

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2021

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. President Stephan Pickett and Village Clerk Anthony Mills attended in person. Trustees Steven DeAtley, Anthony Piraino, Edward Harney, Joseph Nemec, and Interim Chief of Police Kristopher Chlapecka, attended by remote video-conference via Zoom. Trustee Donald Ziemba and Thomas Merkel were absent. After asking all participants to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance President Pickett directed the clerk to call the roll of trustees in attendance at which time each trustee responding to the roll call confirmed the ability to hear all statements. President Pickett confirmed that the comments of all trustees remotely attending the meeting could be heard.

MINUTES

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of February 1st, 2021. On a roll call vote with Trustees DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed and the minutes of February 1st, 2021 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pickett provided the board with a draft narrative of the property tax referendum. While the funds are needed to address the loss of funds in the Capitol Funds Improvement account he reminded the board that any explanatory narrative was permitted under state law the language has to be "plain and neutral." The narrative is to be published "in a newspaper of local distribution" no earlier than 60 days prior to the election date or closer than 10 days before that date. In addition the narrative can also be published on the Village website, the Village newsletter and maybe the water billing statement. The estimate cost of the publication will be \$300-\$400.00. After discussion it was the consensus of the board to accept the narrative as drafted.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

The Village Engineer submitted his report on ComEd's permit application WO26300288. After review and discussion of the Village Engineer's recommendation Trustee Piraino moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve ComEd's permit application. On a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the accounts payable of February 16, 2021 for \$149,861.86. By a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney reported on his meeting with the Dundee Park District to discuss the rehabilitation of Sabatino Park. The issue will not be resolved until after the results of the property tax referendum are known.

FINANCE

No report

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec reported that currently the water system has 2 broken valves, one in the off position one in 1/2 off position that will need to be replaced this spring. Further, there is one fire hydrant that has low pressure so Public Works will try to replace it this spring.

The Village Engineer is working with Public Works on a cost estimate and plan to replace the oldest water mains. The repair is needed since these mains have the highest rate of failure due their age. It is the Village Engineer's recommendation that they be replaced as soon as possible the possibility to avoid a catastrophic failure.

First water bills from the service went out and there have been no problems reported. Trustee Nemec reported based on the information given to us Elgin, from whom the Village purchases water, has voted to increase the water rates by 4% for the next 4 years. Since Elgin will pass along the cost increase based on that the Sleepy Hollow rates is projected to be \$9.02 in 2022, \$9.38 in 2023 and \$9.76 in 2024.

An audit of water and sewer accounts has identified four (4) accounts that are not being billed for hydrant service as required by the village code. The Village Attorney prepared a letter which was sent to each resident identified in this audit.

The Village staff has received positive responses on the issue of residents being able to pay online water and sewer bills online. The goal is to see if providing the ability to pay these charges online is cost effective for the Village and convenient to our residents.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Interim Chief Chlapecka reported his department has switched its cell phone service from Verizon to T-Mobile. This change allows the department to utilize T-Mobile's new program "Connecting Heroes" which offers first responders free 5G cell phone service. The projected cost savings is estimated to be \$1,200 per year.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Piraino reported on his meeting with the Village Code Enforcement officer and Interim Chief Chalpecka to discuss the utilization of the Frontline Program. Frontline is a state-of-the-art

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cloud-based program which allows police departments to update the way in which they communicated and track pertinent information within their departments and will Village residents.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Harney stated he received an inquiry as to the status of All Pets Welcome Center moving into the old MaxWay Motors building. President Pickett stated that while the building has been listed with a realtor, there is an issue as to the legal owner of the building. The Village Attorney is working with the realtor to facilitate the leasing of the building. President Pickett noted that it has come to the Villages attention that someone has expressed interest in purchasing the Randy's Vegetable Market site on Randall Road.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Nemec brought to the Board's attention a sewer check valve failure at 922 Willow. The failure caused the continued running of the valve resulting in the resident receiving a large electric bill from ComEd. Since the Village installed, owns and maintains the system, that charge will be passed on to the Village. This issue will be discussed at a future board meeting under Old Business once the bill has been received.

ADJOURNMENT

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Piraino, Nemec, and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mills
Village Clerk