

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 4, 2015

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 Stephan Pickett and Trustees Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, and Jeff Seiler. Trustees Scott Finney and Donald Ziemba were absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Aaron Reinke, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, Director of Finance Ellen Volkening and Police Chief James Linane.

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Fudala to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. Newly elected trustees Fudala and Nemec were given the oath of office.  
2. President Pickett made several appointments: Daniel Atilano as Plan Commission Chairman, Jim Kruger as Zoning Board Chairman, Dirk Fuqua as ZBA Chairman, Mark Schuster as Village Attorney, David & Associates as Village Prosecutor, Heinz & Associates as Village Engineer, and James Linane as Chief of Police. Nemec moved with a second from Getz to approve the appointments. Motion passed unanimously.

CLERK

1. It was requested that we change the deadline for the next newsletter to gather additional information for the residents. We will check with the newsletter editor. The newsletter must reach the residents by June 30. The annual corn roast fundraiser at Randy's will be included in this newsletter.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

1. Chairman Jim Kruger said there will be public hearings this summer on two zoning applications.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The landscaping work for the water improvements project is complete. A couple hydrants have not been installed yet, one by a resident's driveway, and the other by the Twin Oaks Church property. The engineer is waiting for costs for the pressure reducing valves.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve the accounts payable of May 4, 2015 in the amount of \$202,426.03. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Fudala, Getz. Motion passed.
2. Seiler moved with a second from Fudala to accept the resignation of Kaitlin Pflanz and approve interviewing for a replacement. Motion passed with Nemec voting nay to interviewing for a replacement. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Getz moved with a second from Seiler to approve the hiring of Andrew Nemec as summer help for Public Works, contingent on passing a physical and drug test. Motion passed with Nemec abstaining.
2. Intra Soccer LLC submitted a permit application for Sunday soccer games, May 10 through September 20. Three representatives from the club were present to discuss their request. They anticipate about 30-40 cars at a time, which will rotate for each new game. They are requesting fields C and B, and will stripe the fields for each game and return any goal posts and equipment that they move for any games. They were advised that fields are restricted to use from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays and they would pay double fees since they are not residents. The security deposit will be paid for the first Sunday, and rolled over to each Sunday, unless it becomes necessary for the village to keep the security fee for any week. They said they will not use the fields on any holiday weekend. The Board agreed that a dedicated officer would be necessary for at least the first Sunday at \$65/hour. The Police Chief would then determine whether it would be necessary to continue a police presence. Ellen Volkening estimated total costs which must be paid in full prior to starting. The first Sunday would be \$625 and if a police officer was not required for subsequent Sundays, the cost would be drop to \$300 per day. Intra Soccer will work with the regular soccer group that has already reserved three Sundays this year for about an hour on each of those three days. The group will schedule a meeting with the Police Chief prior to May 10 to review parking and other rules. Getz moved with a second from Seiler to give Intra Soccer a chance and approve the permit as discussed. Aye: Getz, Seiler, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

FINANCE

1. The Board discussed certain budget items that may help reduce village expenses. Mowing of both Sabatino and Saddle Club Parks will be reduced, as it will be in several detention areas and cul-de-sacs/courts in the village. This would save substantially in employee time and wear and tear on equipment.
2. It is estimated that police overtime on July 4 is approximately \$2,100 and the Service Club will be asked to pay this cost.
3. We are waiting for ComEd's response on their cost to disconnect all street lights in the village before deciding whether to do so, which would save about \$10,000 per year.
4. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the salary and hourly wages for fiscal year 2016 as presented. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Fudala. Abstain: Nemec. Motion passed.



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5. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget as proposed. Trustee Seiler reviewed the budget. He noted that the Finance Committee budgeted a 25% reduction in LGDF, rather than 50% as proposed by the governor. Mr. Seiler felt that the allocation of Public Works time within departments should be adjusted and it was noted that the main road improvement project this year will be Boncosky Road. Most purchases in the 5 year capital improvement fund have been moved to a future year. It was suggested the village look into refurbishing the backhoe rather than purchasing a new one, which would cost substantially less. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

6. The Finance Committee recommended revisions to the operating transfers approved at the last meeting and these were reviewed. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the revised 2015 Operating Transfers as presented. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Twelve bare root trees were sold to residents on Arbor Day at \$15-20 each and the remainder planted in the village. The Village again received the "Tree City USA" designation.
2. The annual shredding event at the Village Hall went well, considering the weather that day.
3. A local resident, for his Eagle Scout project, will be making further improvements to the Community Garden.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to proclaim May 2015 as "Motorcycle Awareness Month". Motion passed unanimously.
2. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to approve May 17, 2015 as "Preeclampsia Awareness Day". Motion passed unanimously.

Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson, Village Clerk