

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 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, Mark Thorne, George Hoffman, Ed Harney, Chief of Police Samuel Parma, and Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger attended in person. Trustee Joe Nemec attended by remote video conference via Zoom. 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 Thorne to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2022. On a roll call vote with Trustees Hoffman, Thorne, Nemec, DeAtley, and Harney voting aye, with no nay votes the motion passed and the corrected minutes of May 2, 2022 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pickett reported that Governor Pritzker issued a proclamation which allows public meetings to continue to be held remotely, in accordance with Public Act 101-0640, as long as certain requirements are met. This order will remain in effect until May 28, 2022.

President Pickett informed the Board that the Sleepy Hollow Service Club will be celebrating its 50th year anniversary this summer. As a result of the pandemic the Service Club has been unable to hold the annual July 4th festivities and therefore is in need of funds to hold the anniversary this year. President Pickett asked for a motion to approve a contribution of \$2,000 to the Service Club to assist in the funding of their 50th Anniversary. Trustee Thorne moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 to the Service Club. On a roll call vote with Trustee Hoffman, DeAtley, Nemec, Harney and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed and the expenditure was approved.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

The Village Engineer submitted a written update on the Year 2022 Street Program indicating that the MFT and Rebuild Illinois Funds will pay approximately \$380,000 for the repairs and patching to Beau Brummel Court, Joy Lanem Fawn Court, Maple Lane, and Willow Lane. President Pickett, on behalf of the Village Engineer, presented for approval to the Board a copy of the **Maintenance Engineering Agreement** and requested the Board's authorization to execute the agreement on behalf of the Village. Trustee Hoffman moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to authorize

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President Pickett to execute the document and on a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, Hoffman, Thorney, DeAtley and Harney voting aye and with no nay vote the motion passed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Thorne moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the accounts payable of May 2, 2022 for \$117,429.60. By a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Thorne, Nemec Harney, and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

President Pickett reported on the status of the Appropriation Ordinance 2022-7 noting the Ordinance has been published in the newspaper and posted here in the Village Hall and that there will a Public Hearing on May 16, 2022 at 7:00 pm to address any inquiries from residents. At the Regular Board meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled to follow the Public Hearing, the Board will be asked to approve the Appropriation Ordinance 2022-7.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Jenny McGuire** – submitted a letter of intent to join the Village Finance Committee. The letter was presented to President Pickett during the meeting.
- **Kelly Thomas** – asked if the section for Public Comment be placed at the end of the Regular Meeting Agenda. President Pickett and the Village Attorney responded by noting that while the time for Public Comment can be changed by the Board, that over time the section has moved up and down the agenda and that there are advantages and disadvantages wherever it is placed.

PARKS, ROADS, AND STREETS

Trustee Harney, noting this past weekend was the 6th **Annual Clean Up Day** in the Village, commended Bill Hof, and other residents for their efforts in picking up trash along Village roadways. The Village relies on volunteers for many improvement projects and without the volunteers, life in the Village would be different.

On the issue of road signs (street names) Trustee Harney indicated that the Village receives shipments of 25 signs and that they are installed as quickly as possible by the Public Works Department. The installation of the signs is approximately 50% complete at this time.

Trustee Harney reported on his discussions with the Dundee Township Park District on the maintenance and repair needs of Sabatino Park. The maintenance of the park by the Park District was the subject of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) which has run its course, but the Park District as a courtesy to Sleepy Hollow still inspects and maintains the park equipment and that while the equipment is showing its age, all equipment is in safe working order. Further, on the issue of the ball diamond, the Park District has stated that it will pick up the cost of refurbishing the infield at no cost to the Village. Sleepy Hollow has budgeted \$100,000 to cover the cost of purchasing new equipment when that time is due, and Trustee Harney noted that the Park District has agreed with that figure as the cost need for the replacement.

Regarding the current condition of Lake Sharon and Lake Paula, Trustee Harney identified several proposed remedies to address the concerns of residents. On the suggestion that bubblers and/or oxygenation would clean up the water, Trustee Harney stated that those efforts would only address the top 2" to 3" and that the problem extends to deeper depths. Dredging as a potential remedy is both cost prohibitive and at best only a short-term remedy. A significant contributor to the poor water quality is the excess nitrogen that leaches into the water and that the nitrogen comes from the

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fertilizer used by adjacent upstream property owners. In addition to curbing the use of fertilizer on lawns running up to the edges of the lakes, planting vegetation between the lawns and the lakes could provide buffer thereby reducing the nitrogen runoff.

Finally, on the condition of the upstream dams, that issue is controlled by the Army Corp of Engineers which is recommending that the dams be removed instead of repaired. Should the dams be removed, the water quality in the lakes would worsen and not improve.

FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman reported on a meeting with a representative of Harris Bank on the issue of a credit card for the Village. He noted that no individual representing the Village was willing to act as security for purchases on the card and that Harris Bank is considering the request. He will continue to meet with Harris Bank and other banking institutions on the Village obtaining a non-secured credit card for the purchase of necessary office supplies.

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec reported on the efforts by ICCI to organize and update **Title 6 Public Ways and Properties** of the Village Code. He anticipates that a draft of the proposed changes will be submitted to the Board at its next regular meeting.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee DeAtley reported that two fuel tanks will be delivered this week and that once operational, will give the Village 24/7 access to fuel. He noted that during the pandemic the local gas stations used by the Village were not always open when the fuel was needed and that using fuel tanks and bulk purchasing will result in a cost savings to the Village. Chief Parma reported that the electrician will install the electrical connections this week after the tanks have been installed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

At 7:52 pm President Pickett asked the Board to move to an Executive Session pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. Trustee Hoffman moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to move to Executive Session and that on a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, Harney, Hoffman, Thorne and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed and the meeting room was cleared on spectators and non-essential staff.

ADJOURNMENT

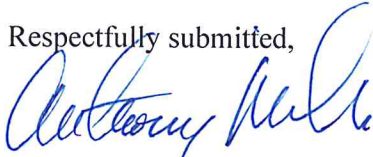
After returning from its Executive Session the board had no further business to discuss so at 8:22 pm, Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm.

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On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Hoffman, Thorne, Nemec 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