

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:35 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. Trustees Scott Finney and Donald Ziemba were absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, Director of Finance Ellen Volkening and Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Approval of the February 16, 2015 meeting minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

PRESIDENT

1. The Cactus Zone restaurant has been sold and as of today is LaBamba Mexican Restaurant and Cantina.
2. OSHA did an unannounced inspection in February of the village hall complex. There were some minor violations that must be corrected within a specified period of time.
3. President Pickett spoke about Gov. Rauner's proposal to reduce the LGDF funds to municipalities by half, resulting in about \$164,000 less to Sleepy Hollow, which is about 12% of the village budget. Mr. Pickett has attended several local meetings regarding this proposal and discussed how this could affect the village. He suggested we pass a resolution objecting to this proposal and send it to the governor's office.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

No report.

Bob Stapleton of National Wireless Ventures spoke on behalf of AT&T, who wish to construct a cell tower on village property, on the south side of the barn. They are proposing a 50'x50' enclosed concrete pad for the tower. (Trustee Getz arrived.) Mr. Stapleton explained the need for additional wireless coverage in this area and said initial revenue would be approximately \$20-22,000 per year. The revenue to the village would increase as additional carriers are added to the tower. Trustee Nemec questioned safety concerns of a tower, the aesthetics of the tower, and the affect of the

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tower to the home value of nearby property owners. Trustee Fudala also questioned harmful effects to residents from the tower's radio waves. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve moving forward with a cell tower proposal. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Pickett. Nay: Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed. Mr. Stapleton will meet with the appropriate village officials to start the process which will include a hearing before the Zoning Board.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of March 2, 2015 in the amount of \$80,496.22. It was noted that the payables include a \$3,847.92 payment to residents for clean up of a sewer backup at their home. The Board discussed whether to first submit this to village insurance for consideration before paying from village funds. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to delete the \$3,847.92 sewer back up payment from the warrants list and submit the claim to insurance. Motion passed with Seiler voting nay. On main motion: Aye: Seiler, Getz, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed. The revised payables total is \$76,648.30.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Mike Tennis of Churchill Court said (a) he does have connectivity issues with his cell phone; (b) he reviewed the current income and expenses and commented on overages in the budget and managing it for the next two months; and (c) noted a possible error in the number of miles of road in the village and related cost projections that are posted on the village website.
2. Tom Merkel of Thorobred Lane expressed his objections to the cell tower and how it will affect his and other homeowner's property values.
3. John Cummings of Sleepy Hollow Road also objected to the cell tower and expressed safety concerns for children playing in the area.
4. Martin Orozco of Hillcrest questioned the time frame for the insurance payment for his sewer back up and was told the village would submit the claim to insurance immediately.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane updated the Board on police matters, including one tow for February's hearing, part time police hiring, employee evaluations, police equipment, traffic studies in the village, and IDOT grants.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to authorize the Village President to sign the Proclamation to proclaim April 22, 2015 as Arbor Day. Motion passed unanimously.

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BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. It was confirmed that the Governor's proposal is to reduce by one-half the Village's share of the entire LGDF amount.

NEW BUSINESS

1. President Pickett suggested the Village Hall complex be a "safe zone" for Craigslist, Ebay and similar transactions. During business hours, the transaction could take place in the lobby; otherwise in the parking lot. Chief Linane and the Board were agreeable to this designation. A resolution for this purpose could be prepared.

2. The Board questioned the Village's liability for possible claims of lower property values if a cell tower is constructed.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk