

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 2014

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:34 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephan Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, and Jeff Seiler. Trustee Donald Ziemba was absent. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Ellen Volkening and Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of August 4, 2014. Motion passed with Getz abstaining.

PRESIDENT

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve Resolution No. 461, "A Resolution of Commendation" for Officer Gallagher. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Getz moved with a second from Seiler to approve Resolution No. 462, "A Resolution of Commendation" for Officer Brox. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Police Chief Jim Linane made special presentations to both Officer Michael Gallagher and Officer KC Brox. He read a summary of the events of March 9, 2014 involving a violent domestic call incident and presented each officer with an award of valor plaque and medal and commendation bar. President Stephan Pickett then read each commendation resolution of the village board and presented one to each officer. Chief Linane further discussed this incident, and thanked the board, residents, and others for their support. He also presented to Sgt. Wilson a commendation for her professional investigation and work on this incident. There were several police officers and family members in the audience for these presentations.

CLERK

1. Randy's Vegetables submitted a request to hold their annual Fall Fest during the month of October. Getz moved with a second from Fudala to approve Randy's Fall Fest. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Comments on the draft newsletter should be submitted to the editor asap.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. An ordinance was presented for a tax increase referendum to be placed on the November ballot. Should the referendum be approved by residents, the attorney does not recommend that the Village consider spreading the tax increase over a three year period as was previously discussed. Seiler moved with a second from Finney to approve Ordinance No. 2014-14, "An Ordinance to

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Provide for the Submission of a Certain Proposition to the Voters of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, Kane County, Illinois at the November 4, 2014 General Election to Increase the Village's Limiting Rate Under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Municipal Purposes for Levy Year 2014." Aye: Seiler, Finney, Nemec, Pickett. Nay: Fudala, Getz. Motion passed.

ENGINEER

1. The water improvement project starts this week. Six inoperable hydrants found during an inspection will need to be replaced at an additional cost to the project of over \$17,000. Two residents have refused to give the village easements on their property and other options must be discussed for that portions of the project.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of August 18, 2014 in the amount of \$180,592.93. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Walt Heffron of Van Tassel Road read a statement urging the Board to repeal the ordinance that allows the IDNR to kill deer, and also commented on the structure of advisory committees. He delivered a written copy of his statement to the Village Clerk.
2. Mike Tennis of Churchill Court objected to the tax increase referendum question and said the village did not need one at this time, noting the current available funds in the village according to recent financial statements. He asked the Board to rescind the ordinance passed. Trustee Seiler responded, noting the anticipated decrease in village revenue over the next several years and questioned how the village would maintain its current status with loss of those funds. Mr. Tennis noted that the increase is not needed for at least the next few years, but could be considered at a later date.
3. Sue Harney of Timber Drive spoke in favor of the referendum to increase property taxes and supports the tax increase and feels it is necessary. She suggested the board inform the residents as to where the extra money will be spent.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The Knights of Columbus requested permission to do their annual Tootsie Roll fund drive at Sleepy Hollow Road/Thorobred/Beau Brummel. Finney moved with a second from Fudala to approve the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll fund drive September 19-21 as outlined in their letter. Motion passed unanimously.

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2. Chief Linane updated the Board on police activities and briefly reviewed the monthly police report. He also updated the Board on LESO equipment received including generators and water pumps. Some equipment can be sold in the future when no longer needed. He continues to interview part time police officer candidates. The Chief recently entered into a memorandum of understanding regarding a police union issue on scheduling.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Chief Linane gave the Board information on another village's code enforcement program, along with a draft job description. The President will look into any conflicts with other code work done in the village by other companies. The matter will be discussed at a later meeting.
2. The Board discussed the driveway issue at 1208 Timber Drive. The resident submitted a plat showing their request for two parking spaces on the village right of way easement. The Board does not want to allow parking on Timber Drive, nor allow permanent parking space pads to be built on the village right of way. The Board agreed that the resident will be allowed to park on the village's right of way as originally offered, but no changes may be made to the right of way.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Nemec moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk