

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 7, 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 Stephan 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, and Police Chief Jim Linane.

MINUTES

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett thanked the Service Club, Sleepy Hollow Police Department and other police organizations for a safe and successful July 4th celebration. He also thanked Steve and Sylvia for 25 years of music on the 4th.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Schuster discussed a draft resolution regarding the new collective bargaining agreement for full time officers.

Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to amend the agenda to move the executive session to now. Aye: Nemec, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Ziemba. Motion passed.

Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn to executive session at 7:37 pm for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining pursuant to §2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Finney, Fudala, Ziemba. Motion passed.

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The regular meeting resumed at 7:50 p.m.

Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to amend the agenda to move police matters to now. Motion passed unanimously.

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1. Finney moved with a second from Seiler to ratify the vote to change the hiring procedures for part time police officers. Motion passed unanimously. These new procedures were outlined in the Chief's memo of June 20, 2014.
2. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to ratify the vote to hire Matthew Janowski as a part time police officer at the rate of \$13.27 per hour. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Finney, Fudala, Ziemba. Motion passed. Mr. Janowski was hired pursuant to the new hiring procedures.
3. Chief Linane introduced candidate Constantinos "Dino" Giolas and reviewed his background. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to hire Dino Giolas as a part time police officer at the rate of \$13.27 per hour. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed. Mr. Giolas was given the oath of office by the clerk.

ENGINEER

1. The EPA permit has been received for the water improvements project and the pre-con meeting is set for Thursday. We have not yet received signed easement agreements from several residents. Some residents' concerns regarding trees may be alleviated by doing more directional boring, which could also reduce costs slightly as less restoration will be required. The engineer will give the Board an estimated cost for these changes prior to the next meeting.
2. The work at 734 Jamestowne is waiting for a decision on how to get the rock to the creek bed area.

8 P.M. Aaron Walsh of Advanced Telecommunications and our IT person Mike Spiro reviewed the three options for the new Village Hall phone system, which range in cost from under \$12,000 to over \$17,000. Mr. Walsh and Mr. Spiro reviewed each option and the advantages that the new system will bring to the Village. Work on new cable installation has already started at the Village Hall. The main data storage location will be at a West Dundee facility. Mike Spiro has set up a program for electronic packets for board meetings but training will be necessary.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of July 7, 2014 in the amount of \$86,363.70. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. David Kmetz of Winmoor Drive said his question had been answered and had no comments.
2. A statement from Walt Heffron of Van Tassel Road was read by his daughter regarding the reforestation along a section of Sleepy Hollow Road and the purposes of the Pleasure Driveway ordinance for Sleepy Hollow Road.
3. Marcia Morrissey of Willow Lane asked where to locate the village's fiduciary responsibility to maintain the property values of homeowners. Attorney Schuster responded that it was probably not stated anywhere that the village had this responsibility. She also asked about the water project and the cost to residents. She was advised that the plans were available at the Village Hall and was given the information regarding the fee added to water bills.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba said that there will be a \$2,500 surplus in the general fund, and that \$36,000 will be transferred to both the 5 year capital improvements and MFT funds. He noted that the Village will run out of funds in the 5 year capital improvements within 3-5 years. Ziemba moved with a second from Nemec to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Operating Budget as submitted. President Pickett noted that the 5 year capital fund includes infrastructure and village equipment such as snowplows, trucks, etc., which are aging. Trustee Ziemba said that how the State decides to handle tax distribution to municipalities in the fall will affect the village funds. The consensus of the Board was to go with the least expensive option for the new telephone system, which can be upgraded later if desired. President Pickett also noted that there is \$10,000 in the budget for zoning enforcement. Aye: Ziemba, Nemec, Finney, Fudala, Seiler. Motion passed.

WATER AND SEWER

1. A main break was fixed on Maria Court that may have been leaking for a long time.  
2. We have received 4 of the 10 easements needed from residents for the water project. If the Village has to use condemnation, it will be time-consuming and costly for the Village.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane updated the Board on police activities, including LESO equipment, and the 4th of July, which went well although we had lower attendance than last year for the fireworks. Two officers will receive training to administer a drug to counter-act heroin overdoses. These two officers will then train the other officers.  
2. Trustee Finney expressed concern about cutting the roads for the water project. He also complimented the village for working well with its limited funds and noted that this information and more should be communicated to the residents.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The Board agreed that the "south back barn" is for Village use and the Service Club may use a portion based on the needs of the Village. Chief Linane noted that he is looking into getting large containers through the LESO program that can be used for storage. These containers will be behind a building and out of view.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. Trustee Fudala is in favor of the code enforcement by ICCI with the funds budgeted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed a referendum for a property tax increase. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba that we request a village tax increase from the residents in the amount of \$400,000 annually. This question would be placed on the November ballot, but can be placed on any ballot where village residents would be voting. If passed, the village would see the increased taxes at the next property tax cycle in June. If it does not pass, the board can place on the ballot in April, 2015. The Finance Committee recommended this amount. The Board will inform of the residents why this increase is needed. Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Finney, Nemec. Nay: Fudala. Motion passed. Mr. Schuster will prepare all necessary documents.

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NEW BUSINESS

1. There have been complaints about the horses leaving deposits on the walking/bike path. We will review the signs posted on the Township's paths and prepare similar ones stating what is not allowed on the path.

Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to adjourn to executive session at 9:20 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel and executive session minutes pursuant to §§2(c)(1) and (21) of the Open Meetings Act. Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

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The regular meeting resumed at 9:42 p.m.

Nemec moved with a second from Ziemba to release certain executive session minutes to the public as discussed in executive session. Motion passed unanimously.

Ziemba moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES  
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The executive session of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was convened at 7:37 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall for the purpose of collective bargaining pursuant to §2(c)(2) of the Open Meetings Act. Board members in attendance were President Stephan Pickett and 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 and Police Chief Jim Linane.

2. Executive session meeting minutes were reviewed.

Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the executive session meeting minutes of June 16, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to approve the release to the public of the executive session minutes of February 20, 1995. Motion passed unanimously.

Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to approve the release to the public of the executive session minutes of May 18, 1998.

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Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to amend the motion to include for release the additional minutes of September 8, 1998, September 21, 1998, December 21, 1998, January 4, 1999 (with redactions of the employee's name and medical condition), May 17, 1999, July 5, 1999, August 2, 1999, and August 16, 1999. Board discussed the minutes regarding the Sleepy Hollow Road lawsuit regarding the speed limit. It was questioned whether the Pleasure Driveway ordinance allows the village to set the speed limit.

On amendment: Motion passed unanimously.

On main motion: Motion passed unanimously.

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