

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 21, 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, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Russell Getz was absent. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Ellen Volkening and Police Chief James Linane.

MINUTES

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett reviewed the history of a resident petition for a zoning text amendment to permit an outbuilding on his 10+ acre parcel on the south end of Sleepy Hollow Road. The Zoning Board recommended denial and the Board approved their recommendation at its November board meeting. Property owner Joseph Valente was not present at that meeting but was present tonight with his attorney, Jim Bolz, who distributed a plat of survey and drawings of the proposed outbuilding that will be used for equipment storage. Mr. Valente, a long time resident of Sleepy Hollow, also owns an adjacent parcel of an additional 10 acres. The proposed building would not be visible from the road or any adjacent property. The options for permitting this structure were briefly discussed. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to rescind the Board's vote that approved the Zoning Board recommendation to deny zoning text amendment at its November 16, 2015 meeting. Zoning Board Chairman Jim Kruger was present and briefly reviewed the public hearing on this petition and the Zoning Board's concerns. The trustees discussed possible restrictions on the building construction. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Finney, Fudala, Ziemba. Motion passed.

Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to instruct the Village Attorney to prepare a zoning text amendment to allow outbuildings on lots of not less than 10 or more contiguous acres, with buildings to be no more than 2,000 sq. ft. and no more than 15' high, with no water or sewer utilities. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Finney, Fudala, Ziemba. Motion passed.

2. President Pickett said there will probably not be a state budget for several months yet.

CLERK

1. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to approve Resolution No. 479, "A Resolution Establishing Dates of Regular Board Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sleepy Hollow for Calendar Year 2016." Motion passed unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

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No report.

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ATTORNEY

1. The Board reviewed the ordinance to request a tax increase from the residents in the amount of \$180,000. If approved, this would result in an approximate annual property tax increase of \$66 on a home valued at \$100,000 and \$165 on a home valued at \$250,000. It was noted that the Village will need to request another increase in a few years. Ziemba moved with a second from Finney to approve Ordinance No. 2015-14, "An Ordinance to Provide for the Submission of a Certain Proposition to the Voters of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, Kane County, Illinois at the March 15, 2016 General Primary Election to Increase the Village's Limiting Rate Under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Municipal Purposes for Levy Year 2016." Aye: Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Nemec, Seiler. Motion passed.

ENGINEER

No report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of December 21, 2015 in the amount of \$161,818.93. Chief Linane noted that some of the LESO property could be sold by the Village after declaring it surplus property. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

1. A Charles Schwab account cannot be opened as all trustees have not submitted the required form. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to rescind the direction to establish an account with Charles Schwab. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Finney, Fudala. Nay: Ziemba. Motion passed.

2. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the workers compensation insurance quote with an annual premium of \$23,531. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the property and liability insurance quote with an annual premium of \$30,027. The Board asked that we obtain a quote to possibly add coverage, at a later date, for an employee to handle herbiciding in the Village. A question of coverage for failing dams does not appear to be an issue. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed. .

WATER AND SEWER

1. The residents at 1146 Anne Court have requested a partial waiver of a water bill of over \$500. The equipment was reviewed and appears to be working. Finney moved with a second from Nemec to accept the offer from Josephine and Britton Black of \$250 to settle their bill, with no late fees, to be paid by January 31, 2016. Aye: Finney, Nemec, Fudala, Seiler, Ziemba. Motion passed.

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2. There are two installations necessary in Saddle Club Estates; a hydrant and valve at Belmont and Pimlico and a valve at Arabian and Pimlico. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to accept the bid of \$9,630 from Water Services to do the installations in Saddle Club. Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. Trustee Fudala read his proposed statement for the Village website asking for resident input on the Village financial situation. The Board was agreeable to putting his statement on the website.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The modifications to the code summary are still under review by the Police Chief and will be placed on the next agenda for discussion. The Zoning Board will consider possible changes to the Zoning Code in the near future.

2. There was brief discussion on village finances should the referendum not pass, and the possible future of the village. A task force may be set up next year to look at alternate options for the Village.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Nemec moved with a second from Ziemba to adjourn to executive session at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing executive session minutes pursuant to 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Nemec, Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Seiler. Motion passed.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:52 p.m.

Seiler moved with a second from Nemec that no executive session minutes be released at this time as the need for confidentiality still exists as to those minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Nemec moved with a second from Finney to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES
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The executive session of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was convened at 8:45 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall for the purpose of reviewing executive session minutes pursuant to §2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act. Board members in attendance were President Stephan Pickett and Trustees Dennis Fudala, Scott Finney Joe Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Russell Getz was absent.

Nemec moved with a second from Finney to approve the executive session minutes from July 6, 2015, July 20, 2015, August 17, 2015, September 8, 2015, September 21, 2015, and November 16, 2015. Motion passed unanimously

The executive session minutes that remain unreleased to the public were reviewed. It was the consensus of the Board that none of these executive session minutes should be released to the public at this time.

Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the executive session at 8:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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