

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2022

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, Village Clerk Anthony Mills, Trustees Steven DeAtley, Anthony Piraino, Mark Thorne, George Hoffman, Director of Finance Eugene Vann, Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger and Chief of Police Samuel Parma attended in person. Trustee Ed Harney and Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele attended by remote video conference via Zoom. Trustee Nemec was absent. 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

Prior to receiving a motion to approve the minutes, the Clerk noted a correction so subject to this single correction, Trustee Piraino moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2022. On a roll call vote with Trustees Hoffman, Thorne, Piraino, DeAtley, and Harney voting aye, with no nay votes the motion passed and the corrected minutes of March 21, 2022 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pickett asked Sleepy Hollow Patrol Officer Christopher Diori to step forward at which time Chief Parma reported on Officer Diori's quick action in preventing an attempted suicide. In congratulating and thanking Officer Diori Chief Parma recited the decisive action which prevented the individual from hurting herself and to be transported to the hospital for treatment. Chief Parma presented Officer Diori with a departmental **Honorable Mention** (copy attached and its contents incorporated herein)

President Pickett reported that the 3-28-2022 meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission was canceled due to a lack of quorum. The meeting will be set at another date as soon as possible.

President Pickett noted that the Planning & Zoning Committee was created in April 2018 by the passage of ORDINANCE 2018-8 in an effort to address the issue of these groups lacking consistent participation of residents willing to volunteer their time to serve the Village. This new committee was the combination of the Village Plan Commission, Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals and would have 9 members. The inability to secure the participation of Village residents continues so in an effort alleviate this problem, President Pickett proposed reducing the number of members on the P&Z Committee from 9 to 7. Trustee Harney moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to approve **ORDINANCE 2022-5 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE VILLAGE CODE REGARDING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION.** On a roll call vote with Trustee Hoffman, DeAtley, Harney, Thorne and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to approve **ORDINANCE 2022-5** passed.

President Pickett made a recommendation to the Board to appoint Daniel Atilano to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to approve the appointment of Daniel Atilano to the Planning & Zoning Committee. By roll call vote with Trustee Thorne, Hoffman, Harney, DeAtley and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

CLERK

The Clerk reported that the Kane County Clerk's Office sent out emails to all municipalities in the county that the 2022 Notification for the filing of Statement of Economic Interests has been sent

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directly to the personal email addresses for all filers and that the deadline for filing is Monday, May 2, 2022. A copy of this notice had been provided to all filers in their agenda packet. Kane County will charge a late fee of \$15.00 for any Statement received starting May 3, 2022.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

The Village Engineer provided a list of streets which ranked the roadways on the basis of needed repair and required maintenance. This list includes the total estimated cost for the street to be \$380,000. Possible sources for the funds needed to complete the repairs were identified in this analysis as well.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the accounts payable of April 4, 2022 for \$79,551.32. By a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Thorne, Harney, Piraino and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Before calling for comments from those in the audience that had signed the Speaker's List, President Pickett explained that pursuant to Section 2.06(g) of the Open Meetings Act, members of the public are entitled to address public officials under the rules adopted by the Village. He further explained that individuals addressing the Board are limited to 5 minutes per person and that the total time allotted for public comments is 30 minutes. While the OMA permits the public an opportunity to address public officials, the Act does not require the public officials to engage in a debate; to make themselves available for abusive or harassing behavior by a member of the public; or to provide on-the-spot answers to members of the public on topics that are raised by the public. After that explanation, President Pickett opened the meeting for Public Comments.

- **Dennis Donahue** in anticipation of warmer weather he presented to the Board a prepared list of "Sleepy Hollow Fireworks guidelines" which he believes are not being strictly enforced and he asked that the Village increase its efforts to enforce the requirements of the "fireworks use act".
- **Jenny McGuire** – presented a list of grants which she believes are potential sources of income to the Village. In addition, as another source of revenue she suggested the creation of a homeowners' association within the Village with \$100 monthly dues. Ms. McGuire, in addition to comments regarding her concerns about the traffic on Locust Drive, also suggested that an IDOT traffic study about the number of vehicles using Village roadways as a way to reduce posted speeds as a means to curb such traffic. Ms. McGuire indicated that she has spoken with many individuals all of whom she stated were opposed to the proposed Storage Facility.

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- **Steven Westlund** expressed his concerns about the traffic on Locust Drive and suggested that the addition of painted center lines, designated bike lanes, increased signage with additional lighting on the signs as effective means of reducing motorist speeds and usage of Locust Drive.
- **Bill Hof** reported on the Sleepy Hollow Service Club's April 23rd "Earth Day Cleanup" activities held annually with the assistance of the Public Works Department. He asked that anyone wishing to participate to contact him. The Service Club will handle the cleanup along Route 72 and the other busier roadways, while local scouting and student groups will handle the cleanup on the interior Village roadways.
- **Ken Vanderbergh** addressed the Board regarding the condition of the culvert under his drive. He presented photos of the condition which he presented to the Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger. Mr. Vanderberg also commented on the excessive speed and noise on Randall Road indicating there are times the noise is so loud that he and his family are unable to enjoy sitting on their deck.
- **Rich English** on behalf of the Sleepy Hollow Service Club announced that the Club is starting to plan next year's festivities for the 50th anniversary of the Service Club which coincides on the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Village of Sleepy Hollow. He said the Service Club is encouraging both monetary and other assistance in preparing for this celebration.
- **Shaine Thurmond** stood to address comments from the Board meeting held on March 21, 2022. He voiced his concern that there appeared to be two competing interests in the Village. He identified the interests as those of newer and younger residents who are open to new ideas and those of the older established residents who are not. He suggested that it is now time for some real change in the Village Board and management. He stated that one or more members of the Board are "out of it mentally" and he then asked if President Pickett would voluntarily resign his position. President Pickett politely responded that he would not step down.

PARKS, ROADS, AND STREETS

Trustee Harney provided an update on the installation of the new traffic/roadway signs and that Public Works has about 40 more signs to be erected. He asked that any resident having any concerns about traffic on Village roadways and/or related issues to contact him directly to personally address their concerns. He stated that he welcomes any resident who wants to participate in the administration of the Village and that they should feel free to run for any position on the Board.

FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman reported on the status of the recent meeting of the Village Finance Committee and its efforts to prepare the budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. He stated that the Finance Committee will have another meeting which will be open to the public. He noted the Finance Committee is still looking for volunteers for the committee.

Trustee Hoffman cautioned that there are numerous expenses under the 5-Year cap fund, *enter alia* including the purchase of the new squad car (cancelled until next year), the roof on the salt dome, and improvements to Sabatino Park, that the Finance Committee needs address. These and other

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expenses will be discussed in the upcoming Finance Committee meeting. He again encouraged all residents to attend this open meeting.

The Finance Committee recommended an increase in the water demand fee from the current \$25 to \$30.00 per month. Trustee Hoffman moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the monthly water demand fee from \$25 to \$30.00. On a roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Thorne, and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

WATER AND SEWER

No report

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Parma reported that the Fire Marshall has approved the use and placement of the two fuel tanks so now the Village can move forward with that project. Trustee DeAtley noted that the bike path east of Locust drive is within West Dundee's jurisdiction and does not belong to Sleepy Hollow so to secure signage and signals on that side of the road requires West Dundee's cooperation. Chief Parma reminded those in attendance and those listening online that efforts to slow down and control traffic on Village roadways is an on-going process which will continue to evolve as it is developed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Piraino received a request from the Sleepy Hollow Elementary School Parent Teacher Committee asking for permission to use a food truck as part of the teacher appreciation festivities scheduled for Friday, May 6, 2022. The food items will be presented as catered items only and will not be available to the public. ICCI has noted that food trucks are not allowed in the Village and suggests that a "single use exception" be presented to the Board for approval. Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee Thorne to accept ICCI's recommendation of a single-use exception and approve the request from the Parent Teacher Committee. On a roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Hoffman, and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the increase in the cost of pet tags from \$10 - \$15 which was the consensus of the Board at its Regular Business Meeting held on March 2, 2020. The actual increase from \$10-\$15.00 per animal while approved was not published at that time. In an effort to correct this oversight Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to approve the publication of the per pet tag fee from \$10-\$15.00. On a roll call vote with Trustee Hoffman, Thorne, Harney, Piraino and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

President Pickett reported that each year the Village hires a company to come to the Village to shred old documents which are no longer required to be maintained. Since the contractor is hired for 3 hours, any resident wishing to dispose of old paper records are welcome to bring their documents to

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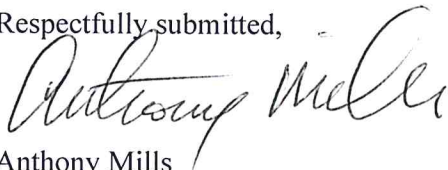
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the Village Hall and that the documents will be shredded at no cost to the resident. This year's shredding event is Saturday, April 9th, 2022 from 9:00 am till noon.

ADJOURNMENT

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Piraino moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Piraino, Hoffman, Thorne and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills
Village Clerk

SLEEPY HOLLOW POLICE DEPARTMENT **HONORABLE MENTION**

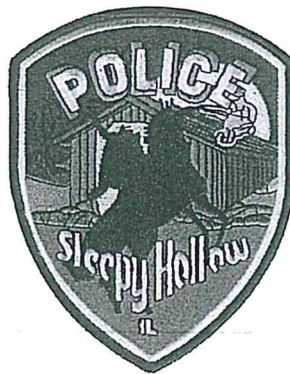
PRESENTED TO

Police Officer Christopher Diori

On December 27, 2021 at approximately 7:56 PM, Officer Christopher Diori was dispatched to a well-being check in the 900 block of Locust Drive. The call involved a female experiencing mental health issues who was potentially suicidal. As the call continued, the female subject became more agitated and out of control. The female stated that she was going to kill herself and began opening the door to the second-floor balcony. Believing that she intended to jump off the balcony, Officer Diori moved toward the subject and grabbed her around the upper body to prevent her from harming herself.

Officer Diori's quick and decisive actions prevented the subject from harming herself and allowed for her to be transported to the hospital for treatment. In doing so, he upheld the highest levels of police work and cast a positive light on our profession and organization.

Congratulations on a job well done!



Stephan K. Pickett
Village President

Samuel J Parma Jr.
Chief of Police