

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

MINUTES

1. Getz moved with a second from Nemec to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of August 19, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. IDOT is holding open houses on their road plans for the region, including one in St. Charles on October 1 and one in Crystal Lake on October 3. This information will be posted on the village web site.
2. We received confirmation that our application for the road work grant for improvements on Boncosky Road has been received.
3. The final water contract with the City of Elgin was presented. There are four locations outside the village that are receiving water through Sleepy Hollow. Getz moved with a second from Nemec to approve Resolution No. 450, "A Resolution Approving a Contract for Sale of Water by the City of Elgin to the Village." Aye: Getz, Nemec, Finney, Seiler. Motion passed.
4. The actual costs for the loan-a-truck program were presented, which total about \$250 for each use. It was the consensus of the Board that the program will not be re-instituted, but in the event of a storm with tree damage, it will be offered to residents at that cost. (Trustee Ziemba arrived.)

Finney moved with a second from Nemec to amend the agenda to move the hiring of a police officer to now. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Linane introduced candidate Elliot Rose and reviewed his background. Finney moved with a second from Seiler to approve the hiring of Elliot Rose as a part time officer at \$13.01 per hour. Motion passed unanimously. Officer Rose was then given the oath of office.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

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ENGINEER

1. The MFT road work should start next week.
2. The options for the broken pipe at the corner of Saratoga and Arlington were discussed. The cost to remove the crushed pipe and install a better quality pipe would be \$6,500; to remove the crushed pipe (with no replacement) and re-grade the swale would cost \$4,500 or less. The engineer does not usually recommend pipe unless there is constant flowing water or very steep slopes. The Board chose the second option to re-grade the swale. It is not certain who put the pipe in originally; possibly the developer.
3. East Dundee jetted out the Springhill Meadows problem area and used a camera in the pipe. There is a lot of grease buildup and may be some infiltration. However, this does not account for the increased readings. There appears to be constant flow from a couple of the retailers, who should be advised to check for possible leaks. A different meter may be needed.
4. There was a request to return the bond being held for Lot 1 (Aetna/Barclay) in Springhill Meadows. The punch list from 2011 was reviewed and none of the items have been completed. The bond should not be released and the punch list will be sent to the insurance company.

ATTORNEY

1. A resolution making changes to the no parking signs policy was presented. The Board was comfortable with the police department making a judgment as to whether the signs are returned in "good condition". Nemec moved with a second from Ziemba to approve Resolution 451, "A Resolution to Amend the Village Policy of Taking a Cash Deposit for Issuance of Temporary 'No Parking' Signs by the Village Police Department". Motion passed unanimously.
2. A draft ordinance amending the administrative ticket program was presented. Mr. Schuster and Chief Linane reviewed the ticketing process which includes a penalty on late payments prior to taking the next step of a notice to appear in court. There could also be administrative hearings at the Village Hall, but it would involve more costs and time for the village. The Board agreed to give residents 21 days to pay the ticket fines, after which they would receive a NTA. The late penalty would be eliminated, but the village would ask for village costs at court should it proceed to that level. The cost will be much higher to the offender if they have to appear in court. The Board also asked that a short summary be included with the initial ticket so the violator understands it will be less money for the offender to pay the village the fine within the 21 days. A revised ordinance will be ready for the next meeting.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of September 3, 2013 in the amount of \$125,484.95. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Rich Vrba of Locust presented a petition requesting street closures for a block party on September 28 from 2 - 10 pm. He would like to block Acorn at Katrina and Locust at Surrey. He was told to get barricades from public works. They plan to use the detention area for the

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party also. It was suggested he advise the Bluffs residents who also border that detention area. The Board did not have a problem with the block party.

2. Phil Phillips of Joy Lane said cut through traffic is speeding on Joy and asked for speed bumps. President Pickett addressed the concerns with speed bumps. Chief Linane also commented on speed bumps and said the police will continue to monitor the area. (Trustee Getz left the meeting)

FINANCE

1. There will be a Finance Committee meeting on September 11. Trustee Ziemba briefly reviewed the three month financial statements.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Another leak was recently fixed and water efficiency is up. Trustee Seiler thanked public works for fixing the leak over the holiday weekend.

2. The sewer usage at the Sears meter dropped by 153,000 gallons compared to the previous month. (Trustee Getz returned.)

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane reported on police activities including the new squads, the shotguns to be offered for sale, future soccer tournaments and use of fields for games and practices. Board members noted we could use the park district fees as guidelines; some would like to see some park area left open for residents' use. There will be a motorcycle run on September 15 that will include Sleepy Hollow Road - 1200-1500 bikes are anticipated and SHPD will assist in traffic control. A part time officer resigned who obtained full time employment. The speed trailer needs repairs before it can be used in the village. Chief Linane explained "speed humps" which would not be feasible in the village as they narrow the road and would have the same drawbacks to the village as speed bumps. It was noted that there used to be a stop sign on Joy Lane and a cross street but it was only in place for a short period of time before it was removed.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. The burn pile at Sabatino Park will open October 5th and close on the 26th. The Village paid a substantial fee to remove large tree limbs from the pile that did not burn completely. Deposits to the burn pile should be restricted to brush and limbs no larger than 4" diameter, and commercial disposal is not permitted. We could also post signs with these restrictions. The Board suggested the attorney modify our ordinance to add a ban on commercial dumping and include fines.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The spring by the village hall is not flowing as strong as previously, probably due to the weather.

2. The expanded use of village/public works buildings by the Service Club for storage purposes should be reviewed.

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BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The engineers will have a cost estimate to the board for a major water improvements project within a week.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The soccer club using the field has not paid the company for rental of the port-o-potty all summer. President Pickett will handle this matter.

Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Olson

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Village Clerk