

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

November 1, 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, Edward Harney, Mark Thorne, and George Hoffman. Police Sgt. Susan Wilson, Director of Finance Eugene Vann, Kyle Killinger Director of Public Works, and Village Clerk Anthony Mills attended in person. Village Attorney Mark Schuster and Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele attended remotely via Zoom. Trustee Nemec was absent.

MINUTES

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Hoffman to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2021. On a roll call vote with Trustees Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Hoffman, and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

PRESIDENT

President Pickett announced that per the current Gubernatorial Proclamation 2021-21 (Covid 19) remote attendance for Village trustees will until further notice.

President Pickett reported on the Public Hearing held immediately prior to the start of tonight's regular business meeting. Trustee Thorne moved with a second by Trustee Harney to approve the Village's acceptance of credit card payments for utility bills; vehicle stickers; animal tags; general fines; and police department business of all kinds. On a roll call vote with Trustee Thorne, Harney, Piraino, DeAtley and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

At the request of the publishers of the Village newsletter, President Pickett reported that any trustee wishing to submit anything for publication in the next edition the last date for submission is 11-10-2021. President Pickett asked Trustee Piraino to submit an update of certain Village Codes and to consider writing an on-going column on codes which call for permits to be obtained prior to construction or work on houses within the jurisdiction of the Village.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report. See commentary under Water & Sewer for an update on the activities of counsel.

ENGINEER

Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele provided on update on the start of roadway resurfacing noting that the delay in starting this project was due to the recent rains and lower temperatures.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the accounts payable of November 1, 2021, in the amount of \$100,850.10. On a roll call vote with the following trustees voting aye: DeAtley, Piraino, Thorne, Harney and, Hoffman and with no nay votes the motion passed.

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Director Vann reported that during the just completed test phase of accepting credit card payments for amounts owed to the Village, 39 payments were accepted. As a comparison Director Vann noted that in 2013 the Village received on average 5-6 card payments per month.

Director Van also reported that the TREASURER'S REPORT was timely filed with the county on 10-29-2021.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney reported that Public Works has requested authority to purchase 560 tons of rock salt at the unit price of \$62.79 for a total of \$35,164.40. This amounts to a savings of approximately \$18,000 from the budgeted amount. Kyle Killinger, Director of Public Works reported that the Village still has about 200 tons left over from last year. Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to authorize the purchase of 560 tons of rock salt at the unit price of \$62.70 for a total of \$35,164.40. By roll call vote with Trustee Hoffman, Piraino, DeAtley, Thorne and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Trustee Harney reported that he has been approached by two residents seeking authority to clean up Village entrance locations with the work to include landscaping and sign maintenance. It was the consensus of the board that it would consider reimbursing the two residents for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses should those expenses be submitted in the future.

FINANCE

No report

WATER AND SEWER

In the absence of Trustee Nemec the Village Attorney reported that per an earlier request he has drafted an update to the Village Code addressing the issue of who has the duty to pay for the restoration of post-installation (water main & sewers) construction. This issue will be submitted to the Board scheduled for 11-15-2021.

Director Killinger reported that there were two water main breaks last month and that the breaks were caused by the settlement of rain-saturated soil. The breaks have been repaired.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee DeAtley reported on a meeting he and Chief Samuel Parma had with citizens concerned over the excessive speed and traffic on Village roadways. The meeting was productive with the residents providing many good ideas, Trustee DeAtley also reported that this group had sent up a tent at the Halloween in the Hollow festivities to inform residents of the need to slow down and drive safely. Per an updated Activity Report prepared by Chief Parma, the police department wrote 110 tickets and issued 40 warnings for excessive speed on Village roadways. The word is getting out that excessive speed and reckless driving will not be tolerated within the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Chief Parma and Trustee DeAtley completed a drive through of all Village roads to determine if additional signage is needed to encourage safe driving. Trustee DeAtley noted Trustee Harney and Director Killinger had already taken steps to secure and install the needed signage. In addition Trustee DeAtley spoke with the West Dundee Village manager to discuss improving the bike trail

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signage on Locust which is on the border of the two municipalities. West Dundee has agreed to work with Sleepy Hollow to make these crossings safer for bicyclists.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Thorne presented for consideration the *Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region* prepared by the Metro West Council of Governments. Trustee Hoffman, speaking from experience and from consideration of future generations, expressed concern over the disposal of lithium batteries. While he agrees with the goals set forth by the *Climate Action Plan*, he warned that the disposal of lithium has the potential to be worse environmental problem than the disposal of fossil fuels. Trustee Thorne and President Pickett noted that the endorsement of the Climate Action Plan does not bind the Village to any monetary or permanent position and is merely an endorsement of a worth-while goal.

Trustee Thorne moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve RESOLUTION 540 titled A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2021 CLAIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR THE CHICAGO REGION. By roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Thorne, and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

The Board noted with appreciation and approval the efforts of the Sleepy Hollow Service Club in holding the Halloween in the Hollow festivities this past weekend. The festivities were enjoyed by all, and the fireworks show was a great addition to the program.

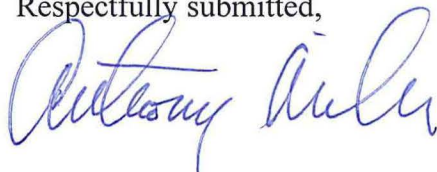
NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. On a roll call vote with Trustees Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Hoffman, and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills
Village Clerk