

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 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. 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 the meeting. President Stephan Pickett, Village Clerk Anthony Mills, and Trustees Joseph Nemec, Mark Thorne, George Hoffman, Steven DeAtley, Ed Harney, Anthony Piraino were present. Director of Finance Eugene Vann, Chief of Police Samuel Parma, Village Attorney Mark Schuster, and Village Code Official Barbara Dettmer also attended in person. Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele attended via Zoom.

MINUTES

Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2022. On a voice vote with all Board members voting aye, with no nay votes the motion passed, and the minutes of October 17, 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 November 12, 2022. At such future date if the Governor does not further extend the proclamation, Board members will be required to attend meetings in person in order to participate and vote on Village matters. President Pickett noted that at tonight's meeting all trustees were present and therefore unless required by state statutes and/or Village ordinance all motions would be approved on a voice vote.

CLERK

No report.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele submitted for Board review and approval IDOT Resolution for Maintenance (BLR14220)(Section 19-000000-01-GM and Resolution for Improvement (BLR 09110)(Section 19-00009-00). For IDOT Resolution 14220 (hereinafter to be designated as Village Resolution 546) Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve Resolution BLR 14220. For IDOT Resolution BLR 09110 (hereinafter designated as Village Resolution 547) Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Thorne to approve Resolution BLR 09110 and on a roll call vote with trustee Piraino, DeAtley, Nemec, Thorne, Hoffman, and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes, each motion passed.

Village Engineer Steele gave the Board a brief update on the Road Repair project noting that despite the recent cooler weather the repairs should be completed as planned.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman moved with a second from Trustee Nemec to approve the accounts payable of November 7, 2022 for \$151,285.02. Pursuant to a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Thorne, Harney, Piraino, and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

DOF Vann reported

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- *Kelly Thomas* addressed the Board to express her thanks to the Public Works Department and Village Engineer for their efforts to correct soil/drainage issues in the Village. She also expressed her opinion that removing the discount for active military vehicles was disrespectful and that she urged the Board to keep the active military discount in Village Ordinance 2022-11.
- *Jeff Kreisel* also expressed his gratitude to Public Works for their work throughout the Village. He suggested that Public Works look into installing snow fences in the cul-de-sacs now that winter weather is heading our way.

PARKS, ROADS, AND STREETS

Trustee Harney presented the Board with the purchase order for this season's road noting that the present figure of \$47,359.20 is 80% of the 700-ton total allotment for the winter. Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee Nemec to approve the purchase order of \$47,359.20 and on a roll call vote with Trustee Hoffman, Piraino, Nemec, Harney, Thorne and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman noted from his continued review of the warrants that the Village is using online purchasing through Amazon as a means of saving on costs of various office items. Trustee Hoffman offered Public Works many power tools and equipment as his continues to downsize his personal property in anticipation of his move to a small residence.

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec raised the issue of the Village recovering monies paid to repair the hydrant damaged by a negligent driver. The funds have been recovered. He also noted that the Rutland-Dundee Fire Protection District should be reminded each year before it starts any training for firefighters on hydrant use to contact the Village Public Works Department for assistance and better control of Village water facilities in order to minimize the chance of a watermain break.

Trustee Nemec noted that the water main re-design project is a work-in-progress and that the project is having to address and correct many earlier design and prior corrective measures. The plan is to add a watermain line down Rainbow Drive. The consensus is that residents along Rainbow Drive will not be required to pay for this construction but will be required to pay the costs on connecting to the line. Further, the hydrants accounts will be discontinued at a date to be determined and residents will be required to connect to the Village sewer system.

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POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Chief Samuel Parma presented the Board with his recommendation to implement a training program for officers seeking part-time employment. Chief Parma explained the current process the Police Department takes to hire competent patrol officers first on a part-time basis and then on full time status when the need arises. The rationale behind the new proposal is to register for a qualified training program for part-time officer candidates. The cost for two part-time officer training is \$1700 and the program lasts nine (9) months. The tuition is 50% refundable. During training time, these officers also receive a salary. The next class for training begins in March 2023. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Harney to approve the request to send officers to the part-time training academy and on a roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, Nemec, Hoffman, DeAtley, Thorne and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Piraino reported he received an inquiry from a resident regarding the Village zoning codes. He also noted for the record the passing of Dennis Fudala who was a trustee on this Board for several years.

OLD BUSINESS

At a prior meeting the consensus of the Board had been to revise sections “f” and “g” of Village of Sleepy Hollow Municipal Code Section 5-2-1, et seq. dealing with the fees to be charged for licensing motor vehicles and trailers commencing with the sale of the 2022-2023 vehicle stickers. The Board engaged in further discussion of the matters, and after such discussion, Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee Nemec to approve the addition of a 10% discount for active-duty military personnel with no limitation on the number of vehicles to be registered. Before the vote on this motion was called, Trustee Piraino moved to amend the motion to add a 10% discount for seniors registering vehicles subject to a limitation of 2 vehicles. Trustee DeAtley seconded the motion. Before the vote was called on the amendment, Trustee Nemec made a motion to further amend the amended motion to expand the military discount to all “first responders.” This motion to amend died for lack of a second, which returned the vote to the motion for amendment by Trustee Piraino to add a discount of 10% for senior citizens, with a limit of two (2) vehicles.

On roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, Harney, DeAtley, Nemec, Thorne and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes, the amendment to the original motion passed.

Returning to the issue of a discount for active-duty military personnel, which was the motion initially made by Trustee Harney with a second by Trustee Nemec, on a roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, Nemec, DeAtley, Hoffman, Thorne, and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to allow a 10% discount for active-duty personnel passed.

The Board next considered a proposed Indemnification Agreement relating to the request by the resident at 208 Crane Court to allow for construction of a mailbox area in the Village ROW. It was noted that this request differed from the original request of this property owner, for a parking space to be allowed in the ROW. No vehicles are to be parked on this area. Trustee Thorne moved with a second by Trustee Piraino to approve the proposed Indemnification Agreement. Upon a roll call vote

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with Trustee DeAtley, Piraino, Thorne, Harney, Nemec and Hoffman voted aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

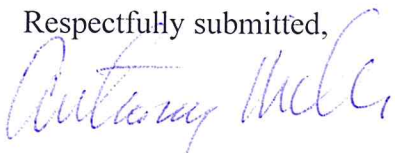
NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address, Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, Piraino, Hoffman, Harney, 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