

**VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

October 4, 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. Board members in attendance were President Stephan Pickett and Trustees Anthony Piraino, Steven DeAtley, Mark Thorne, and George Hoffman. Police Chief Samuel Parma, Director of Finance Eugene Vann, Kyle Killinger Director of Public Works, and Village Clerk Anthony Mills attended in person. Trustee Nemec and Trustee Harney, Village Attorney Mark Schuster and Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele attended remotely via Zoom.

MINUTES

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Hoffman to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of September 20, 2021. On a roll call vote with Trustees Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Nemec, Hoffman and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

PRESIDENT

President Pickett reported that at the KCCCC festivities held on Saturday October 2, 2021, John Florance was given the Community Service award on behalf of the Village. President Pickett and the board gave John a well-deserved round of applause.

President Pickett announced that remote attendance for Village trustees will continue per Gubernatorial Executive Order 2021-21 (Covid 19) until further notice.

The maximum head count for the Village Hall board room (pre-pandemic) is 44. Under the current Gubernatorial Executive Order, occupancy is limited to 50% or 22 people – including trustees, department heads and staff (9). At the start of the meeting the total number of people attending the meeting was 25 so President Pickett citing the occupancy under the executive order, reluctantly asked 3 members of the audience to step outside of the room. Once the total number of occupants was down to 22 the regular business meeting continued.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ATTORNEY

Village Attorney Mark Schuster reported on his investigation into the status of the vacant slip of land on Deer Lane noting that the first step to resolving ownership of the property will be to secure an appraisal of the land's value. The cost of an appraisal is \$2000. It was the consensus of the board to move forward with the appraisal. As for the ultimate division of the property the next step will be to determine which is any of the three adjacent property owners has any interest in buying the property. Any division of the property will be made pro rata of interested owners according to frontage distance. Attorney Schuster will report on the appraisal at the next regular meeting set for 10/18/2021,

ENGINEER

Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele provided updates on the resurfacing of Sleepy Hollow Road noting that with the exception of a few minor punch list items the project is complete. He anticipates the project will be finally completed by this weekend. As for the resurfacing and patching of Carol

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Court, Christopher Court, and several cul-de-sacs IDOT has signed off on the project and the next step will be a pre-construction meeting with Schroeder Asphalt to set up the start dates for the repairs.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Thorne moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve the accounts payable of October 4, 2021, in the amount of \$111,178.33. On a roll call vote with the following trustees voting aye: DeAtley, Piraino, Thorne, Nemec, Harney and, Hoffman and with no nay votes the motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The following residents requested the opportunity to speak to the board regarding the issue of excessive traffic and speeding on Village roadways. The speakers, most of whom are long-time residents of the Village cited multiple examples of reckless and dangerous driving particularly during the times that children are being dropped off and picked up at school. To a person the speakers asked that the Board come up with solutions to get drivers to slow down and to persuade non-residents to curtail cutting through the Village as a means of avoiding the congestion on Randall Road, Highways 72 and 31.

- Kelly Thomas
- JoAnn Dowdell
- Mary J. Kedzior
- John Lucas
- Steve Martin
- Joe (inaudible)

Jeff Kreisel had requested additional time to present to the Board a written commentary as well as his own observations of excessive speed, aggressive tailgating, illegal passing, and traffic conditions on Village roadways noting that Sleepy Hollow has always had the reputation of strictly enforcing the posted speed limit. Ironically, he reported that many of the vehicles he sees speeding have Village stickers showing that its not just non-residents who are driving recklessly.

Since Board meetings are limited to Village business and after hearing Mr. Kreisel's presentation President Pickett suggested that a meeting be arranged with Chief Samuel Parma, Trustee Steven DeAtley (Police trustee liaison) and any resident to brainstorm ideas on the effective ways to get drivers to slow down. [Chief Parma agreed to reach out to Mr. Kreisel to set up such a meeting.]

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney reported that he will be meeting with Dundee Township Parks & Recreation to discuss the issues and concerns about Sabatino Park. Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger provided an update on road patching.

FINANCE

No report

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WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemeč provided a history of the installation and operation of the Village water and sewer system. A percentage of system was installed prior to the construction of the houses which due the passage of time, construction, and owner-installed changes at or near the Village owned and managed water/sewer apparatus has caused problems. Over the years when Public Works has been called to correct an issue with the system, the Village staff has discovered the water/sewer tie-ins and connections have been covered over or otherwise blocked. The immediate repair issue often calls for cutting into owner-installed updates and driveways which require to restoration of the non-Village owned property. The present issue is who bears the cost for these repairs.

Trustee Nemeč moved with a second by Trustee Harney to authorize the Village Attorney to review the current Municipal code sections dealing with the cost of repairs to Village property when the repair involves restoration of resident-caused improvements. By roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Piraino, Harney, Nemeč, Hoffman and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed. Attorney Schuster will draft proposed revisions to the Village code to address this issue. This item will be added to the agenda for the next regular meeting scheduled for 10/18/2021.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee DeAtley thanked the residents who attended this meeting noting that the Board shares their concerns and frustrations with the driving on Village roads. He noted that these issues are not just in the lower part of the Village but occur throughout the Village as a whole. Trustee DeAtley encouraged any resident can contact him to discuss this issue and/or their ideas for correcting the problem.

Chief Parma stated that he will be reaching out to several residents to set up a meeting to further discuss everyone's ideas and suggestions. President Pickett and Trustee Nemeč (longest tenured members) noted this issue has been discussed many times in the past and almost all of the proposed remedies costs money that the Village does not have.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Piraino reported he received a call from Barbara Dettmer (ICCI Code Officer) who report that two addresses at the apartment complex on Locust were having concrete patios poured without having secured permits. As she was writing tickets for failure to secure permits prior to installation she noted that there were two other addresses having concrete patios being poured at the same time. None of this work had secured permits in advance of the work and all received tickets for their violation of Village code. Trustee Piraino commended Mrs. Dettmer for the work she performs for the Village.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

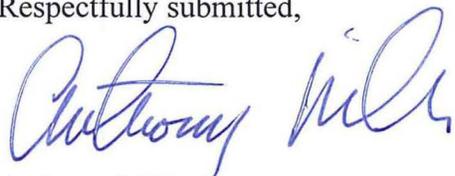
ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to address Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. On a roll call vote with Trustees Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Nemeec, Hoffman and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills
Village Clerk