

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2021

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 and Trustee Merkel attended in person while Trustees Steven DeAtley, Anthony Piraino, Edward Harney and Joe Nemecek attended by remote video-conference via Zoom. Also attending via video-conferencing were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Interim Chief of Police Kris Chlapecka and Director of Public Works Director Kyle Killinger. Absent were the Village Clerk, Village Engineer and Trustee Ziemba.

MINUTES

Trustee Nemecek moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2020. Trustee Merkel noted that neither himself nor Trustee Ziemba were properly recorded as being present at the 12/21 meeting nor was their vote recorded on the vote for adjournment. The corrections being so noted on a roll call vote with Trustees Nemecek, Merkel, DeAtley, Piraino, and Harney voting aye., the motion passed and the minutes of December 21, 2020 were approved.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Pickett reported that the funds obtained through the CARES Fund have been expended as required before the end of the month. The funds were used to purchase audio/video conferencing equipment for installation in the village hall. The components will be arriving shortly and installation will follow shortly.

CLERK REPORT

No Report

PLANNING AND ZONING

No report.

ATTORNEY REPORT

No Report

#### ENGINEER REPORT

No report.

#### DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the accounts payable of January 4, 2021 in the amount of \$89,492.40. By roll call vote with Trustees DeAtley, Harney, Nemec, Merkel and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

#### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

#### PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney and Mr. Killinger updated the Board in regards to the recent ice and snow storm and the effects upon the salt supply. There was approximately 150 tons distributed along the roadways. An order for 100T is expected for delivery within days and the Village still has a contact amount of some 480T left for the remainder of this winter season. The new truck had some hydraulic issues and had to be serviced by the vendor but it is back on line now.

#### FINANCE

Continuing with the discussion concerning the placement of a property tax referendum on the ballot for the April 6<sup>th</sup> elections the Board reviewed the options of increasing the base tax rate by 20,25 or 29%. After review of the numbers and discussion concerning the overall effects of such a tax hike Trustee Piraino moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to place the question of increasing the Sleepy Hollow portion of the county real estate tax levy by 25% - from 0.729757% to 0.912196% for property taxes that will be payable June/Sept '22 on the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Elections ballot. By a roll call vote Trustee Piraino, DeAtley, Harney and Nemec voted aye and Trustee Merkel voted nay. With a 4-1 vote the motion passed.

#### WATER AND SEWER

No report.

#### POLICE

Trustee DeAtley noted that the SHPD had recently participated in the local Shop With A Cop program this past holiday season and thanked the department for their contribution to the community.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENT

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

John Miles, representing the Bluffs Association, requested that the Board consider a reduction or cost/sharing of a recent invoice from the Village regarding the replacement of a fence on Association owned land. Trustee Piraino moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley that the Village NOT reduce the bill nor participate in a cost reduction of the invoice in question. By a roll call vote Trustees Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Merkel and Nemec vote aye, there being no nay votes the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Merkel moved with a second from Trustee Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. On a roll call vote with Trustee Merkel, Nemec, DeAtley, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mills

Village Clerk

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