

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, and Jeff Seiler. Trustee Donald Ziemba was absent. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jim Montalbano and Finance Director Ellen Volkening.

MINUTES

1. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of November 7, 2011. Under #1 of New Business, change language to "illegal placement". Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

No report.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

1. Barbara Dettmer of ICCI spoke on behalf of the Plan Commission, who held a meeting last week to consider a sign application for Brar Dentistry on Route 72. The sign meets all village code requirements and the Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission on the Brar Dentistry sign. Motion passed unanimously.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Nemec moved with a second from Getz to approved Ordinance No. 2011-14 entitled "An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for an Amateur Radio Antenna for Certain Property Located in the R-1 Residential Zoning District in the Village (201 Jamestowne Road Property)". Aye: Nemec, Getz, Finney Fudala, Seiler.

ENGINEER

1. The semi-final payment estimate was submitted for the 2011 street improvement program.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of November 21, 2011 in the amount of \$90,220.79. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. William Ahlman of West Dundee stated his objection to the killing of deer for testing of CWD, noting that none from the Village tested positive last year. He discussed his knowledge and the history of CWD in Illinois and other parts of the country. He does not believe the killing of deer stops the spread of the disease or that there is any benefit in sampling the deer.
2. Walt Heffron of Van Tassel Road read a statement opposing the Board's decision to permit the IDNR to kill deer in Sleepy Hollow, which is a wildlife sanctuary.
3. Rick Litton of Myrna Court asked about a dead tree that fell several months ago. He was advised that Public Works will remove the tree when the ground is frozen and equipment can get back to the area where the tree is located.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Work is being done in the homeowner's swale on Locust and Sycamore. A larger plastic pipe has been added to improve flow which was the result of problems that occurred several years ago.

FINANCE

1. There will be a Finance Committee meeting on November 30.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. There was an Environmental Committee meeting last week and the next one is December 12.
2. Plans for the grant-funded path south of the Village Hall is moving along. The pathway will not go through the wetland area so a contribution to the wetland mitigation bank will not be necessary. We should be in the construction phase of the project by next summer.
3. Dr. Ludwig made a very informative presentation to the Environmental Committee on CWD. The Committee unanimously recommended approval of the IDNR request to take 30 deer for CWD sampling. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to approve 30 deer for sampling between January 16 and March 31, between the hours 4 pm and 10 pm, Monday through Thursday. Motion passed with Fudala voting nay. There will be appropriate advance notifications and healthy meat will be given to the Illinois Food Bank.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. There is new construction on Crane Court and the property extends down to Sleepy Hollow Road. Trees were cut down in the Village right-of-way along Sleepy Hollow Road by a sub-contractor to access the property for the septic system. Bill and Barbara Dettmer of ICCI, who were present at this meeting, advised the Board of the situation, said they had issued a stop work order and that the builder is aware of the violation. ICCI and the Village Engineer will meet with the builder to address the problem and a solution. Trustee Nemec said other residents have asked that the board approve appropriate tree replacements. The builder or homeowner should be billed for any time of ICCI and our engineer on this matter.

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OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trustee Finney discussed the increase of zoning violations in the village and enforcement of the ordinances. The violations have increased but funds are not available to pay ICCI to enforce the ordinances. The Board discussed this issue and it was suggested the Village first send all residents a letter educating them on the standard zoning ordinances, since newer residents may not be aware of the ordinance restrictions in the Village. This letter could possibly be sent as a special mailing or with the next newsletter. Bill and Barbara Dettmer of ICCI told the board how they handled code enforcement in other communities and said they can go as far as the Board wishes with enforcement. They noted that many residents will voluntarily comply after they are informed of the violation by ICCI. The Board could retain ICCI to do a "sweep" of the village for violations; the Board would prefer only a drive by to determine obvious violations from the street view. These could be done in sections or as funding permits.

2. The webmaster briefly discussed email options if the Board stops mailing newsletters to residents. The Village currently has email addresses for less than 150 residents. The newsletter would also be posted on the website. The annual mailing cost is approximately \$2,000. The Board will mail the next newsletter in the spring and consider this during the next budget discussions.

Nemec moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk