

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 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 Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, and Jeff Seiler. Trustees Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, and Donald Ziemba were absent. Also in attendance were Finance Director Ellen Volkening and Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Getz moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. A proclamation regarding the campaign against driving and texting was presented. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve the proclamation proclaiming September 19 as "drive 4 pledges day". Motion passed unanimously.
2. Nemec moved with a second from Getz to approve Resolution No. 452, "Resolution Approving a Statement of Policy in Regard to Dumping on Public Property in the Village." Motion passed unanimously. This sets restrictions for dumping on the burn pile in Sabatino Park.
3. Seiler moved with a second from Getz approving Ordinance No. 2013-15, "An Ordinance Amending the Provisions of the Village Code to Add New Provisions Prohibiting Dumping on Public Property." Aye: Seiler, Getz, Nemec, Pickett. Motion passed.
4. Due to the rain, there were very few motorcycles on the charity run that came down Sleepy Hollow Road on Sunday.

CLERK

1. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve Ordinance No. 2013-16, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Property Owned by the Village." Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Getz, Pickett. Motion passed. This was for the sale of police department shotguns.
2. The Board approved the annual "Fall Fest" at Randy's Vegetables during the month of October.
3. Advertising in the newsletter was reviewed. The Board approved a small insert in the newsletter for Randy's Fall Fest this year if there is space. Advertising for Randy's in future newsletters will require payment unless the ad is approved by the board well in advance of the publication date.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

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No report.

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ATTORNEY

1. Nemec moved with a second from Getz to approve Ordinance No. 2013-17, "An Ordinance Amending the Provisions of the Village Code Governing the Village's Administrative Ticket Program" with modifications to include the provisions of Ordinance 2013-15 regarding dumping.
Aye: Nemec, Getz, Seiler, Pickett. Motion passed.

8 P.M. - Brian Mock of Corkill Insurance discussed the upcoming changes due to the new healthcare law and reviewed Board options of renewing healthcare insurance on December 1 or January 1 to avoid certain changes with the new law. There will be new Health Insurer and Reinsurance Fees billed monthly, in addition to the premium. The village would benefit by changing its renewal to January 1 which will result in a 21.5% decrease in monthly premiums. The employee contribution formulas will not change but because the premiums are lower, employee contributions will decrease if an employee stays in the same plan in which they are currently enrolled. A summary of the plans was distributed, showing some modifications to each plan. The deadline for renewal changes is October 15th. The police union must be notified of any change and Mr. Schuster should handle this issue. The Board must make a decision at the October 7 board meeting.

ENGINEER

1. Winmoor Drive will be repaved this year and there is concern that the parking during soccer games and practices will quickly damage the new road. The Board agreed that no parking signs will be posted for the remainder of the season and cars will be directed to the pool parking lot. The Board will decide how to handle the parking issue before next spring.
2. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the "Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Year 2013 Water Main System Study" and that the study is to be completed by December 1.
Aye: Seiler, Getz, Nemec, Pickett. Motion passed. The \$5,500 study fee will determine the problems in the water system and recommend improvements.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve the accounts payable of September 16, 2013 in the amount of \$86,777.75. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Getz, Pickett. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

Finance Committee member Lee Brotcke discussed the current economic conditions related to funding of the water improvements in the village, including current competitive bank interest rates for loans. He also reviewed potential loan amounts and their impact on residents. He noted the loans could be recovered different ways from residents. Mr. Brotcke feels any borrowing should

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occur as soon as possible and noted Sleepy Hollow is in a good financial position for borrowing. He suggested a professional grant writer be hired for this project (we should contact CMAC for suggestions) and that a committee of residents be established for this project. Mr. Brotcke is willing to set up meetings with bankers to start the process. Our attorney will need to write a legal opinion letter after the parameters of the borrowing are established. The village audit firm is looking into the possibility of borrowing internally. Residents not currently on the village system could be required to hook up to the system when their wells fail. It was the consensus of the board to move forward on the borrowing necessary for the project.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane updated the board on police matters including the new vehicles, two squads to be sold, and the new "no parking" signs ordinance. One full time officer is off for medical reasons. The department had officers monitoring Joy Lane and did not find speeds higher than the low 30s. The Chief reviewed department numbers (i.e., tickets, stops, NTAs, etc.) versus last year.
2. The application will be submitted for the program to obtain surplus military equipment. It will take several weeks before the village is approved and we can participate in the program.
3. The Chief briefly reviewed the new administrative ticket program. He also discussed a possible local DUI program which would net the village more fees versus tickets going through the county court.
4. Lee Brotcke asked about solicitation permits. The Chief noted that the village does not issue many. He also noted the school bus stop at Joy and Hilltop and asked if the stop could be moved slightly south to the curve/cul de sac on Hilltop which would eliminate the congestion from the large number of children and waiting vehicles at the Joy and Hilltop intersection.

The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m. when Trustee Getz left the meeting and there was no longer a quorum present.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Olson

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Village Clerk