

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2013

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, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Dennis Fudala was absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, Finance Director Ellen Volkening and Interim Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Getz moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of December 17, 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Finney moved with a second from Nemec to amend the agenda to move the consideration of hiring of a new police officer to now. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Linane introduced Dale Brehmer as a candidate for part time police officer. Mr. Brehmer has many years experience as a police officer. Finney moved with a second from Seiler to approve the hiring of Dale Brehmer as a part time officer at \$16.75 per hour. Aye: Finney, Seiler, Getz, Nemec, Ziemba. Motion passed. The clerk then swore in Officer Brehmer.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett informed the Board of a motion made in the General Assembly to transfer sales tax to the general fund to pay bills. Per the IML, this should not affect payments to municipalities.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Schuster reviewed a draft ordinance to modify the regulations on the size, weight and load of vehicles in the village. Some additional changes have been made and a final ordinance will be presented for approval at the next meeting. Interim Chief Linane noted that garbage trucks and other vehicles that exceed the village's weight limits would be permitted based on "reasonable access" provisions.

ENGINEER

1. Mr. Steele discussed the road detours during the tollway work over the next two years. The tollway is open to change routing based on Village concerns about truck traffic on Sleepy Hollow and Boncosky Roads. There will probably be 4 closings, each lasting one to two weeks.

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2. The State has approved for the funding for the construction phase of the bike path, which should start this year.
3. The payment request for Maneval was for extra work that the village requested they do after the original proposal was submitted.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of January 7, 2013 in the amount of \$100,935.09. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Getz, Finney, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Todd Prigge of Hilltop Lane read a statement strongly objecting to the recent tree cutting by the village on the north end of Sleepy Hollow Road and asked that all trimming be stopped until there is a written plan for further cutting and landscaping maintenance on the road.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. The Board discussed the trimming on Sleepy Hollow Road, including the canopy and how far to cut from the road, taking into consideration safety, landscape damage to vehicles, and aesthetics. The Police Chief suggested that the canopy height be no lower than 14'6", and the minimum set back from the road be 3'. President Pickett suggested there be written guidelines on the height of the canopy and set back on road sides, as well as a maintenance program before further cutting is down. The Environment Committee and Roads Trustee should meet on this matter. It was noted that the swales on the road should also be reviewed with the engineer as that will also affect the trimming/maintenance of the landscaping.
2. A street sign needs to be replaced at Belmont and Saratoga in Saddle Club.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba noted that the water fund again appears to have a problem as we are not generating as much cash as we are paying out. This fund will be monitored over the next few months.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Elgin is not raising water rates this year.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Compensation for part time officers was reviewed, specifically with regard to recognizing years of experience prior to employment with the village and paying them according to the union pay schedule for that experience. Consideration of experience for a higher pay rate can be done at the discretion of the board. Two current part time officers would qualify for an increase in pay using these parameters. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to adjust the current two part time officers pay to \$12.44 an hour immediately. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Nemec, Ziemba. Motion passed.
2. The proposed changes to the truck ordinance were reviewed. After ordinance approval, work with the Dundee Township Highway Commissioner will proceed regarding an intergovernmental agreement and signs on Boncosky Road regarding truck restrictions.

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3. The tow hearings were reviewed, and one individual has requested that the decision on a case be reconsidered. There are 9 cases to be heard at the January tow hearing. The vehicles still being held at the towing company's lot will be released by the village to the towing company to claim as salvage.
4. Chief Linane recommended we order a new squad car.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. There is an Environmental Committee meeting next Monday. ComEd has submitted 2013 plans for tree trimming.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Trustee Seiler asked about an old ordinance that prohibits firearms dealers in the village, and noted there has been interest in the Homelife building for that type of use. The Board previously agreed they would be willing to change the ordinance should a buyer be interested in the property.

Nemec moved with a second from Finney to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk