

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 16, 2017

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:36 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 January 2, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

No report.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Schuster presented an ordinance to allow auto sales in the B-2 business district. (Trustees Finney and Fudala arrived.) Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve Ordinance No. 2017-2, "An Ordinance Amending the Village Zoning Regulations to Add a New Special Use, for Motor Vehicle Sales, New and Used, in the B-2 Village Business District in the Village". Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Nemec. Abstain: Fudala, Ziemba. Motion passed.

2. Mr. Schuster reviewed an ordinance to grant a special use to Midway Autohaus for auto sales with 19 conditions contingent to granting such special use. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to approve Ordinance No. 2017-3, "An Ordinance Granting a Special Use to Allow for Motor Vehicles Sales, New and Used, on the Property at 1001 West Main Street in the B-2 Village Business District in the Village". Mr. Schuster said that Midway Autohaus would like to obtain its occupancy permit to start the business while making improvements to the building at the same time. Mr. Makselis was present to confirm he wished to start obtaining inventory and conduct auto sales while he was constructing offices, a garage space and entry door, bathrooms, etc. Complete build out of the building could take 5-6 months. The Board does not want to delay his opening of the business and agreed he could obtain the occupancy permit while undertaking the build out but must adhere to the conditions of the special use and any requirements of the occupancy permit.

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Finney moved with a second from Seiler to amend the motion to approve the ordinance with an amendment to condition "q" of the Ordinance to add "and Building Plan" after the words "Site Plan". Aye: Finney, Seiler, Fudala, Getz, Nemec, Ziemba. Motion passed.

On main motion: Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.

ENGINEER

No report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of January 16, 2017 in the amount of \$64,386.43. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Carrie spoke on behalf of her mother Olga Gekas of 401 Arabian Parkway regarding current flooding in front of her mother's house, and has been on-going issue since 2001. President Pickett noted standing water throughout the village today due to rain and frozen ground. He also noted the drainage problems throughout the subdivision due to the initial construction by the developer.
2. Resident Tom Merkel felt the Village should not hold meetings on national holidays. Regarding the cell tower issue, he did not feel trustees should vote on this who are not running in the upcoming election. He also felt the board is not qualified to negotiate with the developer on the cell tower.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Mr. Schuster summarized the draft ordinance on vehicle sticker requirements and possible changes regarding sticker fees that could be considered by the Board before this year's stickers are due. Chief Linane briefly summarized the program underway regarding registered vehicles in the village and reviewed his memo to the Board regarding vehicle sticker late fees, discounts for senior citizens and active military people, and various other fees and suggested language changes in the ordinance. Ms. Volkening noted the changes in fees that would be received by making Chief Linane's suggested fee reductions. Mr. Schuster will prepare a draft ordinance for the next meeting based on these recommend changes. Chief Linane also recommended extended office hours during April to assist residents in purchasing stickers. The Board agreed to move the sticker deadline to Monday, May 1st since April 30th is a Sunday.
2. Chief Linane also reviewed the handling of stray dogs. If an owner is not found, it costs the village \$175-\$250 to take the dog to Kane County Animal Control. If the owners are found by SHPD, there is a \$25 pick-up fee to the owner when retrieving a dog from SHPD. There is more time/cost to SHPD if strays do not have a collar or chip and he suggested a higher pick up fee to residents without a collar or chip. Some board members were not in favor of this increase.
3. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve Ordinance No. 2017-4, "An Ordinance Amending the Regulations Governing Registration of Motor Vehicles in the Village." Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Ziemba. Motion passed.

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FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziembra will do a more thorough analysis of the financial statements at the next meeting but noted that revenues and expenses appear to both be down.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Mr. Schuster reviewed the ordinance to clarify water and sewer rates. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve Ordinance No. 2017-5, "An Ordinance Amending the Regulations Governing Water and Sewer Rates and Charges in the Village." Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Nemec, Ziembra. Motion passed.

2. There was another water main break around Christmas.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane made comments on the monthly police activity report and noted new annual comparisons of some statistics. He also noted a new report from the code enforcement officer.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Republic Services will attend the next meeting to review their contract extension proposal for trash/recycling services.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The offer from the police union to join their health insurance plan was reviewed. All full-time employees could participate, including non-union employees. Two representatives from the insurance company were present to answer any questions from the Board. The trust for the health plan has been in place since 2003. There has not been employee feedback on this plan. It would be necessary to re-negotiate the police collective bargaining agreement to switch to this plan.

2. Robert Stapleton of National Wireless was present regarding the cell tower, along with Lew Caliento, director of site development for the company representing Verizon, and James Carlini, an expert in the wireless industry. Mr. Stapleton presented three color diagrams showing current coverage, anticipated increased coverage after installation of a cell tower, and the ideal location for placement of the proposed tower to give optimal increased coverage. Trustee Finney felt this proposal was incompatible with the rural character and aesthetics of the Village and suggested National Wireless propose more alternatives, including possibly a macro site on top of the silo. Mr. Stapleton noted that using the silo is not sufficient to address the services issues in this area and that both Verizon and AT&T will be part of the tower. Mr. Caliento said that this tower will also handle future capacity for the area which will continue to increase. Mr. Carlini noted that connectivity is a necessity everywhere, including Sleepy Hollow, and that connected wireless devices will continually increase. Police Chief Linane said there are problems with radio signal reception at the silo with both the police and fire departments and that the tower height would help. National Wireless will not charge the police and fire departments to connect to the tower. It was thought that the VHF and UHF signal connection used by emergency services is not line of sight.

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NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Getz moved with a second from Seiler to adjourn to executive session at 9:27 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining and lease of village-owned property pursuant to §§2(c)(2) and 2(c)(6) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Getz, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Nemec, Ziemba. Motion passed

The regular meeting resumed at 9:55 p.m.

Mr. Schuster was questioned about a possible contest or objection by residents to the cell tower, i.e., whether it was permitted through the Comprehensive Plan, and also the amount of acreage necessary to construct the tower on Village property. Mr. Schuster will review this issue.

Seiler moved with a second from Getz to continue with lease negotiations with National Wireless on the cell tower. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Ziemba, Pickett. Nay: Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to not proceed with the ICOP health insurance proposal. Motion passed with Finney voting nay.

Seiler moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 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 9:27 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall for the purpose of collective bargaining and lease of village-owned property pursuant to §§2(c)(2) and (c)(6) of the Open Meetings Act. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett and Trustees Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Also in attendance was Village Attorney Mark Schuster and Police Chief James Linane.

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2. The matter of pricing of a proposed cell tower site on Village property was discussed. Chief Linane responded to inquiry from the Board re public safety concerns related to the proposed cell tower. Chief Linane stated that currently radio transmissions through the transmitter located in the Village Hall silo were a problem for police, fire and QuadCom. In response to further inquiry regarding antennas and in-car radios, the Chief explained that adding such equipment to the squad cars as an alternative to erecting a new cell tower at the Village Hall property would improve communications between squad cars but not between officers when outside the car. "Trunking systems" would also improve communications. Both systems would be expensive for the Village. Trustee Fudala suggested that Village residents be surveyed to see how many are having wireless connection issues. (Chief Linane left the meeting). Trustee Nemec questioned what costs might be incurred by the Village if there are legal challenges by residents if the Village should approve a lease for a cell tower at the Village Hall property. The Board members were split as to whether or not to continue negotiations with National Wireless/Insite regarding the cell tower site, and no particular counter-offer of pricing terms was authorized.

Seiler moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the executive session at 9:55 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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