

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 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, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustees Dennis Fudala and Joe Nemec were absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, Director of Finance Ellen Volkening and Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Getz moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2013. Motion passed with Finney abstaining.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett said the Chamber's first community service awards dinner went well, with resident Walter Heffron receiving the award for Sleepy Hollow. All recipients of the award will ride in the Dickens in Dundee parade on Saturday.

CLERK

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the Nicor Gas permit request, work order 159953. Motion passed unanimously.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The bike path work is mostly complete but the seeding will be done next spring.
2. A draft water system study was presented. Engineer Steele noted that the water main upgrade for Fawn Court was inadvertently omitted from the report and should be included at an additional cost of about \$62,000. President Pickett informed the engineer of some corrections to the village map. (Trustee Ziemba arrived.)

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of December 2, 2013 in the amount of \$57,642.94. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Ziemba. Motion passed.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Rick Schuster, President of Bayern Munich Soccer Club of West Dundee, distributed and discussed two diagrams of Sabatino Park, one showing current soccer fields usage and the second showing his proposed soccer field usage.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Trustee Getz distributed an article about ice skating rinks and suggested the village consider a rink in Sabatino Park for young children. We should inquire about insurance liability costs.

2. Trustee Getz distributed a draft proposal and the Board discussed at length the soccer field usage, including possible fee structures, elimination of the east side fields for organized practice and games, and reduction or elimination of soccer use of the fields on weekends to leave them open for residents. Special permits for weekend games could be issued on a very limited basis. Soccer tournaments would require special permits. The proposal suggests splitting the season into two periods of 3 months each. The lack of parking was also discussed along with possible solutions, including construction of additional gravel or paved parking. The possibility of moving portions of the swale back to allow off-street parking was discussed, but there could be issues with the Army Corps. The engineer agreed that continual parking along the side wears down the edges of the road. Chief Linane also noted that parking is a problem. The Board will discuss this further at future meetings.

FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve Ordinance No. 2013-20, "Tax Levy Ordinance". The proposed levy is \$539,750 but will most likely be reduced by the county. Aye: Ziemba, Getz, Finney, Seiler. Motion passed. (Trustee Getz left the meeting at 9:02 p.m.)

2. Trustee Ziemba briefly reviewed the annual insurance renewal proposal from Corkill Insurance Agency, and said it was discussed by the Finance Committee. The annual premium of \$50,679 covers all insurance. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Corkill insurance proposal as submitted. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Pickett. Motion passed.

3. Trustee Ziemba noted that Sleepy Hollow does not have off-balance sheet, unfunded liabilities as compared to some municipalities.

WATER AND SEWER

1. The engineer's water main system study was discussed by the Finance Committee along with moving forward on a bond issue. The study includes recommendations to add hydrants and shut off valves and increase all mains to at least 6". A financing schedule was prepared showing potential cost to residents over 10 years based on \$1,050,500 at three different interest rates. Trustee Ziemba said the Finance Committee felt this was the right time to obtain financing with the current low rates. He also noted that continual water leaks and breaks have cost the village substantially, which would be eliminated by upgrading the system. A committee will be meeting with banks on financing over the next few weeks.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. There were 11 administrative tow hearings this week; the dept. participated in its first IDOT traffic grant and made several arrests; over 100 tickets have been issued through the new administrative ticket program and the village is receiving payments of fines through the program.

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk