

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2013

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:38 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustees Dennis Fudala and Russell Getz were absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, Finance Director Ellen Volkening and Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Nemec to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of July 15, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett advised the Board that he opened the bonfire burn pile for one week for use by residents after the storm damage. Several residents had no power for 24 hours.
2. The annual review report should be received from ComEd shortly.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Schuster reviewed the draft ordinance regarding the property lines between the Village and Rutland-Dundee Fire District and an exchange of property. There is some encroachment by the Fire District and the Village will be constructing an addition to the public works building that would extend beyond the village boundary. A survey will be done for the new boundary lines. The Board is not interested in an additional survey for the entire village property complex at the same time. The Fire District will be approving the exchange of property and change of boundary lines at their August 13 meeting and this ordinance can then be approved by the board at its August 19 meeting.

ENGINEER

1. An engineering estimate for the water drainage study of Locust Drive was distributed. The board will review and consider approval at a later date.
2. The engineer's fee to complete an application for STP grant funds is \$1,500. If awarded, these funds would be used for road improvements on Boncosky Road, to be completed at the same time West Dundee improves its portion of the road. The consensus of the Board was for the engineer to proceed with the application and submission.

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3. The bid opening on the bike path was held in Springfield and the low bid was \$120,020, which is \$20 over the project allotment (which the Village will pay). IDOT will review the paperwork and construction can then begin. Completion of the path is expected this year. The Service Club can begin prep work for the bridge but cannot put it in place until construction starts.
4. The engineer and board discussed the ditch work to be done with the \$64,000 remaining funds from the MFT road project. The culvert on Rainbow drive will cost about \$7,500. It was suggested culvert work be done on Winmoor also, which could cost about \$16,000. The Board agreed the balance of the funds be held for use on the Locust Road swale project. Mr. Steele noted that there may be FEMA grant funds available for use with the improvements to Locust also.

8:00 p.m. Melissa Hernandez and Tom Losch of the Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce were present to discuss a proposed event to recognize an outstanding village volunteer from each of the five towns in the Chamber. Each village would receive applications on potential volunteers and then pick the volunteer winner. All winners would be honored at a special ceremony in the fall. The Board agreed to participate.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of August 5, 2013 in the amount of \$82,211.86. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Roland Chidley of Glen Oak Drive informed the board of a recent attack on his deck to his 70 lb. dog by a pair of coyotes. He feels the village should consider possible action as the coyotes are becoming more comfortable around people and possibly more aggressive.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. The Board discussed possible removal of the planters on Crane Drive, which need repairs. The engineers should review the area because of the difference in road grade on either side of the planters. It was suggested the timbers could be removed but we may need to leave the berm area and simply trim the vegetation. It was also suggested the vegetation be trimmed by the creek/culvert in the area of Crane and Timber Drives.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba briefly reviewed the current financial statements.

WATER AND SEWER

1. The overall water efficiency is up to 88%.
2. The Homelife sewer readings are much higher than usual without commensurate water usage. We do not know the cause for this increase and would like to run a camera through the pipes. The engineer was asked to check with East Dundee to see if they have camera equipment we can borrow.

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POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane updated the Board on recent police matters, including, among other things, possible disposal of a few guns, training status of part time officers, upcoming training to gain entry to locked vehicles and homes, and recent thefts from unlocked vehicles in the village.
2. The Chief reviewed the current policy on "no parking" signs and suggested some modifications to the policy to include a higher fee with a partial refund upon return of the signs, with the balance going toward a fund to replenish the signs regularly. The Board will consider possible changes at a later date.
3. We have an application to join the law enforcement surplus organization which requires a \$300 fee. This will allow us to obtain low cost or free equipment from an army base in Wisconsin for use in the village.
4. There are sound meters in all squads so the new noise ordinance can be enforced; the AWT ordinance will be reviewed in a meeting this week with Attorney Schuster; Kane County, through a grant, is establishing one police data base for all local police departments to utilize; there are unclaimed bikes in the police garage.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Nemec moved with a second from Ziemba to authorize the village president to sign the contract with Cleary Building Corp. for the construction of a public works building in the amount of \$34,606, and authorize the down payment of \$6,921. Aye: Nemec, Ziemba, Finney, Seiler. Motion passed.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. President Pickett suggested we reinstitute the loan a truck program for residents. The Board was agreeable. We would first need to determine the village cost for disposal of the materials and then set the fee to residents for this service.
2. Residents should be made aware of the restrictions for the burn pile. Very large tree stumps do not burn and must be disposed of at a cost to the village.
3. It was noted that there are no procedures for removal of dead ash trees in the village.

Ziemba moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk