

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 16, 2011

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:37 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, and Donald Ziemba. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jim Montalbano and Finance Director Ellen Volkening.

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2011. Motion passed with Ziemba abstaining.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett is looking for a hearing officer for the towing program and should have a recommendation by the next meeting. This officer would be used on as-needed basis only.
2. President Pickett met with ComEd last week regarding service during the past year. Outages are greatly reduced, mainly due to tree trimming the prior year. ComEd is planning to replace underground cable during the next year.
3. The LGDF (local government distributive fund) is still under attack in Springfield and debate is on-going.

CLERK

1. Finney moved with a second from Seiler to approve Comcast permit application # 492450. Motion passed unanimously. This is for work on Sleepy Hollow Road.
2. Information for the next newsletter was requested by the weekend.

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 May 16, 2011 in the amount of \$85,958.45. Aye: Ziemba, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Rick Litton of Myrna Court asked about a tree that fell on public property by his house a year ago and has not yet been removed. Trustee Getz should have Public Works look into removing this.

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PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. The rotted timbers have not yet been removed from the Saddle Club entrance.

FINANCE

1. The insurance costs for 2012 were reviewed. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the rate increases for the Blue Cross Blue Shield insurance as previously discussed. The Village will save about \$42,000 this year. The total employee contribution will increase about \$5,000. The union has been advised of these changes and the insurance rep will meet with employees at the Village Hall to explain the changes. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz. Motion passed.
2. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the Fiscal Year 2012 Operating Budget. Trustee Finney does not feel the police cars should be sold until a review is done on the need for vehicles for both the police department and public works, and is willing to do this review. It was suggested the budget remain as presented, but the cars will simply not be sold until the review is completed and the Board can then make a decision at that time. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Ziemba. Motion passed.
3. Trustee Ziemba briefly reviewed the March 31 financial statements. It was suggested that electronic, rather than paper copies of the statements be given to the Board.
4. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve Resolution No. 424 entitled "A Resolution Designating Capital Improvement Fund Balance Reserves for Vehicles, Building/Property Improvements, Parks and Equipment for Fiscal Year Ended April 30, 2011." Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz. Motion passed.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Finney moved with a second from Ziemba to approve the crack sealing by Behm Pavement in the amount of \$4,725. The Finance Director is communicating with the Illinois Dept. of Labor if there is any question as to whether a project is covered under the Prevailing Wage Act. Aye: Finney, Ziemba, Fudala, Getz, Seiler. Motion passed.
2. The Environmental Committee said several trees in the Village have been infected with the emerald ash borer and some have been removed. Trustee Seiler said there is an insecticide that will kill the insect if used early enough.
3. The Community Garden has been planted.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. West Dundee has responded with two concerns on the intergovernmental agreement Sleepy Hollow submitted regarding the sewer meters. The Board does not object to West Dundee's request

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regarding calibration of the meters. However, the Board does not agree with West Dundee's request regarding any malfunction of the meters. If there is a meter malfunction and no reading is available, the Board wishes to use the reading from the same month of the previous year.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Village could incur an additional \$2,500 in police costs this 4th of July which is not budgeted and the Board discussed the funding of this expense. Finney moved with a second from Getz to authorize the expenditure up to \$2,500 for the 4th of July above what is budgeted. Aye: Finney, Getz, Fudala, Ziemba. Abstain: Seiler. Motion passed.

2. Trustee Getz asked about the procedure for placing or removing items on the agenda. President Pickett stated that an agenda item should be clear and detailed and he uses his discretion in whether or not an item should be listed. Trustee Getz recommended that each village department is given a percentage of the budget for next year, the percentage for each department to be determined by the Finance Committee. Trustee Finney does not feel this is a good idea, but does feel the department managers should be more involved in the budget process. Seiler moved with a second from Getz that the Finance Committee review the idea of percentage based budgeting. Motion passed with Finney voting nay.

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

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The regular meeting reconvened at 10:06 p.m.

Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk