

# **VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW**

## **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**August 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, Trustee Steven DeAtley, Trustee Anthony Piraino and Trustee Mark Thorne, attended in person. Trustee Joseph Nemec and Trustee Ed Harney, attended by Zoom. Trustee George Hoffman was absent. Also present in person were Director of Finance Eugene Vann, Village Clerk Anthony Mills and Chief of Police Samuel Parma. Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger, Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele 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.

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to advance items a. and b. under NEW BUSINESS to allow the Board to address Chief Parma's request to hire Erica Brown as a new part-time officer in the Village. By roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, Thorne and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

After hearing Chief Parma's report on the pre-employment background investigation on Erica Brown's application for part-time employment and his recommendation that the Board approve the hiring of Ms. Brown at the hourly rate of \$23.00, Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Harney to approve the request to hire Officer Brown. By roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Thorne, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed. The Village Clerk provided the oath of office to Erica Brown and welcomed her to the Village.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Pickett reported Governor Pritzker recent Executive Order which now allows municipalities to conduct business meetings via remote access without a quorum being physically present. Going forward the Village's plan is to continue to broadcast its meetings on YouTube.

President Pickett noted due to the increased number of trees being damaged as a result of recent storms, the Village burn pile will remain open until August 23, 2021, for residents to drop off storm damage.

### **MINUTES**

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve the minutes of 8-2-2021. On a roll call vote with Trustees DeAtley, Harney, Piraino, Nemec and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

### **CLERK**

No report

### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

No report

### **ATTORNEY**

See comments under OLD BUSINESS

### **ENGINEER**

President Pickett reported that the Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele met with Plote Construction on the resurfacing of Sleepy Hollow Road will start on 9-7-2021. The project will include the resurfacing from highway 72 south to the Village boundary. Warning signs will be erected on 8-31-2021 notifying

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drivers of the pending construction. During construction traffic on the roadway will be managed with directional use being controlled by Plote flag workers. The estimated time for completion is 25 working days dependent on weather.

**DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Thorne to approve the warrants of August 2, 2021, in the amount of \$161,283.74. By roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Thorne, Piraino, Nemec and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed and the warrants were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

**PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS**

No report

**FINANCE**

No report

**WATER AND SEWER**

No report

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Trustee DeAtley thanked Chief Parma for his memo updating recent activities of the Police Department which demonstrated their efforts to evaluate and explore opportunities to interact with members of our community. Officers Chris Diori and Glen Edwards organized the department's involvement in National Night Out at Carpenter Park in Carpentersville Park. Sleepy Hollow supplied a patrol car, our Kid Kar and our ATVs for display and Officer Edwards set of a booth (staffed by his family) to sell Torch Run merchandise to raise money for the Special Olympics Illinois. A video interview conducted by the Dundee Township media coordinator is available for viewing on the Dundee Township Facebook page.

Chief Parma also provided an update on Nolan Mandelin's Eagle Scout project. Trustee Thorne stopped by Sabatino Park on the day the team was collecting donations. He noted that Nolan Mandelin was very organized and that the whole process was impressive.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL**

No report

**BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

DOF Vann contacted the Directors of Finance for seven (7) municipalities and learned that of the seven, five (5) did not have such an ordinance and while two (2) had a similar ordinance they did not charge/collect the annual fee.

The Village Attorney provided his analysis of the issue presented by Trustee Piraino on the issue requiring an annual lease administration fee for users/owners of telecommunication towers/antennas.

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Because Sleepy Hollow is **not** a home rule municipality the most that can be charged for the annual lease fees would be the cost to administer the program. The result of such an approach would result in greater costs to administer than would be realized by the de minimis revenue generated. Trustee Piraino who had initially presented the issue retracted the issue and no action was taken by the board.

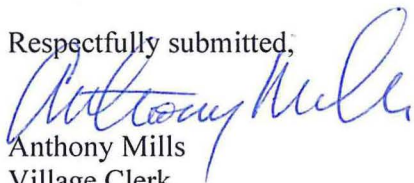
**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Harney, Nemec, Thorne, and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted;



Anthony Mills  
Village Clerk