief Linane's current agreement with the village as interim chief is through April 30. President Pickett would like to work with Chief Linane and the village attorney on an extended agreement. Ziemba moved with a second from Fudala to authorize preparation of an agreement to extend the appointment of Chief Linane. Motion passed unanimously.
3. President Pickett and Chief Linane will be meeting with KDOT regarding red lights on Randall Road and possible removal of the "pork chop" at Joy Lane.
4. The bank that owns the Homelife building has been unable to sell the building, which has been vacant over 2 years. They have been asked to rent the building to a gymnastics group. The Board did not object to it being used for this purpose until it can be sold. There have also been some questions by potential purchasers regarding parking spaces; they were told to come to the Board with any concerns.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. President Pickett heard about some municipalities having a storm water utility enterprise fund to raise additional revenue. This would be a new tax that would be included on the water bill. The tax would be used for maintenance of swales, culverts, etc.
2. The Board discussed the possibility of installing storm sirens in the village, which cost \$4-6,000 each. There was no interest at this time.

Seiler moved with a second from Getz to adjourn to executive session at 9:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and collective bargaining pursuant to §§2(c)(1) and (2) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Fudala, Nemec, Ziemba. Motion passed.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:37 p.m.

Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
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The executive session of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was convened at 9:12 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall for the purpose of collective bargaining pursuant to Section 2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett and Trustees Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Scott Finney was absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster and Interim Police Chief Linane.

- Referred 12-15-14*
1. Chief Linane is interested in continuing as Chief of Police with a one year renewable contract. He asked that his hourly rate increase from \$35 to \$36. In lieu of receiving the village's health insurance, he requested time off to teach his truck classes at various times during the year. He would still be considered a full time employee with 40 hours per week in order to meet the union requirements of being a full time chief. Chief Linane would be paid during his time off to teach classes. During these days off work, a part time officer would need to work the shifts that the chief now covers. His days off through the year would average out to a 4 day work week. He estimates his employment saves the village about \$10,000 from the employment costs of former chief Jim Montalbano.