

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2014

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:36 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephan Pickett, Trustees Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Scott Finney was absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Aaron Reinke, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, Director of Finance Ellen Volkening and Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. Nicor Gas is improving their infrastructure system and will be charging residents an additional \$.75 per month to pay for these improvements.
2. President Pickett explained the procedures under which the village board can discuss the referendum questions to be on the November ballot regarding the tax increase. The Village may use no more than \$3,000 in funds to disseminate factual information to the residents. We could post factual information on the website. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.
3. The Board was unanimous to submit Carol Schoengart as the recipient of this year's Community Service Award for Sleepy Hollow. This will be presented on November 19 and family members will be present.
4. A developer has expressed interest in an approximately 5 acre parcel on Route 72. They would like to build a senior citizen apartment building. Because of the village's desire for commercial development, the contractor suggested a combination apartment building with retail on the lower level of the building, or two separate developments. The Board does have some interest but prefers the developer include retail that would bring tax revenue to the village.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The water improvements project is moving along and should be complete by the end of the month, with some restoration/seeding done next spring. There have been delays due to the difficulty in locating some of the water mains.

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2. Phase I approval on the Boncosky Road improvements project was received from IDOT. The design phase is next and we are on schedule for construction next year.
3. A pre-con meeting will be scheduled with the contractor for the road improvements.
4. A memo from the engineer describing four possible options for the swale/drainage at 733 Jamestowne was reviewed. The engineer suggests the general maintenance of adding topsoil in the low and washed out areas and the Board agreed with this recommendation.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of October 6, 2014 in the amount of \$299,792.43. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Scott Komaromy of 733 Jamestowne and his wife expressed their frustrations about the condition of their swale and yard which they feel resulted from work that was done two years ago in the area and has continued with the recent work done. They feel there are safety issues with the new slope of their property and with the culvert pipe and that the village encroached into their property further than the village's right of way. They are also unhappy with the communication by the contractor on this project.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

1. The water main locator equipment purchased by Public Works has not worked out and will be returned. Different equipment will be purchased.
2. The Board discussed offering water connection to residents currently on well since the village is doing the water project in the area. A very rough estimate of the cost is \$1.2 million. The cost would be divided between all residents connecting, which is probably more than 50. The Board said the affected residents should be surveyed with the cost estimates to see if there is interest.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane reviewed recent police matters including the tow hearings. He also noted that the two ATVs from LES both need work, and he would like to transfer them to another police department, which is permitted in the LESO program. Public Works should be asked if they wish to keep one of them to use for parts. The Kane County DOT is scheduled to reline Randall Road just north of Saddle Club Parkway to clear up confusion on the merging lanes. A memo on other police activity was distributed to the board earlier. The Chief is moving forward on the code enforcement program and looking for candidates for the position. (Trustee Ziemba arrived at 8:10 p.m.)

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

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BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Pickett reviewed the background of the 1208 Timber Drive residents' request to use a portion of the village right of way adjacent to their driveway to park vehicles in inclement weather. The homeowner, Michael Daidone, was present with his Attorney Scott Richmond. Mr. Richmond said the residents wish to construct two parking pads next to their driveway for parking purposes, at their cost, to be used only when they are unable to use their driveway, which has a steep incline and is difficult to use during inclement winter weather. They are requesting a license agreement with the village for this use for a number of years and requesting 180 days notice from the village to remove the pads. The Board was agreeable to a 5 year term for the agreement. There was a question as to whether these "pads" could be used by others since it will be on the village's public property. This will be looked into by both attorneys and possible modifications made to the license agreement. Getz moved with a second from Ziembra to approve the License Agreement for 1208 Timber Drive for use of parking pads on village property, with the amendments as discussed. Aye: Getz, Ziembra, Fudala, Nemec, Seiler. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Seiler moved with a second from Ziembra to adjourn to executive session at 8:38 p.m. for discussion of personnel pursuant to §2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Seiler, Ziembra, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:12 p.m.

Seiler moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk