

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2019

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 Scott Finney, Thomas Merkel, Joseph Nemec, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Dennis Fudala and Ed Harney were absent. Also present were Police Chief James Linane and Director of Finance Henry Mionskowski.

MINUTES

Ziemba moved with a second from Merkel to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019. By voice vote the motion passed with Ziemba abstaining.

Ziemba moved with a second from Merkel to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2019. By voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

President Pickett reported Nicor will be working in the Village changing gas meters. The program will involve attaching radio transmitters to existing meters which will take approximately 10-15 minutes per house. Nicor has retained Grid One Solutions as subcontractor for the job. As long as the contractor can access the meter from outside there will be no need to request entrance into the house. President Pickett has requested notice of this project be posted on the village website.

CLERK

No report.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

On suggestion by the Village Engineer Ordinance 2019-2 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY 60-DAY VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS FOR ALL VEHICLES TRAVELLING ON OR USING ANY STREETS OR ROAD WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS was presented to the board for consideration. After a thoughtful explanation by Chief James Linane on the efficacy of the proposed ordinance and further discussion by the board, Ziemba moved with a second from Merkel to approved ORDINANCE 2019-2. Aye: Finney, Nemec, Merkel and Ziemba. Nay: None. Motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Ziemba moved with a second from Merkel to approve the accounts payable of March 18, 2019 in the amount of \$115,075.16. Aye: Finney Merkel, Nemec, and Ziemba. Nay: None. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

A Memorandum prepared by the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES regarding the joint purchasing of bulk rock sale was presented and discussed by the board. President Pickett explained the purpose of the agreement was to provide local governmental

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units with greater purchasing power for future salt purchasing. Merkel moved with a second from Ziembra to authorize President Pickett to execute the Joint Purchasing Requisition agreement on behalf of the Village. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE

Ziembra reported the Finance Committee will be meeting in the near future to finalize a draft budget for presentation to the full board. Merkel inquired as to whether the Village has realized any revenues for the auto sales at Maxway Motors. President Pickett explained any tax revenue would first be paid to state after which a portion will be submitted to the Village. The Village has yet to receive the monies from the state.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Linane presented his monthly summary for the activities of his department. Merkel inquired into the process and status of the search for a new police chief. Merkel requested an opportunity to speak with the members of the search committee to discuss the search. Chief Linane offered to provide a copy of the position advertisement he posted on line. The Chief reported to date he has received inquiries from 30 applicants.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Nemec brought to the board's attention the need for a formal policy on the replacement of mailboxes damaged by Village Snowplows. Reportedly 8-12 mailboxes are damaged each year during snow removal. Chief Linane noted the damage to a resident's mailbox, which is located on the Village right-of-way, should not constitute an accident. Instead most mailboxes are not struck by the plow but by the snow and ice being removed from the roadway. It was the consensus of the board to authorize Chief Linane to draft a policy for the cost of mail box replacement and that this policy would be presented to the board for approval at a regular scheduled board meeting.

President Pickett alerted the board about a recent bill proposed in Springfield which would allow non-home rule communities (e.g. Sleepy Hollow) to raise their sales tax at the direction of their corporate authorities. Presently, non-home rule communities are required to decide the issue by referendum. Pickett noted that most of the surrounding communities are home rule communities – with the exception of South Elgin – and each has set their tax rate by determination of their corporate boards. The tax on automobile sales is except and governed by the state. After discussion it was the consensus of the board to be supportive of this effort even though most board members expressed doubt that they would ever seek to raise the sale tax within the village.

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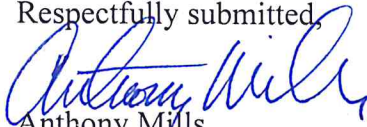
Merkel noted a message on the new fire station sign which stated "No stations were closing". Pickett explained this was in response to a memo being circulated claiming that a station would be closed if the referendum allowing consolidation of departments passed in the April 2, 2019 consolidated election.

Ziemba reported a large tree branch had fallen in the neighborhood park. Public works will be notified of the issue and will remove the branch.

ADJOURNMENT

Ziemba moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony Mills
Village Clerk