

# **VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW**

## **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 15, 2020**

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 and Trustee Thomas Merkel attended in person and Trustees Steven DeAtley, Anthony Piraino, Edward Harney and Joseph Nemec attended by remote video-conference via Zoom. Also attending via video-conferencing were Public Works Director Kyle Killinger and Chief of Police Michael Rivas.

### **MINUTES**

Trustee Merkel moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2020. On a roll call vote with trustees DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, Merkel and Harney voting aye, the motion passed and the minutes of June 1, 2020 were approved.

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 also confirmed the ability to hear all statements. President Pickett confirmed that the comments of all trustees remotely attending the meeting could be heard.

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from trustee Nemec to amend that agenda to present to the board the issue of the hiring of two new part time patrol officers. By roll call with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Piraino, Merkel and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion to amend the agenda was unanimously approved.

Police Chief Rivas presented the board with a brief biographical narrative on each candidate along with his recommendation that the board approve the hiring of two new patrol officers. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to authorize the hiring of Jalen Walker and Christopher Diori as part time patrol officers at the starting hourly rate of \$20.91. By roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Merkel, Nemec, Piraino and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed. The Village Clerk provided the Oath of Office to each officer.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Pickett announced a Public Hearing has been scheduled for July 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. here in the Village Hall for the purpose of receiving public comment regarding the Proposal for Renewal of the Cable Television Franchise Contract with Comcast which is the current franchise holder. Attendance and comments can be made in person or by way of Zoom audio and video conferencing.

President Pickett reported on the July 6, 2020 Regular Meeting the Board will be presented with a new Appropriation Ordinance. The Ordinance has to be approved by the board and in effect no later than July 20, 2020. The draft appropriation ordinance will be available to the public on July 10, 2020 in the Village Hall.

### **CLERK**

No report

### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

President Pickett informed the board that a Public Hearing on the zoning variance request by All Pets Wellness Center (APWC) will be held on June 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. here in the Village Hall. Attendance and comments can be made in person or by way of Zoom audio and video conferencing.

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### ATTORNEY

No report

### ENGINEER

The Village Engineer provided an update on the Sleepy Hollow Road Resurfacing project. Out of the 34 applicants for funding from the Kane Kendall Council of Mayors (KKCOM) Sleepy Hollow's application is number 6 on the list of priority.

An update on the Village's efforts to secure a grant under the Rebuilding Illinois for the installation of water and sewer in those areas of the village utilizing private wells and septic systems was next presented to the board by President Pickett. After discussion with the Village engineer and the Village Public Works Department it was determined that the Village would need between \$3.0 and \$4.0 million to complete the installation. With the cost of submitting the grant application to be \$5,000 - \$6,000 and with the chances of securing the grant, The Village has determined to forgo seeking any grant money at this time.

[Trustee Donald Ziemba joined the meeting at 7:43 p.m.]

### DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Ziemba moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to approve the accounts payable of June 15, 2020 in the amount of \$118,640.31. By a roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, DeAtley, Nemec, Merkel, Ziemba and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Village received several public comments by way of email. President Pickett read the email verbatim to the board and all individuals who connected to the meeting online. [Clerk's Note: Since the recorded statement is available online that request will not be reprinted in the minutes. Instead, the name and the subject matter of the statement will be listed herein.]

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| • Matthew Terrien | Water drainage issues on Willow Lane |
| • Todd Prigge     | Pleasure Driveway Maintenance Guide  |
| • Mona Auer       | Grievance resolution                 |
| • Olga Gekas      | Water Drainage Issues                |

### PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

### FINANCE

Trustee Ziemba reported work on the budget continues (approximately 50% completed) but that he still needs information from one or more department heads. So far only Public Works has submitted their proposed figures.

### WATER AND SEWER

### POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report. Trustee Piraino reported solicitors coming to his house and that he thanks Chief Rivas for his department's prompt response to his calling the non-urgent call number. Trustee Nemec echoed



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the praise for the prompt response of the police department to his report of non-permitted solicitors as well.

### **PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL**

No report

### **BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT**

Trustee Piraino reported that he has noticed an increased presence of yard signs and he questions whether those are allowed under the Village Code. He said he would research this issue and report back at the next regular meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Pickett stated that the Village is aware of the drainage issues which are prevalent and troublesome and while those have been an issue for quite some time they seem to have gotten more frequent in recent years. The Village is experiencing drainage issues from Randall Road on the west to almost to Route 31 on the east and from Route 72 on the north to Boncosky on the south. There is hardly any area in the Village that is exempt from this problem. This year the worst seems to be along Willow and that he has heard from almost every resident on that road. The water seems to be seeping down from the hill to the south of Willow. The Village is working with the residents to try and alleviate the drainage problems and will continue to do the best it can by clearing out the swale adjacent to Sabatino Park. Public Works and the Village Engineer are trying to identify culverts on Willow which are contributing to the drainage problems. President Pickett confirmed the excess water is not caused by a water main break nor is it caused by a storm sewer system issue because Sleepy Hollow does not have a storm sewer system. The Village will continue its efforts to resolve this problem with its limited resources.

Todd Prigge has drafted a maintenance guideline for Sleepy Hollow Road a copy of which has been given to each member of the board. This guideline is in the form of a draft ordinance and President Pickett directed each trust to read it, consider it and be prepared to this discuss the proposed maintenance guideline as an action item at the next regular board meeting on July 6, 2020.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Village received the 2020 Renewal Summary from Standard Insurance Company for Group Life and Disability insurance as well as Dental and Vision coverage. President Pickett noted the rates for the proposed plans are the same as last year. Trustee Ziemba moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approval of policy number 160-161-899. By roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, DeAtley, Nemec, Ziemba, Merkel and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

Kyle Killinger, Director of Public Works asked the board for authority to hire a second seasonal worker at the hourly rate of \$10.93. Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the request to hire a second seasonal worker. By roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, DeAtley, Nemec, Ziemba, Merkel and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

President Pickett reported there was a need for the board to move to an executive session to discuss the proposed ICOP Collective Bargaining Agreement. Due to the difficulties arising from the video streaming of board meetings and the need to maintain the confidentiality of all discussions made during an executive session, the purpose of the executive session will be for information only and no

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decisions will be made in that session. At the conclusion of the executive session the board will return to its regular session and promptly adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:23 p.m. Trustee Merkel moved with a second from Trustee Ziembra to move to an executive session under Section 2(c) (2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the proposed ICOP Collective Bargain Agreement. By roll call vote with Trustee Harney, DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, Merkel and Ziembra voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion to move to executive session was approved.

At 8:24 p.m. the board entered its executive session which continued to 8:28 p.m. at which time the board returned to its regular meeting.

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Ziembra moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Piraino, Nemec, Ziembra, Merkel and Harney voting aye and with not nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills  
Village Clerk