

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 1, 2017

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, Thomas Merkel, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Russell Getz was absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Engineer Jeff Steele, Director of Finance Ellen Volkening, and Police Chief James Linane.

MINUTES

1. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to amend the agenda to move the hiring of police officers (item 14d) to now. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Linane reviewed the background on a candidate for a part-time officer position. Finney moved with a second from Ziemba to hire Mario Giannini as a part time police officer pursuant to the Chief's recommendations at \$19.38/hour. Aye: Finney, Ziemba, Fudala, Nemec, Seiler. Motion passed. Mr. Giannini was given the oath of office. Chief Linane reviewed the history of a current part time officer who he recommends be promoted to full time. Finney moved with a second from Ziemba to promote Kevin Forrest to a full-time police officer at \$45,791.74/year. Aye: Finney, Ziemba, Fudala, Nemec, Seiler. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT

1. Elsie's Café will have its grand opening on May 9th in the morning.
2. It appears there will not be a state budget approved this year and local government distributive funds and municipal sales tax are again at risk of being cut or reduced.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

No report.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of May 1, 2017 in the amount of \$52,805.21. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Thomas Merkel of 70 Thorobred Lane said he was elected trustee in the April election but his swearing in is listed on the agenda at the end of tonight's meeting. He noted the history of swearing in of newly elected officials being done under the president's report in previous election years and questioned the change.

2. Mary Gardner of 106 Thorobred Lane discussed the water issues on her property. A new storm sewer was installed in the area last year but the property has not been regraded, nor has the old storm sewer been removed or filled. She described the water surrounding her home, and the various damages inside her home from the water and moisture over the years. She also believes the nearby creek is contributing to the problem. The Village Engineer noted that the landscapers will be there as soon as weather permits.

3. Sandra Losurdo of 108 Thorobred Lane said she has the same water issues as Ms. Gardner, and described her similar issues inside and outside her home and feels the creek should be dredged.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

1. West Dundee has raised its sewer rate to Sleepy Hollow, which will be passed on to our residents. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to approve Ordinance No. 2017-13 "An Ordinance Amending Section 6-4A-4B, Titled Public Ways and Properties; Public and Private Sewers; Wastewater Service Charges; Basic User Rates, of the Village Code of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, Kane County, Illinois." Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Trustee Nemec questioned our flat rate sewer rate and whether non-metered homes should have a higher rate, or whether all homes should have meters. This can be looked into later. Motion passed.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The ComEd street light replacement program is on hold until later in the year.

2. The deer testing is complete and 26 deer were tested this year with none positive for chronic wasting disease in Sleepy Hollow, although there was one positive in the Gilberts District, which includes our village. The meat was donated to the Illinois Food Bank.

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BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. There have been resident questions on why trailers must be registered and a fee paid when they are not allowed in the Village. Only trailers allowed in the village require registration/fee, even if they are permitted only for a limited time during the year. This should be researched and possible modifications made to the ordinance if needed.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The oath of office was given to President Stephan Pickett and Trustees Jeff Seiler and Thomas Merkel.
2. President Pickett said that both Norine Olson and Don Ziemba have agreed to remain as Village Clerk and Trustee, respectively, until replacements are found. These positions were not filled in the April election. Any resident interested in either of these positions should send a letter of interest to President Pickett and/or Clerk Olson. President Pickett recommended the following appointments: James Linane as Chief of Police (per contract terms to be determined), Mark Schuster as Village Attorney and Jeff Steele as Village Engineer, with all other appointments to remain as is for now. Thomas Merkel will be a trustee at large for now. Nemec moved with a second from Finney to confirm the appointments of President Pickett. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Trustee Fudala said there is a serious water swale problem in the Rainbow cul-de-sac related to the nearby creek and asked that the village engineer review this matter and that it be fixed.
4. Trustee Merkel questioned the several items listed on the agenda for executive session.

Seiler moved with a second from Finney to adjourn to executive session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining pursuant to §2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Merkel, Nemec, Ziemba. Motion passed.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:13p.m.

Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk