

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 5, 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 Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, 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 September 21, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to amend the agenda to move the police hiring to now. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Linane presented Mr. Szkiluk as a police candidate and reviewed his experience. Finney moved with a second from Fudala to approve the hiring of Krzystof Szkiluk as a part time police officer at the rate of \$17.25 per hour. Aye: Finney, Fudala, Getz, Nemec, Seiler. Motion passed. The oath of office was given to Officer Szkiluk.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett has met with two individuals regarding the property at 1001 W. Main Street (former Sears building). Cliff Surges and Alan Miller were present to discuss their plans with the Board. Their offer to purchase the building has been accepted and they have 21 days for due diligence to determine whether the Village is agreeable to their plans. They have already met with ICCI to tour the building. This property is zoned B-2 and Mr. Surges assured the Board that property taxes will continue to come to the Village. They plan to make extensive improvements to the building. (Trustee Ziemba arrived at 7:40 p.m.) Christ Community Church of St. Charles would like to rent a portion of the building on a long term basis. As he understands the Village desire for tax revenue, Mr. Surges is looking for additional tenants that would bring in retail tax to the Village. They will guarantee a certain amount of annual retail taxes to the Village as part of an agreement. The Board was agreeable to President Pickett continuing discussions with the two individuals in an attempt to work out an agreement.

2. The haunted house in the old Target building in West Dundee advertised in the Daily Herald as "Slaughter in Sleepy Hollow" after they were asked not to do so by President Pickett.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

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No report.

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ATTORNEY

1. At the request of President Pickett, Mr. Schuster briefly explained non-conforming use, or grandfathering, in the village as it relates to zoning issues, including sheds and fences. He noted that upon adopting of zoning codes, anything existing and in use at that time would be allowed to continue. The zoning code was adopted in 1973 and the burden of proof is on the homeowner to show that their item was in existence prior to code adoptions.

ENGINEER

1. Boncosky Road improvements should be complete this week. The 2015 street program for the Village should be complete this month.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of October 5, 2015 in the amount of \$57,429.21. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.
2. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Transfer in the amount of \$1,480. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Ken Haas of 1217 Timber Drive delivered documents to the clerk, including an aerial photo from the County, indicating that the structure on his property was in existence in 1973.
2. Chrisann Smith of 837 Winmoor Drive purchased her property in 1997 and was told the shed was grandfathered. She has spent a considerable amount of money to maintain and improve the shed. She said it was there in 1970 when she lived in another area of the village.
3. Michael Looney spoke on behalf of his mother who lives at 857 Willow Lane. They purchased the home from the original owners who said they installed the fence not long after its initial purchase. They were told by the Board to request copies of the building file for the home from the village hall. Mr. Looney delivered a plat of survey to the clerk.
4. Frank Redisi of 825 Locust Road purchased his home last May. They installed patio panels at their home and were told by ICCI that it was a patio panel, not a fence, and did not need a permit. He delivered photographs to the clerk of these panels.
5. Bob Vodicka of 944 Glen Oak Drive discussed the slope of his property and the two fences around his pool area. He said the fence was there when the house was purchased in 2002 and he was told by the village at that time that the fence was ok. In addition, he was told the fence was a necessity three years ago by ICCI during a review of additional work being done at his home. Mr. Vodicka said there would be serious safety issues if the fence is removed. He was asked to deliver photographs to the Village Hall.
6. Phil Weiss of 1200 Timber Drive has a trailer on his property and described his situation regarding his boat, motorcycles, and snowmobiles. He was asked to deliver a letter to the Village describing this situation and explain what he wished to do.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

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FINANCE

1. Lee Brotcke of the Finance Committee explained the Committee desire to invest limited funds in U. S. Treasury bonds through Charles Schwab which could be done online. These investments would be pursuant to the Village investment policy and there is no risk of losing funds. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to authorize the opening of an account at Charles Schwab to trade per the recommendations of the Finance Committee. Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.

2. Trustee Ziemba briefly reviewed the August financial statements, noting the continued decrease in utility taxes to the Village and the overtime in the police department. The Finance Committee is working on a presentation regarding the tax referendum. The village auditor told the Committee that for the first time in its company history, they have given out a perfect rating. Congratulations were given to the village finance director.

WATER AND SEWER

No report

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Finney moved with a second from Fudala to approve the hiring of Mike Gallagher as the part time firearms training instructor at a rate of \$17.50 per hour. Aye: Finney, Fudala, Getz, Nemec, Seiler. Nay: Ziemba. Motion passed.

2. Due to state funding issues, the area police training center may close later this year.

3. Chief Linane informed the Board of a DUI arrest over the weekend.

4. There will be a presentation at the next meeting of a law enforcement explorer program to be established with the Sleepy Hollow Police Department.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Trustee Nemec met with a young man who is preparing a plan for improvements around Lake Sharon as part of his Eagle Scout badge.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Attorney Schuster discussed drainage easements, right of ways, culverts and swales in the Village and related maintenance responsibilities. Residents have a duty to not cause damage or obstructions to culverts and swales even though they may be owned by the Village. Responsibility for maintenance and care of these areas should be clearly stated in the village code and a draft ordinance prepared by Mr. Schuster will be reviewed at the next meeting.

2. Repair of village-owned street lights was briefly discussed. The cost to replace/repair a bulb or lamp varies. Trustee Fudala recommended replacement of these these bulbs for safety reasons. Trustee Nemec noted that ComEd has obtained grants for some towns for a "smart street light" program that uses special bulbs with electronically controlled dimmer switches. He will look into this further. (Trustee Getz left the meeting at 9:03 p.m.)

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3. The Board discussed a nominee for the Sleepy Hollow volunteer of the year program with the Chamber of Commerce. It was agreed the village would nominate Dennis Maxwell who has volunteered with many village groups over the years.

NEW BUSINESS

1. There was brief discussion of another possible tax referendum which would next be possible to do at the March, 2016 primary election. If we wish to do so, our resolution must be approved no later than the December 21 village board meeting, and preferably sooner.

Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk