

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 3, 2014

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, Dennis Fudala, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Russell Getz was 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. Seiler moved with a second from Fudala to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett thanked Public Works for their snow removal.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

1. Chairman Jim Kruger noted the meeting and public hearing scheduled for February 5th. Mr. Schuster explained some additional issues involved in the application for a special use permit for a telecommunications tower on "Randy's" property. The village does not currently permit special use for a telecommunications tower and a zoning text amendment will be necessary, which will also require a public hearing. In addition the City of Elgin, because of a land use agreement with the village, must agree to this special use. They have already waived jurisdiction of this zoning issue to Sleepy Hollow.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The Engineer explained the Illinois Department of Natural Resources letter regarding changes to the floodway delegation program where the village has authority to issue permits for certain construction work in the village. Due to changes in the program, the IDNR must recertify the village. The engineer recommends the village submit the form for recertification. There is no fee. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to authorize the village to submit the recertification request form to the IDNR. Motion passed unanimously.
2. The engineers submitted the final 2013 Water System Study. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to accept the Heinz & Associates' 2013 Water System Study as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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3. The grant that was submitted for the road improvements on Boncosky Road was tentatively approved. It will be presented for final approval next week at the county. The project will probably be done in 2015, although the West Dundee portion of the road is not scheduled until 2016.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Fudala to approve the accounts payable of February 3, 2014 in the amount of \$91,946.93. Aye: Seiler, Fudala, Finney, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Bob Stapleton of National Wireless Ventures, a consultant for AT&T, discussed the application for the cell tower at Randy's. They are proposing about 125 new tower sites in several Illinois counties. They were unaware of the additional issues raised by the village attorney until recently. Mr. Stapleton briefly discussed the proposed tower and the need for this tower, especially for 911 calls.
2. Lynn O'Shea of Show You Care Kane explained the proposal that will be on the March ballot to collect a property tax to support services to disabled adults and requested village support. She noted that a home valued at \$300,000 would pay a tax of about \$100 per year.
3. Rick Schuster of West Dundee/Bayern Soccer Club asked if soccer fees would be refunded for cancelled games and practices.
4. Mike Tennis of Churchill Court commented on 3 issues. He strongly supports the AT&T cell tower to improve coverage. He empathized with the need for mental health services, but does not agree with a tax increase, and compared it to the amount of tax paid to the village. Mr. Tennis commented on the water study report, the possible damage to the roads for construction of the water project, and the estimated monthly cost to the residents for the improvements.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. The soccer procedures draft was reviewed. It was noted that use of the Fire Station parking lot is a decision to be made by the Fire District since they own the property. Various items were clarified and additional changes were made. It was agreed that applicants will receive a refund if practices or games are cancelled. A proposal for final approval will be presented at the next meeting.

FINANCE

1. There is a Finance Committee meeting next Monday.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane updated the Board on several police matters, including the accreditation program, the administrative tow program, personnel evaluations, and possible additional LESO equipment. Chief Linane also reviewed the year end police activity report and compared figures with those of the prior year. There has been no follow up with the County on standardizing the speed limit on Randall Road. The concealed carry was briefly discussed, and signs will be posted in certain public locations within the village.

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to authorize publication for bids for the lighting retrofit project. Motion passed unanimously.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. The lot at the corner of Beau Brummel and Van Tassel has been sold and a house may be built on the lot this year.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The water project committee met with three banks, all of which are willing to finance the water improvements project for the village. President Pickett noted the options for financing include a fixed loan, a line of credit, and a bond issue. Mr. Schuster reviewed these and other options in more detail, and what the village would need to do. Committee member Lee Brotcke was present and discussed the meetings with the banks. The Finance Committee will be reviewing this issue in more detail at their meeting next week. The board hopes to have a recommended proposal for financing in the near future. (Trustee Ziemba arrived at 9 p.m. during the above discussion.)

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Village received notice from the police union requesting negotiation of the contracts.

Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk