

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:33 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 Nemec to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of February 15, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett stated that the special presentation by National Wireless regarding the cell tower was cancelled but may be rescheduled for the next meeting.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

No report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of March 7, 2016 in the amount of \$143,091.32. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

2. The Finance Director noted the substantial flood insurance premium increase and reviewed ways to reduce the premium based on different deductibles. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to increase the flood insurance deductible to \$5,000, for a total premium of \$7,296. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

(Trustee Ziemba arrived at 7:42 p.m.)

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Rich Parzych of Locust suggested that, in an effort to generate income, the Village allow sheds with regulations, and charge a building application fee of \$500. He also suggested the Village add raffles in the newsletter to generate revenue.
2. Anthony Piraino of Stevens Court spoke on behalf of the Service Club to advise that the Club is considering holding the 4th of July celebration to Sunday, July 3, instead of Monday, the 4th. A decision will be finalized shortly.
3. Rich English of Beau Brummel voiced his strong objections to a cell tower in the Village.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Representatives from the Chicago Area Rugby Football Union (CARFU) discussed their request to have a one-day tournament in Sabatino Park on May 21, involving about 20 teams and 400 players. They would also like to have food and alcohol vendors. The Board discussed its concerns with a group this large. Chief Linane was not in favor of the tournament as there were numerous problems with the tournament held last year by another group, including trash, parking, crowd control, and injuries. There will be a meeting of the CARFU reps, Chief Linane, President Pickett, and possibly others to see if the concerns can be addressed. Other governmental entities in the Village will also need to be contacted by the group. The group will provide references for their previous tournaments. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve the May 21st tournament by CARFU, subject to the approval by the Police Chief and Village President on satisfying their concerns. Motion passed with Getz and Ziemba voting nay.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba compared the 9 month financials to last year and the budget for this year.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The monthly activity report was distributed. Chief Linane commented on a recent newspaper article regarding crime in the suburbs with populations over 25,000. He noted that although much smaller, Sleepy Hollow had lower crime statistics than most of the communities in the article.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Trustee Nemec said 19 deer have been sampled this year and one tested positive for CWD.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Schuster reviewed the revised text amendments to be given to the Zoning Board for their meeting next Wednesday. A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for April 6. ICCI made suggestions to prevent residential lighting from disturbing neighbors. Mr. Schuster and Chief

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Linane briefly explained the changes regarding truck plating and weights, as well as with business vehicles. Fences were also briefly reviewed; only boundary fences are not allowed; decorative fences are proposed to be permitted. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to send a proposal to the Zoning Board to allow sheds in Sleepy Hollow. Motion passed 4 to 2. The Board further discussed this matter and it was agreed to ask the Zoning Board if they would consider allowing sheds, but this issue would not be part of the text amendment proposal to be given to the Zoning Board, but would be handled separately if they are willing to consider sheds. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to authorize the Village President to sign the petition for the Zoning Board to review the proposed zoning text amendments, excluding the issue of sheds. Motion passed unanimously. (Trustee Getz left meeting at 8:45 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Schuster explained the Affordable Housing Act requirements. Sleepy Hollow must update its Affordable Housing Plan according to the IHDA. One of the requirements is to state its affordable housing goal to meet the minimum amount of affordable housing from three choices given. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to go with the option of having 10% affordable housing in the Village. After further discussion, Seiler and Ziemba withdrew their motion and second. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to go with the option that a minimum of 15% of all new development will be affordable housing. Motion passed. The Village must also do one of the following: adopt new zoning regulations which include affordable housing units, create a Housing Trust Fund, or create a Housing Committee. Board discussed the options. Mr. Schuster will review the work and procedures involved in the three choices and advise the Board for further discussion and a decision.

Nemec moved with a second from Ziemba to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk