

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:40 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephan Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Joseph Nemec, and Jeff Seiler. Trustees Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, and Donald Ziemba were absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, and Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. The Chamber of Commerce is requesting the Village's nominee as its volunteer of the year for the November 19 presentation.

Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to modify the agenda to move the hiring of a new police officer to now. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Linane reviewed the background of Christopher Kudla and requested approval to hire him as a part time officer at \$13.63 per hour. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve the hiring of Christopher Kudla as requested. Motion passed unanimously. He was then given the oath of office by the clerk.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The Jamestown drainage project was discussed. The sinkhole/culvert at 733-735 is a much larger problem than anticipated and the vendor's estimated cost to fix this is about \$19,000 as the culverts are collapsing. The area is dug up with open holes and a decision must be made soon. Mr. Schuster will review the issue of resident responsibility for culvert repairs under driveways before a final decision is made on proceeding. There is about \$12,000 in the budget for this work. The Engineer was asked to obtain an additional quote for this work from the current contractor for the water improvement project.

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2. Bids were opened for the street improvements program and the low bid was about 16% under the engineer's estimate. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to award the 2014 MFT Street Improvement Program contract to Arrow Road Construction Co. in the amount of \$165,746.57 and authorize the Village President and Clerk to sign all necessary documents. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Finney, Pickett. Motion passed. The Board briefly discussed possible use for the extra funds due to the low bid, but no final decision was made.

3. Several fire hydrants must be replaced or repaired at an additional cost to the water project of \$17,400. There will be more directional boring than planned as there are more buried ComEd lines than anticipated. Residents in the affected area should be advised. The new water lines will go past several homes that are not currently on the village water but those residents have expressed no interest in hooking into the system.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve the accounts payable of September 2, 2014 in the amount of \$166,577.99. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Finney, Pickett. Motion passed.

2. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to approve Ordinance No. 2014-15, "An Ordinance Authorizing the Disposal of Certain Property Owned by the Village." Aye: Nemec, Seiler, Finney, Pickett. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Mike Ander of Sharon Drive objected to a neighbor's request to allow an outdoor band to play at a party. He said that not all neighbors are in favor of this and asked the Board to enforce its ordinances and not allow this request.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. The burn pile will be open for branches no larger than 4" in diameter starting September 26 and closing on October 23.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

1. The Board briefly discussed how payments are to be made for the water improvements project. It was suggested we could have payments made directly to the contractor if possible. The Board agreed that payments should be made from the borrowed funds. This matter will be discussed further with the Director of Finance.

2. Water efficiency was very good prior to the start of the water project.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane updated the Board on a recent block party on Surrey, tow hearings (13 in the Village's favor), continued interviews for part time officers, and putting certain ordinance and application information on the website for resident accessibility.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The Service Club work on the bridge over the walking path is moving forward.

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BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed the Noise Ordinance Suspension Application from the homeowners at 219 Sharon Drive. Mr. and Mrs. Klebansky are having a band at an outdoor party and wish to raise the decibel level from the permitted 70 decibels to 80. It was noted that their application was missing signatures from about 10 area residents that would be affected. The homeowners and Mr. Ander made comments. Seiler moved with a second from Finney to allow the suspension of the noise ordinance on 10/11/14 and allow 80 decibels from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. After Board discussion, Mr. Finney suggested a compromise. Finney moved with a second from Nemec to amend the motion to permit 80 decibels from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Aye: Finney, Nemec, Pickett. Nay: Seiler. Motion passed. The village ordinance allows 70 decibels until 10 p.m. and 60 decibels after 10 p.m.

Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to adjourn to executive session at 9:06 p.m. for personnel pursuant to §2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Nemec, Seiler, Finney, Pickett. Motion passed.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:20 p.m.

Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk