

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2010

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Jeff Seiler, Steve Wind and Donald Ziemba. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jim Montalbano and Finance Director Ellen Volkening. Attorney Mark Schuster was present for a portion of the meeting. Also in attendance were several members of the public and several members of the Sleepy Hollow Police Department.

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the Village Board Special Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Wind moved with a second from Getz to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett and Chief Montalbano attended the orientation meeting on the Task Force for the possible consolidation of the police departments of Sleepy Hollow, West Dundee, and East Dundee. The Village will need to submit several items to the coordinator and a phase one work plan should be ready in September.
2. Several suggestions for keeping deer out of your yard will be posted on the Village website.

CLERK

1. Items for the newsletter must be submitted by the end of the month.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Wind moved with a second from Finney to approve Resolution No. 408 entitled "A Resolution Approving the Initial Collective Bargaining Agreement with Illinois Council of Police for Permanent, Full-Time Police Officers Below the Rank of Sergeant in the Village." Aye: Wind, Finney, Fudala, Getz. Nay: Seiler. Motion passed. (Trustee Ziemba arrived.)
2. The proposed economic incentive agreement for Route 72 property and examples of similar incentive agreements approved in other towns were discussed. Mr. Schuster reviewed the statutory requirements of the agreement. Trustee Finney expressed concerns of who would receive the tax rebates. The Board discussed options for the number of years of this agreement and the percentage of the tax rebate. George Hamas, the developer of the property, made a statement of the benefits of having this development in the Village and his difficulty in obtaining funding for developing the property in the current economy. The loan is dependent on the economic incentive agreement with the Village. Wind moved with a second from Seiler to approve Resolution No. 409 entitled "A Resolution Approving

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Certain Economic Incentive Agreement with Barkley Property Group, LLC" for a five year term, not to exceed 1/3 of the Village's sales tax. Aye: Wind, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz. Nay: Ziemba. Motion passed.

3. The Board discussed the proposed intergovernmental agreement with Dundee Township Park District for use of the Sabatino Park tee-ball and soccer fields in exchange for assisting with maintenance of the park. The Board would like the Park District to also maintain Saddle Club park. They would also like to add restrictions on the use of the fields by the Park District, which currently has priority for use of the fields. Mr. Schuster explained that a system for reservations could be set up, including a fee and deposit to ensure clean up. The fees could be different for resident and non-resident usage. Mr. Schuster did not feel there would be an issue for the Village to charge a reasonable usage fee, nor did he feel there was more liability to the Village if charging fees. Mr. Schuster will modify the agreement to include a reservation system and other rules. (Attorney Schuster left meeting.)

Fudala moved with a second from Getz to amend the agenda to move the ICCI code update under Building to now. Motion passed unanimously. Barbara Dettmer of ICCI noted and Plan Commission Chairman Carol Schoengart stated that the Commission unanimously approved a sign for the fitness center which is under new ownership. Mrs. Dettmer requested Board permission to do a revision of Title 7 of the Village Code that would include updates of the building codes to the 2009 international codes and address related concerns regarding the Kane County Code, pools in the Village, sprinklers in the residential code, items exempt from permitting, and other issues. She is working on a draft ordinance on this matter. She will give the Board her written comments and asked that questions be directed to her. The Board asked for a written summary of her proposal and an estimate of the cost.

8:00 PM John Florance of the Service Club said they do not have their insurance certificate yet and will return when it is received. The 4th of July events will remain as they have in past years. The Service Club is concerned that they have enough police to ensure an orderly departure of vehicles after the fireworks. The rain date of July 5th should be added to the Village permit application. Liquor hours will be noon to 4 p.m. Bill Eitzenhoefer added that the Service Club has been doing the maintenance on the ball fields, not the Park District.

ENGINEER

1. The Engineer's current projects update report was reviewed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of May 17, 2010 in the amount of \$110,943.48. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Wind. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Brandon Stone of Hilltop Lane read a statement about the stop sign at the intersection of Hilltop Lane and Hilltop Court and his opinion that it should be removed.

2. Walter Geisler of Hilltop Lane spoke on the budget and police issues and suggested the Village go to the residents with a referendum to increase taxes.

3. Judy Schrieber and Gene Cox, on behalf of Twin Oaks Baptist Church, requested police assistance on Sundays to direct traffic after church service for the safety of people exiting onto Randall Road because of the heavy traffic. They are willing to pay the police for their services. Action on this

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matter will be deferred to the next board meeting. Ms. Schrieber asked that the Board's decision be mailed to her.

4. Sally Fohrman of Sharon Drive said that her family has lived in Sleepy Hollow 53 years and noted that Sleepy Hollow is a designated wildlife sanctuary. She is against any killing of the deer.

5. Bill Piper of Sharon Drive also spoke against the killing of deer in the Village. He noted the liability on the Village in possibly injuring residents in the process. He also told the Board to raise his taxes to pay for 24 hour per day police protection.

6. Theresa Peterson of Crane expressed her disappointment that the police issue and possible reduction in coverage was detailed in the newspaper but felt we did need to continue to have police protection 24 hours per day. She felt our tax bill is low for village taxes.

7. Joe Golat of Walnut felt that the Park District has not maintained the ball fields. He also felt a soccer field should be available at all times for resident use. He also feels the deer should be controlled and thinned in the village as they are destructive to property. He noted that raccoon are a problem too.

8. Karen Leitner of Pimlico supports the police department and wants it to remain 24/7. She also noted that there have been recent problems with several raccoons that have been put down by the police and is concerned that something was wrong with the raccoons.

9. Heda Palmer, property manager at Spring Hill Apartments, is concerned with public safety if the police are unable to help at the complex. She said any available money should be used for the police.

10. Gretchen Fehling, Sleepy Hollow Police Officer, has been in law enforcement 26 years, and said Sleepy Hollow is quiet because the police force is aggressive in patrolling 24/7. She said if police reductions are made, crime will probably increase in the Village.

11. Carol Grom of Hilltop Lane noted the financial difficulties all over. She also noted the Village's low tax share and felt we should do what is necessary to maintain 24/7 police coverage with 2 officers on duty and is willing to pay higher taxes to the Village to maintain our services in the Village.

12. Walter Heffron of Van Tassel read a statement against the killing of deer and his interest in maintaining the character of the Village.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the salary and hourly wage rates for fiscal year 2011. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Wind. Motion passed.

2. Trustee Ziemba said the proposed budget shows a \$227,000 deficit and the Village has a fund balance of about \$600,000. He noted that the state is about five months behind in payments, and the monthly warrants are about \$125,000. Public Works has reduced their budget by over \$50,000 by not hiring a third employee for that department, nor are they hiring any part time summer help. The Police Chief cannot hire or fire employees in order to meet the Board's request to reduce the police budget by \$200,000. Trustee Wind does not feel the budget figures are accurate since we do not know yet if the state will actually reduce the amount of tax received by the Village. If the reduction does not go through, the Village would have about \$80,000 for its budget. Trustee Wind noted that if the force is reduced, there will be less revenue from tickets and fines; Trustee Ziemba noted that there would also be a reduction in overtime pay in connection with the related court appearances. It was noted that even if a fall referendum passes, the Village won't see the revenue from the tax increase until 2012. Trustee Finney is against "gutting" the police department, and feels we could use some of the money in reserves.

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He suggested we go directly to the residents and ask them to donate to the Village to keep services at the same level. The Board agreed to wait 90 days for him to obtain donations from the residents. Trustee Seiler asked that we confirm with Mr. Schuster that we can legally collect funds in this manner. He also expressed his concern with the safety of the Village due to the information given to the newspapers about possible police staffing reductions. The budget deficit will be reviewed at the August 16th board meeting to determine whether further action will be taken.

3. Ziembra moved with a second from Finney to approve the fiscal year 2011 operating budgets for impact fees, wetland mitigation, special service areas, MFT, five year capital improvements, waterworks, DI&E, and sewerage funds. Aye: Ziembra, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Seiler, Wind . Motion passed. Trustee Ziembra noted that the only capital improvement in the budget is the path. The motor fuel fund has only \$80,000 which will allow for very few road improvements this year. The fire hydrant replacement schedule will continue as this improves the fire rating for the Village. Trustee Ziembra noted that he has never seen the Village in such dire straits in his nine years as a board trustee.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Trustee Seiler said efficiency is over 100% on the west side of the Village but only 64% on the east side, and he is looking into the reasons for the low efficiency on the east side. Trustee Ziembra asked for an update on water issues in the Deer Creek area in connection with the water flow from the detention pond on the west side of Randall Road. According to the Village Engineer, the change in the water release is working well to control the flow into the Village.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. There have been several complaints about the waste pick up by Allied. Allied is strictly enforcing the contract terms which limit the size of receptacles to 32 gallons and 50 lbs. Allied is putting stickers on receptacles in violation warning the resident that they will not pick them up. Allied will accept the large toters with the metal handles that can be picked up by the trucks.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. ICCI needs approval of the sign for the fitness center. Since this was not on the agenda, approval will be deferred to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

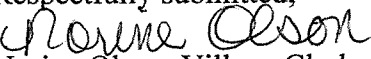
No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Seiler moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Norine Olson, Village Clerk