

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

**February 19, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephan Pickett and Trustees Dennis Fudala, Joseph Nemec, Thomas Merkel, and Edward Harney. Trustees Scott Finney and Donald Ziemba were absent. Also present were Police Chief James Linane, Director of Finance Henry Mionskowski and Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger.

MINUTES

2/4/2019 - Merkel moved with a second from Fudala to approve the minutes of 2/4//2019. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pickett reported he received from the EPA a Notice of Application to construct a Clean Construction & Debris Facility in Carpentersville. This notice was for informational purposes only and the plan will be available for review for 30 days from the date of the EPA letter.

President Pickett and the Village Engineer met with IDOT and KCOM to discuss Sleepy Hollow's receipt of funds for the resurfacing of Sleepy Hollow Road.

CLERK

The Village Clerk reported the presentation by the American Legion was cancelled for tonight's meeting and would be rescheduled at a date to be determined.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele provided an updated on the reapplication on the fiber optic conduit project. The new application shows a change in direction with the work starting on Boncosky Road and ending at the junction of Sleepy Hollow Road and Thorobred Lane. The Village Engineer and Village Attorney will meet with the applicant and Dundee Township to discuss the location of the proposed work and to determine an acceptable location for the conduit.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to approve the accounts payable of February 19, 2019 in the amount of \$107,732.93. Ayes: Fudala, Nemec, Merkel and Harney. Nay: None. By a unanimous roll call vote the motion the accounts payable was approved.
2. Director of Finance Mionskowski reported he has completed the January 2019 monthly finance report which will be presented at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Merkel asked Director Killinger to report on the Village's use of salt on the road ways. Killinger reported that the Village has 300 tons in the salt dome remaining out of an original order of 675 tons.

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He reported the deliveries have been delayed with the January 24th order just having been delivered today. He noted that there is a 5% per day late fee for deliveries not made within 7 working days and that for the two previously deliveries the late fees amounted to a reduction of 45% and 50% of the respected charges.

**FINANCE**

No report

**WATER AND SEWER**

After meeting with the staff and discussing the potential turmoil to village residents Nemec reported that he is not recommending a change in the monthly water billing. In an effort to determine if the village is charging sufficient fees to cover its cost of delivering water Nemec asked for a comparison of the fees Sleepy Hollow charges residents with those charges by neighboring municipalities. The analysis was completed and provided to the board. For the period 2/1/2018-1/31/2019 the village charged a total of \$1,242.00 for the following fees; NSF check, Lien fees, Red Tag Fees and Turn on fees. There were 60 incidents during this period. Using the same number of incidents with a proposed increase to fees comparable with neighboring communities the village would have recovered an additional \$2,605.00 to offset the cost of performing the necessary services. Nemec moved to authorize the Village Attorney to prepare the necessary revisions to Village Code 6-3-10 BILLING AND COLLECTION OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES. Trustee Harney seconded the motion. During the comment phase Merkel stated that people have financial problems for many reasons and that increasing the fees will only make matters worse. Fudala agreed with Merkel's comments. Noting the proposed fee increase was not an attempt at revenue enhancement Nemec reported if resident contacts the Village indicating difficulties paying a water bill, the staff will work with the resident to minimize the hardship. Killinger further explained the amount of time and work involved in red tagging a house for non-payment of charges. He said in his experience as soon as he shuts off the water the resident will immediately pay the water bill. By voice vote Nemec, Harney and President Pickett voted aye. Merkel and Fudala voted nay. Motion passed 3-2. And the Village Attorney will be directed to make the proposed revisions to code section 6-3-10.

Next, during periods of slow construction work, contractors will often take on smaller less profitable projects to keep busy. In an effort to get ahead of potential water line breaks and as a proactive approach for saving future construction costs, Nemec proposed having the Village Engineer prepare several "shovel-ready projects" for the replacement of older segments of water pipe. It was the consensus of the board to have the director of finance work with the village engineer to identify suitable work main replacement projects. There were no objections to this proposal.

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Chief Linane provided the monthly report for January 2019 noting that the numbers were down probably because of the extremely cold weather. The Chief noted his 2018 Year-End summary will be completed by the next regularly scheduled meeting in March. President Pickett inquired as to the lower of AWT (Administrative Warning Tickets). The Chief noted this last month was an anomaly and that over all the number of AWT is up.

Regarding the recent resignations in his department, Chief Linane reported the reasons provided by the officers were "pay and pension". Showing that this situation was not unique to Sleepy Hollow the Chief placed an article in each trustee's mail box identifying potential causes for the shortage of police applicants showing that police departments across Illinois and the nation are struggling to find



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enough capable, suitable and willing young people to fill the work force. He has posted full and part time job openings on three websites and since the posting he has only received one inquiry. One current part time officer has expressed an interest in becoming a full time employee. Fudala inquired as to retired officers being available but the Chief reported no retired officer has expressed interest in the openings.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Harney reported he has received one proposal/bid for replacement of the furnace in the Village Hall. President Pickett stated that the finance committee will request a minimum of three bids for the job.

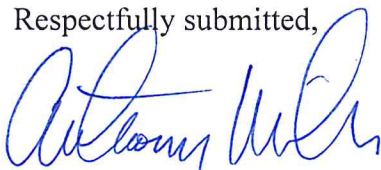
OLD BUSINESS

Ed Harney presented the final draft of the proposed Coyote Management Plan for Sleepy Hollow. Since the City of Geneva recommended using its plan as a start, the Sleepy Hollow plan will mirror Geneva's plan. The plan will provide a policy of that provides a strategic plan that increases the Village residents' knowledge and understanding of how coyotes behave and such behavior can be managed. The plan will focus on education of coyote behavior based upon the latest coyote management theories as expressed by coyote experts and will ensure that the interests of the residents, village government as well as the Illinois Department of Natural Resources are balanced when addressing conflicts between humans and coyotes. Chief Linane reported having read the plan and further explained how his officers will respond if a coyote attack is reported to his department. Fudala stated he did not see how such a plan would help and Merkel indicated that the plan was redundant to laws already in force. Merkel further suggested that Geneva was different than Sleepy Hollow by virtue of Geneva allowing fences therefore Geneva did not face the same problems as the village. Harney moved with a second from Nemec to approve Resolution 2019-515. Ayes: Nemec, Harney and President Pickett. Nay: Merkel and Fudala. Motion to approve Resolution 2019-515 passed,

NEW BUSINESS

Nemec moved with a second from Merkel to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills  
Village Clerk