

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 5, 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, Anthony Piraino, Director of Finance Eugene Vann, Chief of Police Samuel Parma, and Village Attorney attended in person. Don Plass, Chair of the Village Planning & Zoning Commission also attended the meeting in person. Trustee Joe Nemec and ICCI Code Officer Barbara Dettmer attended by remote contact. 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 DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022. President Pickett requested two additions to the minutes as presented. On a roll call vote with Trustees Hoffman, Thorne, DeAtley, and Piraino voting aye, with no nay votes the motion passed, and the revised minutes of June 21, 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 July 23 2022. After that date, assuming the Governor does not extend the proclamation, Board members will be required to attend in person in order to participate and vote on Village matters.

Trustee DeAtley moved to amend the agenda to advance the Chief Parma's request for authority to hire two new patrol officers for the Sleepy Hollow Police Department. On a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, Piraino, Hoffman, Thorne, Harney and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Chief Parma submitted his request to hire Officer Scott Storr and Officer Myles Chick as Patrol Officers for the hourly rate of \$24.00. All members of the Board had received Chief Parma's report and written request to hire as part of the agenda packet. Trustee DeAtley with a second by Trustee Harney moved to authorize the hiring of Officers Storr and Chick at the hourly rate of \$24.00. On a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, Piraino, DeAtley, Hoffman, Harney, and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

The Village Clerk administered the oath of office to Officers Scott Storr and Myles Chick and welcomed each officer to the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

Continuing his report President Pickett, noting it was great to see people back together and enjoying the Village's annual celebration of American independence, expressed his gratitude to the Sleepy Hollow Service Club for their hard work in setting up and managing the 4th of July celebration. He further thanked the Sleepy Hollow Police Department, Kane County Office of Emergency Management, and the Rutland Dundee Fire Department for their work in making the festivities safe for all attendees.

CLERK

No report

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PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

P&Z Chair Don Plass, after complementing the energy, diversity, and efforts of his commission members, presented a report on recent zoning classification matters stating it was the consensus of the Planning & Zoning Commission to present the matters at a public hearing. Chairman Plass requested authority to hold the public hearing on July 25, 2022 at which time the amendments to municipal code to allow the installation of a banquet facility at 1001 W. Main Street and self-storage facility of the Collingbourne Property on IL 72 will be presented. Trustee Thorne moved with a second by Trustee Piraino to authorize schedule a public hearing and consideration before the Village Planning & Zoning Commission and to authorize the Village President to sign a Petition for Zoning Text Amendment to add as a permitted use "Banquet Facilities" and for a Petition for Zoning Text Amendment to the B-2 Village Business District in Section 8-5-2(B)(1) of the Sleepy Hollow Municipal Code and "Self-Service Storage Units" as a "special use for the B-2 Village Business District on Section 8-5-13(C) of the Village Municipal Code. On a roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, Harney, Thorne, Hoffman, DeAtley and Nemec voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

ATTORNEY

Village Attorney Mark Schuster presented his analysis and legal opinion on "Whether the Village – or the property owner – has the duty to pay for repairs to / replacement of a driveway culvert, where the watermain was located under the driveway and the culvert was damaged as a result of work to repair a watermain break (on the Village side of the buffalo box on the premises). After a lengthy discussion wherein various Board members expressed their opinions on who should bear the cost to repair the culvert and further realizing that additional factual information was needed to address questions asked by the Board, Trustee Nemec moved with a second by Trustee Harney to continue the matter to the next Board meeting (8-1-2022) to allow Kyle Killinger, Director of Public Works to provide the needed answers to members' questions and on a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Thorne and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay voters the motion to continue passed.

ENGINEER

The Village Engineer submitted a written report and analysis on NiCor Gas Permit Application, #22201087.039 for a meter relocation at 1035 Beau Brummel Court. After discussion, Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve NiCor Permit Application #22201087.039 subject to the conditions set for in the Village Engineer's report dated 6-28-2022. Pursuant to a roll call vote with Trustee Thorne, Hoffman, DeAtley, Nemec, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to approve the accounts payable of July 5, 2022 for \$80,759.29. Pursuant to a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Thorne, Piraino, Nemec and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

8:00 P.M. Presentation by Willow Lane LLC

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Mukesh Patel on behalf of Willow Lane LLC presented to the Board his company's concept outline for the construction of a 32 unit/4 plex development on the 5-acre parcel on Willow Lane. The development will be comprised of townhome-type dwellings which will then be sold for individual owners. No unit will be rented for apartment dwelling. The anticipated completion date is approximately 1 ½ years from Board approval. Noting that the proposed development will increase the population of the Village which in turn will raise the Village tax base, the consensus of the Board to refer the matter to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

PARKS, ROADS, AND STREETS

Trustee Harney alerted the Board to the delay caused by the strike of Local 150. The strike will delay the start of the Village 2022 Street Program. Further, President Pickett report that to address pothole repairs, Public Works is resorting to buying bags of asphalt from Menards to make the repairs.

Trustee Harney had previously submitted a lengthy report with considerable documentation explaining the steps involved in a "Community Build" for the proposed replacement equipment in Sabatino Park. In addition to the information provided in the packet, Trustee Harney and DOF Eugene Vann reported that a group "Kids Around the World" will remove and restore used playground equipment at no cost to the Village and if authorized they can remove the equipment in the Fall so that the rebuilding of Sabatino Park can begin in the Spring of 2023. The start of the rebuild is dependent on locating the funds or alternative means to rebuild the park.

As a continuation of this discussion Trustee Harney listed possible options for not coordinating the rehabilitation for Sabatino Park through a Community Build.

1. Finding an extra \$35-40k in the budget and proceed with the contracting for the purchase of the estimated \$100,000 for playground equipment. He noted that a contract signed in 2022 will not be subject to an estimated 4-10% increased prices.
2. Find an additional \$20,000 in the budget and further reduce the cost of playground equipment to \$80,000. Assuming the Village could secure additional funds through donations or fund raising, it might be possible to add one or two items to the project.
3. Do nothing until next year's budget and attempt to budget the project accordingly. This option will require taking the chance that the Dundee Park District will certify that the equipment in Sabatino Park is safe and in usable condition. However, Trustee Harney noted that this option would probably result in a 4-10% price increase on the cost of new playground equipment.
4. Last and the most draconian and least desirable option -- assuming enough Village residents tell the Board that refurbishing the park is not a cost that they are willing to bear -- the financial reality dictates that when the equipment deemed unsafe and therefore unusable, the playground equipment be dismantled.

Trustee Harney noted that many of the residents tell him that the reason for their moving to Sleepy Hollow is because of the parks, the geographical "open-ness" and community involvement as demonstrated by the recent 4th of July celebration in Sabatino Park and that it would be a shame to allow the equipment in Sabatino Park to waste away.

During this discussion many of Board members expressed their doubts that residents would actually turn out, volunteer their time and energy to complete a Community Build-type project. The lone resident who did attend this meeting suggested that people just will not volunteer to do the work.

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While hard working and always wanting to help, those members of the Board familiar with the membership of the Sleepy Hollow Service Club noted that the membership was not in position to adequately staff a Community Build project.

FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman reported on his continued due diligence efforts in analyzing Village expenditures. Using his experience in corporate finance he continued to advocate a cost-conscious approach to purchasing and spending Village money.

WATER AND SEWER

No report – Trustee Nemec had left the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Samuel Parma submitted his departmental update outlining the completion of training by Officers Garcia (breath training), Officer Edwards (certification of trauma training) and Officer Stegman (firearms instruction). Chief Parma's organization training philosophy is the continue to certify departmental personnel as in-house trainers which allows the department to meet new State training mandates and build internal competence and skills as his department moves forward more effectively.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report

OLD BUSINESS

None

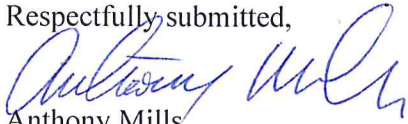
NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address, Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee , 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