

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2015

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 and Trustees Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Scott Finney was absent. Also in attendance was Police Chief James Linane.

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. National Wireless has filed an application for a special use for a cell tower. They do not have possessory or contractual interest in the property and the village must join in the application since it owns the property. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to authorize the Village President to join in the National Wireless application for a special use for the erection of a telecommunications tower on village property. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Ziemba, Pickett. Nay: Fudala. Abstain: Nemec. Motion passed.
2. President Pickett filed a witness slip on behalf of the village with the Illinois House Executive Committee indicating that the village is in favor of a bill to reinstate distribution of MFT funds, gambling funds, 911 wireless funds and various other funds to municipalities that the state has been withholding due to lack of a budget.

CLERK

1. A resident on Winmoor delivered a note to the Village Board thanking them for their help regarding the code enforcement letter she received for the shed on her property.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

1. There will be a public hearing on November 4 regarding the cell tower special use application as well as a special use application from a resident on Sleepy Hollow Road for a text amendment regarding detached structures.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. A preconstruction meeting was held and the 2015 road improvements should start next week and be complete by the end of the month.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of October 19, 2015 in the amount of \$198,407.98. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Fudala, Getz, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Sewer calibrations were done and Locust we will need a new manhole as its deterioration will affect readings. This cover will probably be included with the bid for the pressure reducing valves to be put out in February.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane briefly reviewed the monthly police activity report. He also noted that the village received a confiscation award for a drug arrest.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Resident Lori Pepper donated 2 trees to the Village which were planted on Stevens Court.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. The code enforcement program is running well. Mailing of citations has started.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The ordinance on swale maintenance will be discussed at the next meeting when both the engineer and attorney are present.
2. ComEd does not have grants for LED street lights but the state has some funds for these lights and the information will be reviewed. A contact at ComEd also has information on possible funds available elsewhere and is willing to meet with the village to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The code summary on the village website incorrectly lists 1978 as the date that sheds, fences and other zoning were no longer permitted. However, the zoning ordinance was enacted in 1973, although there were amendments to the ordinance in 1978. Code Enforcement is also using the year 1978 as the date for violations. The Board would like the Village Attorney to review the website summary and discuss the date issue and other possible changes to this summary at the next board meeting.
2. The Board agreed on trick or treat hours of 3-6 p.m. on Saturday, October 31.
3. Trustee Nemec was told that our building permit fees are a bargain.

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Ziemba moved with a second from Nemec to amend the agenda to move the Police Explorer presentation to now. Motion passed unanimously. (Trustee Getz left the meeting.)

Officer Naveed Bhatti, who has volunteered to handle this program, made a presentation to the Board. The program would be for youth ages 14-21 who are interested in law enforcement. As a service based group, they could also do projects and work in the village. The Boy Scouts of America supports the Explorer Program and a local representative was also present and spoke highly of the program, as did a long-time member of the Explorer program in Chicago. The cost for this program is nominal. It was the consensus of the Board that the Sleepy Hollow Police Dept. should proceed with this program.

Jennifer Krueger of Lauterbach & Amen presented the 2015 audit report to the Board and thanked Finance Director Volkening for her work regarding the audit, as did the Village Board. Ms. Krueger noted that the Village received an unqualified opinion, the highest rating available, and there were no journal entries or management letter from the auditors this year, which is rare. Trustee Ziemba said that the Finance Committee extensively reviewed the audit report at its meeting.

Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk