

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 19, 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, Trustee Tom Merkel and Village Clerk Anthony Mills attended in person. Trustee Ziemba was absent. Trustees Steven DeAtley, Anthony Piraino, Edward Harney and Joseph Nemec attended by remote video-conference via Zoom. Also attending via video-conferencing was Chief of Police Michael Rivas.

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

MINUTES

Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2020. Trustee Merkel noted in the minutes that he had two campaign signs vandalized and not one and that the minutes be corrected accordingly. Hearing no objections to this request President Pickett called for a vote. On a roll call vote with trustees DeAtley, Piraino, Merkel, Nemec and Harney voting aye and no nay votes, the motion passed and the minutes of October 5, 2020 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pickett informed the board that the submission by the Village for relief under the CARES ACT has been accepted and that upon receipt and execution of an Inter-Governmental Agreement, the funds will be available to the Village. President Pickett reported that the IGA has been finalized by the Kane County Board. The IGA is basically a hold harmless agreement which obligates the Village to repay the county for any overpayments made. The agreement is being submitted to the board as **Resolution 528** titled **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECIPIENT AGREEMENT FOR CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS (Kane County, Illinois)**. Trustee Merkel moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve Resolution 528 as presented and on a roll call vote with Trustee Merkel, Piraino, Harney, Nemec and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion was approved.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

The Village Engineer presented a written Current Project Update on the 2020 Paving Improvement project. President Pickett noted the work has already begun on Thorobred Lane and Willow Lane and that drivers will be inconvenienced for a couple of days until the project is completed.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Nemec to approve the accounts payable of October 19, 2020 for \$135,697.97. By a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Harney, Merkel and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Paul Setze – resident. President Pickett read an email sent by this resident citing two violations of Sleepy Hollow Ordinance 8-3A-3, Section B-2. The resident noted “There are two signs that are obviously in violation of this ordinance in the Village. One sign is located at 1300 Acorn Drive and the other at the home of a Village Trustee at 70 Thorobred Lane.” The resident urged “the Village to enforce the ordinance because it is not only the right thing to do but because there are many candidates for elected office and candidates that are adhering to the ordinance are, at a minimum, dismayed at the Village’s lack of enforcement and holding the candidate full and directly responsible. It is particularly disturbing that a Village Trustee so flagrantly violates a Village Ordinance and it is my suggestion that the Trustee in question immediately resign his position.”

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney reported on his meeting with Kyle Killinger, Director of Public Works, on the issue of needing to replace wooden barricades throughout the Village. A detailed report of this process will be provided in the future. The Village does not have the street sign which was vandalized so one will have to be ordered. The Village has not received a quote for road salt but upon receipt that issue will be presented to the board. Trustee Nemec raised the issue of the placement of parking permitted signs and suggested greater consistency is required since the Village bans parking on village roads unless so designated.

FINANCE

With the absence of Trustee Ziemba, President Pickett outlined the proposed FY 2020-2021 budget, a copy of which had been included in the agenda packets. He noted that as it now stands after the first of the year (calendar year) the Village will be “operating in the red” so he asked the board to carefully review each budgeted item to determine if the item was needed, could be reduced/eliminated or continued to a later fiscal date. Three examples of these items would be (1) the Star Com radios which could be purchased outright or by using an offer from Motorola which allows for a 50% down payment and a 7 year payment program at 2.3% interest. It was a consensus of the board to accept the Motorola payment plan. (2) Is the cost to replace the roof on the salt dome. On this issue it was the consensus of the board that additional information is needed from Public Works as to the condition of the current roof and a determination of whether the roof could be patched instead of replacing. (3) In the budget is the cost of several new vehicles (for PW and PD departments) so the determinative issue is one of necessity. These items as well as other cost items will be discussed at the next board meeting scheduled for 11-2-2020.

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec reported to the board on the status of the Winmoor, Walnut, Hillcrest, Thorobred, and Locust water main replacement projects. He suggested that the Village Engineer review the project and develop a plan for its completion.

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POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Rivas provided the board with a copy of an Honorable Mention citation issued to Police Officer Jalan Walker for his actions arising out of a traffic stop for speeding on October 2, 2020. "Through intuition and outstanding police work" Officer Walker peacefully and without incident recovered a concealed loaded 9mm pistol which was being transported illegally.

Chief Rivas presented the Police Department's Current Y-T-D Current Activity Report for 2020.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Piraino asked Chief Rivas for a report on the issue of the campaign sign on Acorn which was in violation of Village Ordinance 8-3A-3, Section B-2. Chief Rivas reported that after meeting with the resident a compromise solution was reached so the issue was resolved without further incident.

OLD BUSINESS

The board reviewed the miscellaneous fees charged by the Village. This issue will require further analysis so it will be discussed at the next regular board meeting scheduled for 11-2-2020.

The board next considered the Third Millennium Association Price Quotation/Services Agreement which allows the Village to issue water billing charges electronically. The proposed agreement is being reviewed by the Village Attorney and his analysis will be presented for board consideration at the regular meeting scheduled for 11-2-2020.

The issue of the proposed cost share agreement for the culvert repair at 847 Winmoor was again presented to the board. The resident seeking the cost share arrangement attended this meeting and suggested that the Village was responsible, at least in part, by allowing an uncontrolled flow of run off to bypass the culvert thereby causing greater damage. . Trustee Merkel asked if it is possible to determine if the Village was negligent in its maintenance of the water main so as to qualify as an occurrence in the Village general liability policy. This issue will be analyzed the Village Attorney and brought back to the Board for further discussion, There was no resolution of this issue at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Rivas presented his recommendation that Sgt. Susan Wilson be given a longevity bonus of \$1,500 as provided by the Collective Bargaining agreement with the Illinois Council of Police. He noted that Sgt. Wilson has been a full time officer with the Village since 03-04-1996 and a sergeant since 06-2006 and has never received a longevity bonus. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Merkel to approve the payment of \$1,500 to Sgt. Wilson in recognition of her service for over 15 years. On a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Merkel, Piraino, Nemec and Harney voting aye and with no negative votes, the motion passed.

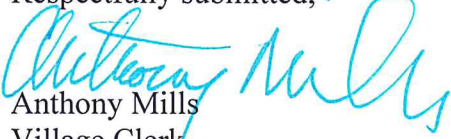
ADJOURNMENT

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Merkel moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Merkel, Piraino, Nemec and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills
Village Clerk