

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 2014

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:36 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephan Pickett, Trustees Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Scott Finney 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 November 17, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. Nemec moved with a second from Getz to approve the Proclamation that December 2014 be proclaimed the national drunk and drugged driving prevention month. Motion passed unanimously.

Nemec moved with a second from Getz to amend the agenda to move the hiring of a police officer to now. Motion passed unanimously. Chief Linane introduced John McDonnell as a candidate for full time police officer. He will be required to pass pre-employment tests and sign a 2 year reimbursement agreement, and will start January 6, 2015. Getz moved with a second from Fudala to approve the hiring of John McDonnell as a full time officer with annual starting pay of \$43,585.23. Aye: Getz, Fudala, Nemec, Seiler. Motion passed. The oath of office was administered.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The water improvement project is substantially complete except for some clean up. A Winmoor resident at the meeting was told that the area by his house would be cleaned up this week. It was also hoped that patching of driveways would be done this week, even if only temporary patches until the spring. There are hydrants on back order to replace certain ones that are too high.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of December 1, 2014 in the amount of \$195,323.30. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Hans Meng of Gail Lane asked if the ground by his home would be leveled from the water project work. The engineer told him it would be done. Cold patches will be done if they are unable to pave yet this year.
2. Jill Johnson of Gail Lane also noted her concerns with the lack of clean up and communication by the contractor as well as damage to portions of her yard. She also noted that her neighbor may not have a culvert on his property. (Trustee Ziemba arrived.)

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. It was the consensus of the Board that the cost of the vehicle stickers and animal tags will remain the same for 2015.
2. Public Works would like to sell the Toro riding mower and has a potential buyer. This will be placed on the next agenda.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane updated the board on a reduction of the LiveScan cost; police officer candidates; monthly tow hearing, and proposed changes to certain police officer pay based on credits for previous police service. Getz moved with a second from Fudala to adjust the hourly pay rates for Dino Giolas to \$17.25, Chris Kudla to \$17.25 and Blake Fallon to \$13.14. Aye: Getz, Fudala, Nemec, Seiler, Ziemba. Motion passed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed putting another village tax increase question on the April, 2015 ballot, and for what amount. If approved, the funds would not be received until 2016. If an April referendum does not pass, the next opportunity would be in November 2016, with the village not receiving funds until 2017. There were mixed opinions on the amount to request. The Board agreed it must inform the residents how the increased taxes will be used well in advance of the April election, and give facts on how the village will be affected if a tax increase is not approved. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to put the referendum question on the April ballot for the same

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tax increase amount as was on the November ballot. Motion passed unanimously. President Pickett is willing to hold informational meetings at the Village Hall for residents to present facts about the Village finances.

Brian Mock of Corkill Insurance Agency briefly discussed the insurance renewal up on January 1, 2015. The premiums will decrease slightly in 2015 with the same benefits for employees. Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to accept the renewal for BlueCross BlueShield as proposed. Aye: Seiler, Nemec, Fudala, Getz, Ziemba. Motion passed.

Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk