

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 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, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Scott Finney was absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele and Police Chief James Linane.

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. There was a special presentation regarding the recent retirement of two long time police officers. Getz moved with a second from Seiler to approve Resolution Nos. 476 and 477, each entitled "A Resolution of Retirement". Motion passed unanimously. President Pickett read and presented the resolutions to Officers Jeff Fleck and Mike Gallagher. Retired Police Chief Jim Montalbano, who hired both officers, presented each with their retirement badge numbers and Chief Linane then presented both with award plaques on their retirement. Several family members and police department employees were in attendance for the presentation.

2. President Pickett updated the Board on State legislation and noted that there has been progress by the State in releasing some funds for municipalities although there is no decision yet concerning the LGDF.

3. We have received the transcript from the November 4th special meeting on the cell tower.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to move item 15a from the agenda for discussion now. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Schuster and the Board reviewed the details of the tax increase referendum for the March 15, 2016 ballot and the Finance Committee recommended amount of \$180,000 to be requested. Trustee Getz was concerned that the funds be used for road improvements. Mr. Schuster noted there are limits on how much can be designated to certain funds based on county tax rates. It was also noted that the Board would determine how the funds are used when preparing the budget. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the \$180,000 referendum to be placed on the March 15, 2016 election ballot. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed. The ordinance will be presented at the next meeting.

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2. Additional comments or changes to the revised codebook ordinance summary should be given to Mr. Schuster. (Attorney Schuster left the meeting.)

ENGINEER

1. The water main project is complete at Glen Oak and Winmoor. Some paving in parts of the village will be completed in the spring due to the weather.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziamba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of December 7, 2015 in the amount of \$165,403.85. Aye: Ziamba, Seiler, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.
2. Ziamba moved with a second from Seiler to approve Resolution No. 478, "Resolution Authorizing the opening of an account at Elgin State Bank." Aye: Ziamba, Seiler, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

1. Ziamba moved with a second from Seiler to approve Ordinance No. 2015-13, "Tax Levy Ordinance" with a levy in the amount of \$558,750. Aye: Ziamba, Seiler, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.
2. Trustee Ziamba compared the current 6 month financials with those from last year and noted we have higher revenues this year and expenses are lower, mainly due to snow removal supplies.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane said the S.H.P.D. received a Federal grant reimbursement for bullet-proof vests and expects reimbursement from the State for another grant for manpower costs.
2. The Chief briefly discussed possibly decriminalizing cannabis and issuing tickets/fines through the Village's administrative ticket program.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Another Eagle Scout completed his project of installing several bat houses in the Village.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. Trustee Fudala suggested the Village consider some changes to zoning. He suggested up to 20' boats be allowed to be parked at homes year round, with restrictions, and an annual fee. There was some question about non-home rule restrictions on the Village which should be looked into by the Village Attorney. Trustee Fudala also suggested we consider allowing sheds with strong

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restrictions as to appearance, etc. Fudala moved with a second from Getz to ask the Zoning Board to review boats, sheds, and other minor modifications suggested by the Village Attorney. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The revised codebook ordinance summary has not yet been reviewed by Chief Linane. Trustee Nemec suggested some changes and clarifications for the Chief. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for further consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trustee Nemec suggested the Board consider the Village's options if the referendum does not pass. Trustee Fudala will prepare something for the website and/or newsletter asking residents for their input on Village finances.

Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk