

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 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.

MINUTES

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

PRESIDENT

1. Although the Village previously passed a proclamation that Sleepy Hollow Arbor Day will be observed annually on the same day as National Arbor Day, it was requested that the Village renew the proclamation. Getz moved with a second from Wind to approve the proclamation to establish Sleepy Hollow Arbor Day. Motion passed unanimously.

2. The Village must adopt the natural hazards mitigation plan in order to qualify for federal aid if there was a natural emergency. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve Resolution No. 420 entitled "A Resolution Adopting the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan for the Village of Sleepy Hollow." Aye: Ziemba, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler, Wind. Motion passed

CLERK

1. There appear to be approximately 30 homes in the Village in the process of foreclosure.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

No report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of November 15, 2010 in the amount of \$89,031.89. Aye: Ziemba, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler, Wind. Motion passed.

Resident Dennis Maxwell discussed his idea for a community garden in the Village. He suggested an area behind the Fire Station and Public Works buildings where volunteers would raise crops to be donated to area food pantries. He would encourage donations of services and supplies from local businesses to help with this project. A portion of the garden could be used by residents for personal

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2010

use but his main intent is a community garden for donation purposes. The Board agreed with the concept and agreed to use of the website and other sources to publicize this to the residents. The Board and Mr. Maxwell also discussed the possible size of the garden and how it would be watered. The Board also agreed to use of the Village Hall for meetings on this project.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

1. The Finance Committee will meet on November 23 to discuss the financial statements and the tax levy.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Water efficiency continues to decrease and the leak detection service will need to be hired again.
2. There has been no response from West Dundee to our letter on the sewer issue. According to our engineers, we owe West Dundee approximately \$34,000.
3. The fire hydrant on Gail Lane is still out of service. Public Works should be asked about the status of this hydrant.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Trustee Finney noted that he continues to look for ways to raise money to reinstate the night shift officer. Although some towns generate fees for towing vehicles, apparently only home rule towns can do this. The previous program though the State's Attorney where vehicles were confiscated for DUI offenses is no longer in effect.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Trustee Finney will discuss the community garden proposal with the Environmental Committee.
2. Trustee Finney noted the problem of allowing leaf burning only two weekends per month if the weather does not cooperate for burning on those particular weekends.
3. Trustee Pickett noted that Hampshire allows residents to drop off used oils that are picked up by a recycler who pays the village a fee for the waste product, which we may wish to look into.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Trustee Getz asked that the reasons for permitting trustee attendance at a board meeting by telephonic means be expanded to include simply being out of the area at the time of the meeting. The three current permitted reasons are for very specific purposes. The current ordinance also requires 96 hours advance notification and it was questioned whether this could be a shorter notice period. The Board would like Mr. Schuster to review this matter.

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 2010

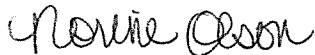
2. Mr. Schuster submitted a memo concerning the map requirements for the IEPA MS4 storm water permit. President Pickett noted that the Village has previously been audited several times and deficiencies found by the IEPA which were then corrected by the Village and fines were not levied. Trustee Seiler does not feel the Village should incur over \$20,000 in engineering fees to prepare this map until it is necessary to avoid fines. Trustee Finney does not feel the Village should incur any further expense in an effort to avoid the Village's federal or environmental obligations.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Schuster submitted a second memo concerning the new law that permits municipalities to file a priority lien on foreclosed private property for certain maintenance work, including grass and weed cutting. The Village must amend its ordinances to include the new statutory provisions. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to authorize Mr. Schuster to prepare the necessary documents to permit the Village to file priority liens on foreclosed homes in the village. Motion passed unanimously.

Ziemba moved with a second from Wind to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk