

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2015

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 Stephan Pickett, Trustees Dennis Fudala, Scott Finney, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Aaron Reinke, 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 19, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. Getz moved with a second from Nemec to authorize the extension of the Kane County animal control services agreement for one year. There is no cost to the Village unless the services are utilized. Aye: Getz, Nemec, Fudala, Seiler. Motion passed.

2. Public Works employees plowed for 24 hours during the weekend snowstorm. (Trustee Finney arrived.)

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The engineer's current project update report was reviewed. The Boncosky Road project improvements should start next summer.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of February 2, 2015 in the amount of \$85,663.79. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

2. A duplicate payable was discovered and removed from last meeting's payables list. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the corrected payables total for 1/19/15 of \$63,290.17. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

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COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. A possible Christmas decoration contest in the Village is being discussed and there will be a later report to the Board.

WATER AND SEWER

1. The very large increase in sewer usage is still under investigation; the meters have not yet been re-calibrated, but this may not be the problem. Efficiency is down substantially as there is an additional 200,000-300,000 gallons per month being used. (Trustee Ziemba arrived.)

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba briefly reviewed the November and December financial statements and said the Village is doing well at this time.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane updated the Board on police matters, including the last tow hearings. He noted that there were no problems or accidents in the Village during the recent snowstorm.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. There is an Environmental Committee meeting on Wednesday evening. The Committee now consists of 3 members.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Chief Linane discussed the establishment of a code enforcement program in the Village, where the goal will be compliance with Village ordinances. He then introduced Jeff Prior from the Hanover Park code enforcement department. Mr. Prior, who is also a retired police sergeant from another municipality, reviewed the Hanover Park code enforcement program for the Board. Mr. Prior could be retained as a consultant to assist in setting up a program, where he could work Saturdays in Sleepy Hollow. Rick Nelson is willing to take on the duties of Code Enforcement Officer, separate from his duties as a part time police officer in the Village. A work station is being set up in the office for this program. Plans on this enforcement program should be included in the next newsletter. Chief Linane will present the Board with program plans and a consultant proposal for Mr. Prior at the next meeting.

2. The Board discussed the information to be given to residents on the upcoming tax increase referendum. Two summaries are on the village website and will also be included in the next newsletter which should be delivered in early March. Information could be given to the newspapers, possibly through a press release. The restrictions of the water and sewer accounts

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should also be clarified. There will probably be two informational meetings for residents at the Village Hall, one on a Saturday and another one in the evening, both to be held shortly before the election on April 7.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Nemec moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk