

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 6, 2010

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:33 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, Finance Director Ellen Volkening, Village Attorney Mark Schuster and Village Engineer Mark Reimers.

MINUTES

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2010. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett said there will be a combined meeting of the boards of Sleepy Hollow, West Dundee, and East Dundee on Thursday, January 6, 2011 to hear a report on the consolidation study of the police departments. The meeting will be at the Dundee Senior Center on Barrington Avenue.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Schuster explained the new law that permits municipalities to claim a priority lien for certain maintenance work on abandoned houses. This lien would be ahead of mortgage liens. There are certain procedures that must be followed to back up the claim for a priority lien. This lien can be used for houses in foreclosure. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve Ordinance No. 2010-13 entitled "An Ordinance Describing Certain Types of Maintenance Work to be Performed on Private Properties in the Village and Establishing a Lien, and a Priority Lien, for Such Work." After reviewing the ordinance, it was the consensus of the Board to remove #6 of Section 4-6-1A of the ordinance. Aye: Ziemba, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler, Wind. Motion passed.

ENGINEER

1. Mr. Reimers submitted the engineering agreement for the 2011 MFT road improvements. They will include resurfacing on Darien Lane, curb, gutter and ditch work on Locust Drive, and patching on several other streets. It is hoped that by going out to bid in early 2011, the work will be done in the spring. This will be on the next agenda for approval.

2. Mr. Reimers asked for the status of the IEPA permit/mapping project. The Board is not certain where we received the direction for this project. President Pickett thought this may have been in a calendar of projects from the IEPA. He will talk to Engineer Heinz to clarify this matter.

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3. Trustee Seiler asked the engineer to review the ponds across Randall Road to see if changes have been made by the development recently since the Village seems to have more water flowing from the west side. Mr. Reimers briefly reviewed the recent past history of this matter. He noted that part of the area has silted in and could be affecting the flow rate across Randall. Trustee Seiler asked to accompany the engineer when he reviews the area.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of December 6, 2010 in the amount of \$139,799.47. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Wind. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Larry Braasch, Dundee Township Highway Commissioner, discussed Boncosky Road, part of which is owned by Sleepy Hollow, part by West Dundee, and part by the Township. He would like the Village to institute 10 ton truck weight limits since cut-through truck traffic has increased substantially and is damaging the road. He offered to set up the weight limit signs along Boncosky. He said the Village could collect large fines from the overweight trucks. When this was presented a few years ago, it would have involved an intergovernmental agreement, with fines going to the county. If the Village passes a resolution for the road it owns, the revenue would come to the Village. He said an officer may need training on the truck issue. It was the consensus of the Board that the Village Attorney should prepare the necessary documents.

2. Alan Devereaux of Crane Drive submitted several photographs of ordinance violations in the Village.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Public Works is still waiting for parts for the hydrant on Gail Lane.

2. Public Works would like to hire the same person used last year for snow plowing when extra help is necessary. Getz moved with a second from Finney to hire Mark Reimers at \$12.50/hour to plow snow as needed. Aye: Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler, Wind, Ziemba. Motion passed.

3. Public Works would like to keep a former temporary part time employee Dan Bethke "on the books" to be called on an as needed basis. He is retired from an area public works department and helped out before the new public works employee was recently hired.

FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve Ordinance No. 2010-14 entitled "Tax Levy Ordinance". Trustee Ziemba noted that the Village is asking for a 3.9% increase in total tax revenue, but anticipates receiving less if the county makes adjustments. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Wind. Motion passed.

2. The Finance Committee met and recommends the Board carefully review the five year capital improvements to determine the necessity for all projects and also the equipment needs for the Village.

WATER AND SEWER

1. A resident who works for public works in another town spent several hours with Trustee Seiler reviewing all hydrants. They found 5 leaks, one which was substantial and has been repaired. The other 4 hydrants need to be taken apart to repair the leaks. Efficiency has increased recently, but there is no explanation for the improvement. It was noted that the Village has a flushing program for the hydrants,

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which is often done by the fire department since Public Works doesn't always have time. It was suggested we may want to have the fire department meter the hydrants when flushed so we know how many gallons are used during the process. The Village would like to get advance notice from the fire department when they plan to flush. This should be discussed with the department. Water efficiency is about 78%, but should be at least 85%.

2. Trustee Ziemba commended the water department for contacting him to question his recent excessive water use, of which he was aware.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The Chief is reviewing applications for part time officers.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. There was a resident complaint of broken garbage cans caused by the waste hauler.
2. President Pickett told the Board he was advised that as long as the proposed community garden does not have a permanent structure or raised garden beds, it should not be a problem in the flood plain. We could also restrict the use of any pesticides in the community garden if we wished.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. Trustee Fudala complimented the police on their quick response to a person who became ill at a social gathering at a village resident's home.

OLD BUSINESS

1. There is a T-Mobile store moving into one of the open retail spaces next to Advance Auto. It was questioned if the sales tax would be reported from the Sleepy Hollow store or from the corporate location. It was suggested we ask T-Mobile directly how they are handling sales tax. We have also heard that the other open space in the building will be occupied by dentists.
2. The webmaster is in the process of redesigning the Village web site.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Seiler moved with a second from Getz to adjourn to executive session at 8:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining pursuant to §2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Wind, Ziemba. Motion passed.

The regular meeting resumed at 9:20 p.m.

Wind moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk