

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 7, 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 Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Mark Reimers, Police Chief Jim Montalbano and Finance Director Ellen Volkening.

MINUTES

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Fudala to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to appoint Jim Kruger as Chairman of the Zoning Board. Motion passed unanimously.
2. The Village has received a notice from IDOT concerning a proposed residential development along Route 72 in West Dundee.
3. President Pickett attended an environmental presentation in Dundee Crown teacher Gary Swick's class concerning four creeks in the Fox Valley watershed, including Jelkes and Sleepy Creeks. A written copy of the presentation has been requested which included many suggestions that may be helpful to the residents and beneficiary to the creeks.

CLERK

1. Comments on the draft newsletter were requested.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. The attorney reviewed a resolution to establish procedures and fees for use of the turf fields in Sabatino Park. The procedures would be similar to those now used for the pavilion, where a reservation is necessary, and a fee and refundable deposit would be required. There would be different fees for residents and non-residents and the Park District would be given priority in reserving the fields. Trustee Getz was concerned about use of the fields on Sunday by outside groups that do not clean up and also prevents residents from enjoying use of the field. The Board suggested requiring permits for groups over 10 and establishing a \$250 deposit to be refunded if the field is cleaned up after use. The resolution will be revised by Mr. Schuster.
2. The attorney presented a revised resolution on the intergovernmental agreement with Dundee Township Park District. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approved Resolution 410, Approving a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement with Dundee Township Park District for Use of and

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Improvements in Sabatino Park. It was noted that the agreement does not, and should, include maintenance of Saddle Club Park also. The Board noted that the Park District has not maintained the baseball fields as required and additional language will be included that the Park District will not receive priority use if they do not maintain the field. In addition, preparation of the field must be done by April 1st each year. Mr. Schuster will make the requested changes, and send the agreement to the Park District for their review. This matter was tabled until we have a response from the Park District.

3. Mr. Schuster reviewed the revised economic incentive agreement where 1/3 of the sales tax proceeds would be returned to the developer for five years. The agreement has been reviewed and tentatively approved by counsel for the developer. The development will be on Route 72 in front of the strip mall. Seiler moved with a second from Wind to approve Resolution No. 410 entitled "A Resolution Approving a Certain Economic Incentive Agreement with Barkley Property Group, Inc." Aye: Seiler, Wind, Getz, Finney, Fudala. Nay: Ziemba. Motion passed.

4. Mr. Schuster distributed a memorandum on the procedures if the Village pursues a tax increase referendum on the November ballot. Action should be taken in July or August to ensure the referendum is on the ballot. Trustee Wind noted that Sleepy Hollow has the lowest village portion of property taxes in Dundee Township. Mr. Schuster noted that if a referendum passed in November 2010, the Village would start collecting the increased taxes in June, 2011. If a referendum is not passed until April 2011, increased taxes would not be received until June, 2012.

ENGINEER

1. President Pickett thanked Eric Weiss for his services; he has taken a new position elsewhere. Eric introduced Engineer Mark Reimers who will be attending future Village meetings on behalf of Heinz & Associates.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Wind to approve the accounts payable of June 7, 2010 in the amount of \$89,761.78. Aye: Ziemba, Wind, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler. Motion passed.

2. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve Ordinance No. 2010-7 entitled "An Ordinance Making Appropriation Transfer for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2009 and Ending April 30, 2010." Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Wind, Ziemba. Motion passed.

8:15 PM John Florance, on behalf of the Service Club, submitted documents to accompany the Club's liquor license application for July 4th, with a rain date of July 5th.

Brian Muhich of Insurance Plans Agency submitted a health insurance analysis and reviewed it in detail with the Board. The rates for the vision, long term disability, and life insurance programs did not change. The insurance for the current BCBS medical insurance program will increase 15.7% for this year and dental will increase 9.5%. Mr. Ziemba noted that the current budget included a 15% increase for medical and 8% increase for dental. Quotes received from other carriers were more costly. The new annual medical premium will be \$235,348 and the dental will be \$12,846. There are some BCBS mandated co-pay increases to employees. A reduction of benefits to employees would reduce the premiums, but it was the consensus to not make any changes this year. Trustee Ziemba noted that the Finance Committee is looking at changes for next year. Ziemba moved with a second from Fudala to approve the medical insurance renewal with BCBS with a 15.7% increase (page 7) and the dental

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insurance renewal with a 9.5% increase (page 19), and to approve the other three renewals that have no increase. Aye: Ziemba, Fudala, Finney, Getz, Seiler, Wind. Motion passed. The Board reviewed the Section 125 plan currently offered through Aflac. This year's open enrollment period with Aflac ended May 15, 2010 with only 3-4 employees enrolled. A Section 125 plan offers a tax savings to both the Village and employees. Another Section 125 plan could be set up to allow additional employees to sign up immediately. The one time set up fee is \$400 with subsequent annual fees of \$125. The tax savings to the Village would more than cover the one-time set up fee. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to establish another "Premium Only Plan" for non-Aflac benefits effective July 1, 2010 for medical, dental, and vision. Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Wind. Motion passed. Trustee Seiler asked that this enrollment be automatically set up every year unless an employee declines to participate.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Bruno Nussbaumer of Beau Brummel had an issue with a neighbor's tree overhanging onto his property. President Pickett advised him to contact his own attorney for advice.
2. Walt Heffron of Van Tassel Road read a statement concerning the budget/police issue and suggested that taxes should be raised to address the funding shortage.
3. Evelyn Grom of Hilltop Lane voiced her support for continued full police coverage in the Village and expressed concern about the mutual aid program with other area departments if the Sleepy Hollow reduced force cannot uphold its part in the program. She also urged the Village to inform the residents of the budget situation and the fundraising effort by residents, as well as inform residents of a possible tax increase referendum before November.
4. Bill Grupp of Beau Brummel also expressed support for maintaining the current police support level and noted their assistance in many Service Club events.
5. Joe Golat of Walnut Drive questioned the wildlife preserve designation in the Village. He also stated that the deer and raccoon populations should be culled and controlled within the Village. President Pickett clarified that the Village was established a wildlife sanctuary per village code many years ago but it is not a state designation.
6. Phil Aleo of Rainbow Drive had many questions about the police budget issue. He will contact President Pickett to discuss this outside of the board meeting.
7. Susan Voigt expressed her frustration in her efforts to coordinate fundraising for the police department. She does not have answers to many questions on this matter and would appreciate assistance from village officials.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Dundee Township Park District has been requested, through their insurer, to build a fence around the tennis courts by the pool. This will require a variance application to the ZBA and they have asked the Village to waive the application fee. Getz moved with a second from Finney to waive the \$75 ZBA application fee. Aye: Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler, Wind, Ziemba. Motion passed.
2. The engineer will be given communication concerning a new storm water problem.

FINANCE

1. The Board discussed the budget deficit, police services and the citizens' fundraising group. Mr. Schuster noted that he could inform the union of the current budget situation and potential reductions or wait until the Village has an actual plan.

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Trustee Wind believes the budget is flawed. He suggested the \$50,000 fire hydrants are not necessary this year and should be removed from the budget. He also feels the budgeted sales tax revenue of \$10,000 from Elgin is much too low given the new Honda dealership on Randall, and noted that we have not accounted for any sales tax from the Thirsty Vine in the budget.

Trustee Finney said he had examined the budget in detail and discussed his analysis, first detailing the Village revenue and then its expenses, and came up with a total deficit of \$228,000. He said the problem is not expenses, but the loss of revenue from various sources. He said gutting the police department is not the answer. He feels the budget of \$102,000 less revenue from the State is high, but he is not certain what the Village will receive. He also feels we will receive more sales tax from Village retail and from our Elgin sales tax agreement, all of which will contribute to "close the gap". Trustee Finney suggested we increase vehicle stickers to \$50 for cars and \$75 for trucks, which would bring in an additional \$75,000 in revenue, although this would not take effect until next year. He noted that the police budget is almost 60% of the total village budget and will probably remain so. He also noted that overall salaries have increased less than 3% this year. However, employee health insurance has increased over 45% in the past two years. From the \$228,000 deficit, we can deduct the \$50,000 for the public works employee not hired, bringing the deficit to \$178,000.

Finney moved with a second from Wind to increase the vehicle license fees from \$20 to \$50 for automobiles and from \$30 to \$75 for trucks. Aye: Finney, Wind, Fudala, Ziemba. Nay: Getz, Seiler. Motion passed. This \$75,000 increase in revenue would further reduce the deficit to \$103,000.

Trustee Ziemba noted that the only capital expenditure in the budget is for the path where the Village will receive a grant to cover most of the cost. There are no funds in the budget for road repairs. Trustee Ziemba did not feel we should change the anticipated \$102,000 loss of revenue from the State. It was noted that the Village recently received \$15,000 from Elgin sales tax, which was more than anticipated, so the sales tax revenue figure can probably be increased substantially.

Trustee Pickett noted that the Village, through a referendum, can vote to increase sales tax by 1/2%, although those funds are limited to use for roads and infrastructure. The Board also noted the decrease in utility tax revenue because utility costs have decreased.

Trustee Wind noted the \$85,000 that is expected to go back to the general fund this year from water although Trustee Ziemba stated that this has nothing to do with the deficit figure and is not a revenue and expense item.

Trustee Ziemba was asked to give the Board additional information on how the budget figures were determined.

The fundraising citizens group has a website. It has not moved forward as much as hoped as the group was not certain of the amount needed to be raised. Now that the amount has been clarified, they will proceed with their fundraising efforts.

2. Trustee Ziemba briefly discussed the financial reports and noted that the water is greatly improved due to fixing the water leaks. The sewer fund has also improved since last year.

WATER AND SEWER

1. There is a leak on the east side and we will need to start leak detection again.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. In response to the Twin Oaks Baptist Church request for police assistance when their Sunday service is out, the cost would be \$49.32 per hour, per officer/squad. It was recommended that two

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officers/squads be used. Wind moved with a second from Finney to offer the police services at \$49.32 per officer/squad, from 12:15 - 12:45 pm and that the village attorney prepare an agreement for these services. Aye: Wind, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Seiler, Ziemba. Motion passed.

2. Wind moved with a second from Getz to authorize \$1,580.26 in overtime pay for police services on the 4th of July. Aye: Wind, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler, Ziemba. Motion passed.

3. In response to a recent report read by a young resident at a board meeting, Chief Montalbano noted that the stop sign at Hilltop Lane is not necessary and hinders the flow of traffic. This will be on the next agenda for possible action.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. Fudala moved with a second from Finney to approve the sign over the new fitness center. Motion passed unanimously. This sign was previously approved by the Plan Commission.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Ziemba moved with a second from Wind to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk