

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2014

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 Dennis Fudala, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustees Scott Finney and Russell Getz were absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, and Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 17, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. Four residents have expressed interest in serving village committees.

CLERK

1. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to approve Ordinance No. 2014-3 "An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale of Certain Property Owned by the Village." Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Fudala, Pickett. Motion passed.
2. The newsletter editor asked to change the publication dates to coincide with the seasons. The Board had no objection to this change.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

1. Chairman Jim Kruger summarized the recent Zoning Board public hearings on two issues. The first was to amend the zoning code to permit telecommunication towers in the village. The Zoning Board was unanimous in its recommendation to amend the code as presented. The second issue was a request from AT&T for a special use permit to construct a cell tower on the property west of Randall known as Randy's Farm. The Zoning Board was again unanimous in its recommendation to approve the request contingent on five conditions being met.
2. Mr. Schuster briefly explained the ordinance for the zoning amendment allowing the towers. The regulations require a minimum 15 acre lot size and there will be annual registration fees for cell towers. (Trustee Nemec arrived.) Seiler moved with a second from Fudala to approve Ordinance No. 2014-4 "An Ordinance Amending the Village Zoning Regulations to Add New Regulations Governing the Erection of Telecommunications Towers and Creating a Special Use for Same in Various Zoning Districts in the Village." Aye: Seiler, Fudala, Ziemba, Pickett. Abstain: Nemec. Motion passed.
3. Mr. Schuster also reviewed the ordinance for the AT&T special use permit request. He noted that the City of Elgin has submitted a letter that it has no objection to the location of this cell tower. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to approve Ordinance No. 2014-5 "An Ordinance Granting a Special Use for a Telecommunication Facility n Certain Property Located in the R-1 Residential Zoning District in the Village (15N440 Randall Road)." Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed. AT&T expects construction to be done this

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ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. A revised water contract with the City of Elgin was discussed. The agreement now includes the current water rate to Sleepy Hollow, which may be adjusted from time to time. The Board questioned the interpretation of paragraph 1 regarding the minimum operating pressure of 20 psi and asked the engineer for clarification of village requirements to adequately service residents. We may also need to clarify with the City of Elgin on their intended delivery in terms of operating pressure. This contract will be considered at the next meeting after these questions are resolved.

ENGINEER

1. The bike path should be completed within a couple weeks.
2. The water improvements projects is moving forward, bids specs should be done soon, and work will begin on obtaining easements from residents.
3. Permits for burning have been requested.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of April 7, 2014 in the amount of \$78,219.77. There was a question about an AT&T charge for an unusual phone number that may be a fax number. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Jim Kruger of Hilltop Lane read a statement about the lack of attention to zoning ordinances and property maintenance issues and encouraged the board to fund code enforcement in the upcoming village budget to maintain the village standards originally established.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

1. There will be a Finance Committee meeting set up for next week. Budget preparation will be deferred until the Director of Finance returns.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to approve Ordinance No. 2014-6, "An Ordinance Amending the Water Rates in the Village to Add a Surcharge to Pay for Certain Improvements Referred to as the 2014 Water System Improvements Project." The surcharge will end when the loan is paid in full. Mr. Schuster and the Board discussed changes regarding the surcharge to the apartments. The manager of the Springhill Apartments was present and answered questions from the Board. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to amend the ordinance to modify billing to the apartments to be based on the average occupancy per quarter. On amendment: Motion passed unanimously.
On main motion: Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Fudala, Ziemba. Motion passed.

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POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane briefly reviewed the monthly police report and noted that activity increased in March. There were 10 administrative tows at the March hearing. The annual police report will be presented at the next meeting. We have received two large generators through the LESO program (at no cost to the Village), one which may be transferred to another municipality. We are working on getting other items through the program. The Department received a grant for bullet-proof vests.
2. There have been parking problems with soccer. The Board agreed that parking should be allowed on the east side of Winmoor and the north side of Willow, which is allowed per ordinance.
3. It was suggested that Kane County be contacted regarding the confusing "merge" signs and pavement striping on Randall Road.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The state took 30 deer for testing and is done for the year. Test results will not be available for a few months.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. The resident on Maple has cleaned up the property after complaints of ordinance violations. The Saratoga resident parking a tow truck in the driveway should be advised of this ordinance violation. Board members should email Trustee Fudala with information on ordinance violations to be reviewed. It was requested that police officers pass along information to the board on ordinance violations observed during patrol.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Trustee Nemec and President Pickett met with ComEd regarding the re-forestry program along the north end of Sleepy Hollow Road (west side). ComEd will remove various trees and reimburse the village 50% of the cost of replacement trees; the village will purchase \$6,000 worth of trees in various sizes. Public Works will also be involved in this project. West Dundee has approved the planting of trees on its property.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Nemec moved with a second from Ziemba to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk