

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. President Stephan Pickett attended in person and Trustees Steven DeAtley, Anthony Piraino, Edward Harney and Joe Nemec attended by remote video-conference via Zoom. Also attending via video-conferencing were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, Chief of Police Michael Rivas and Director of Public Works Director Kyle Killinger.

MINUTES

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Praino to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2020. On a roll call vote with Trustees DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec and Harney voting aye, the motion passed and the minutes of June 15, 2020 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pickett reported the Public Hearing for the consideration of the proposed renewal of the cable franchise agreement had taken place earlier in the evening and that there had been no comments received by the Village. Trustee Praino moved with a second by Trustee Harney to authorize the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance approving the renewal of the cable franchise agreement with Comcast of Northern Illinois Inc. By roll call vote with Trustees Praino, Harney, DeAtley and Nemec voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

President Pickett announced that there will be a Public Hearing on July 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. here at Village Hall for purpose of receiving public comments concerning the FY21 Appropriation Ordinance. Attendance and comments can be made in person or by way of Zoom audio and video conferencing.

CLERK REPORT

No report.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER

The Village Engineer inquired as to the Board's opinion regarding the placement of retaining walls around driveway culverts within the Village ROW. It was the consensus of the Board to revise the Village Code to reflect the permitted placement of retaining walls within Village ROW but suggested that this text amendment be considered with any other proposed amendments at a future date.

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The Village Engineer has been asked about modifying the width of a driveway due to a turning radius issue. After discussing the driveway width versus the garage door width it was the Board's consensus to have the Village Attorney review the Subdivision Codes and report back to the board at its July 20th meeting.

The Village Engineer presented a Preliminary Engineering Agreement for Village of Sleepy Hollow Willow Lane Drainage Investigation and Preliminary Plan. (Trustee Ziemba joins the meeting in person at 8:10 p.m.) Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Nemec to authorize the Village President to sign the agreement with Gerald L. Heinz & Associates for the Willow Lane drainage investigation for the amount of \$11,500. By roll call vote with Trustees DeAtley, Nemec, Harney, Piraino and Ziemba voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Ziemba moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the accounts payable of July 6, 2020 in the amount of \$104,352.34. By roll call vote with Trustees Ziemba, Nemec, DeAtley, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Village received public comments via email, personal delivery and in person. Hans Meng delivered his comments concerning consistency in code enforcement in person. President Pickett read the other comments received verbatim to the Board. [NOTE; Since the recorded statements are available online the comments will not be reprinted in the minutes.] The name and subject matter of the comments received are:

Mona Auer	Request for distribution of information
Sherri Bonafede	Garage/Yard Sales
Carol Betterton	Driveway/Approach

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney noted that the appearance of the yellow saw horses blocking the abandoned drive from Sleepy Hollow Road to the village hall complex were unattractive. Discussion ensued as to the remedy and it was the consensus of the Board to include the removal of the drive in an upcoming road project and place a vertical steel post barrier centered on the western approach to the bridge. Mr. Harney also noted that patching along Willow Lane was to be scheduled in the near future, that the Village has approximately 400 tons of road salt left from last season, and public works was replacing the old wooded road signs with black U-channel posts. An estimate for a flashing speed warning sign was received for an amount in excess of \$7,000. Trustee Harney also noted that the planned discussion with the Dundee Township Park District and the Village concerning the refurbishing of Sabatino Park has been put on an indefinite hold due to the current COVID – 19 pandemic.

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Trustee Ziemba reported that the Finance Committee had met on July 1st to discuss the Police Union contract bargaining agreements and review the village revenues which are expected to decrease by some \$200,000.00 this fiscal year. In regards to an inquiry from NICOR Gas about the franchise benefit received by the Village, the Finance Committee recommended staying with the unbilled gas program rather than switch to the "annual cash in lieu of gas" benefit. Trustee Ziemba moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to maintain the current franchise benefit of unbilled gas from NICOR Gas. By a roll call vote with Trustees Ziemba, Harney, Piraino, DeAtley, and Nemec voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

The Finance Committee also recommended that the board authorize the Village President to sign a Letter of Engagement with Lauterbach & Amen regarding a higher level of financial services to the Village. Trustee Ziemba moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to authorize the Village President to sign the Letter of Engagement with Lauterbach & Amen with a monthly payment of \$6,580.00 a month with a 30-day termination period by either party. By roll call vote Trustees Ziemba, DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Rivas requested that the Board authorize the transfer of Officer Anthony Santos from part-time status to that of full time with his pay to be that of the third tier for an annual salary of \$50,128.00. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Ziemba to change Officer Santos status from part-time to full time at the third-tier level of \$50,128.00. By a roll call vote Trustees DeAtley, Ziemba, Piraino, Nemec and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENT

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Piraino expressed concern about yard signs and overall consistency of maintenance code enforcement throughout the village. He will arrange for a meeting with Chief Rivas and Code Officer Fleck in the near future.

OLD BUSINESS

Questions concerning the cost of the codification of the Prigge/Auer proposed Pleasure Drive Maintenance Guide halted further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

At 9:00 p.m. Trustee Ziemba moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to move to Executive Session under section 2(c) (2) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss the proposed ICOP Collective Bargaining

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Agreements. By roll call vote Trustees Ziembra, DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

At 9:10 p.m. the board entered its executive session which continued to 9:42 p.m. at which time the Board returned to its regular meeting.

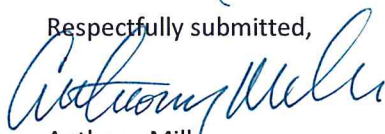
Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village and it's Full Time Police Officers with the 2% annual pay raise retroactive to May 1, 2020. By roll call vote Trustees Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, and Nemec voting aye and with Trustee Ziembra voting nay the motion passed 4 – 1.

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Harney to accept the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Village and its Part-Time Police Officers with the recommendation that the salary schedule be rounded up to \$22.00 / hour the 1st yr., \$23.00 / hour the 2nd yr. and \$24.00 / hour the 3rd yr. By roll call vote Trustees DeAtley, Harney, Piraino, Nemec and Ziembra voting aye and with no nays the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Ziembra moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. On a roll call vote with Trustee Ziembra, DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec and Harney and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills
Village Clerk