

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 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 Getz to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Seiler moved with a second from Fudala to approve the Village Board Special Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2015. Motion passed with Nemec abstaining.

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

Chief Linane introduced a part time police officer candidate and reviewed her experience. Finney moved with a second from Fudala to approve the hiring of Jane Santiago at \$19.00/hour. Aye: Finney, Fudala, Getz, Nemec, Seiler, Ziemba. Motion passed.

Seiler moved with a second from Getz to adjourn to executive session at 7:43 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to §2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Nemec, Ziemba. Motion passed.

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The regular meeting resumed at 7:55 p.m. (Village Attorney Mark Schuster left the meeting.)

PRESIDENT

1. The possible purchase of the empty Homelife building previously presented to the Board by two individuals is no longer an option.
2. The House Bill regarding the release of LGDF funds to municipalities passed but must still be approved by the Illinois Senate.
3. The 2015 Chamber awards for volunteers of the year will take place November 18th at Randall Oaks.

CLERK

1. The Clerk is giving several original documents to the Dundee Township Historical Society for preservation by the Society, mainly newspaper clippings and photographs. Copies will be kept for the Village files.
2. A new vendor has requested permission to sell Christmas trees at Randy's. Nemec moved with a second from Ziemba to approve the tree sales by Heiden Tree as requested in their letter. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Jim Kruger noted some updates and changes for the newsletter draft on behalf of the editor, Karen, who was sick.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

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ZONING BOARD

1. Chairman Jim Kruger summarized the November 4 public hearing on the petition of Mr. Valente for his property on Sleepy Hollow Road. Mr. Valente petitioned for a zoning text amendment to allow outbuildings on parcels greater than 10 acres. He also petitioned for an outbuilding on his property. The Zoning Board recommended denial of the zoning text amendment as the consensus of the Board was that they felt the outbuilding restriction for R-1 zoning should not be changed. Mr. Valente's second petition was thus not heard. The Zoning Board suggested Mr. Valente may wish to petition to rezone his property to F-1, where his outbuilding request may be more appropriate. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board to deny the petition for a zoning text amendment. Motion passed unanimously.

ZBA

No report.

8:10 PM: Brian Mock of Corkill Insurance Company reviewed the options for new health insurance plans for village employees. The current BCBS plan will increase about 9% for 2016 and the current plans have some changes which he reviewed. Mr. Mock also reviewed alternate plans recommended by the Finance Committee. The deadline for the decision is December 15th.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The water main replacement at Glen Oak and Winmoor will begin Wednesday at which time the intersection will be closed to traffic.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of November 16, 2015 in the amount of \$149,842.18 with the vendor correction as noted. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.

2. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the change in operating transfers as presented as of 11/16/15. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Getz moved with a second from Ziemba to hire Mark Reimers to snowplow as needed on a part time basis at \$13.01 per hour. Aye: Getz, Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Nemec, Seiler. Motion passed. (Trustee Getz left meeting.)

FINANCE

1 Ziemba moved with a second from Finney to approve the proposed 2015 tax levy of \$558,750. Aye: Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Nemec, Seiler. Motion passed.



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FINANCE (con't.)

2. Ziembra moved with a second from Seiler to approve the BCBS renewal alternative plans as recommended by the Finance Committee. The Board discussed the plans in some detail and Brian Mock of Corkill answered questions about the plans. Depending which plan they choose, the cost could be higher for employees. These alternate plans will save the Village several thousand dollars annually and the Finance Committee felt this will show residents that the village is making attempts to cut costs. Aye: Ziembra, Seiler, Fudala. Nay: Finney, Nemec. Motion passed.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The monthly activity report was presented.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. A Eagle Scout project involving clean up near Lake Sharon and bridgework is complete. It was suggested we stripe a crosswalk next year between the gazebo and pavilion.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Finance Committee member Mike Tennis read a statement in support of a tax increase referendum and explained the analysis behind the Finance Committee's recommended \$180,000 tax increase. This amount is substantially less than the amount requested in the last referendum. It was agreed that this must be presented to the residents effectively for it to pass.

2. A draft of the revised code book summary for the village website was reviewed. Chief Linane would also like to review the revision with the Code Enforcement Officer. There were comments about permitting popup campers and other possible clarifications to the zoning code. It was suggested the final summary should be sent to all residents.

3. President Pickett noted that the transcript from the cell tower meeting has not yet been received but will be given to all board members upon receipt.

4. Finance Director Volkening reminded the board that she needs their completed forms before she can open an investment account at Charles Schwab.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Ziembra moved with a second from Seiler to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk