

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2016

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

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Fudala to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2016. The minutes should be corrected under Water, #2, that there were 2 valves and 1 hydrant installed. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett reviewed the background of the National Wireless Ventures cell tower proposal. A special meeting was held on November 4, 2015 and residents made comments for and against the cell tower. A special use permit is not necessary for this tower as it is a permitted use so no vote to allow the tower is required. However, a building permit is required and the Board must approve a lease agreement on the tower. At the Board's request, Robert Stapleton, of National Wireless briefly explained the process of building a tower, approximate owner costs and responsibilities, coverage area, and estimates of possible revenue to the tower owner. He also noted that the pole could be colored and the tower would not be lighted at night. Prior to further discussion, the transcript from November 4th will be given to the Board, as will the proposed lease agreement, and National Wireless Venture's responses to residents' comments and questions from the November 4th meeting.

2. President Pickett noted that several residents have not purchased vehicle stickers and the number of vehicle stickers purchased in the Village have declined over the years. Chief Linane will attempt to obtain a total number or list of registered vehicles in the Village from the Secretary of State that could then be compared to the Village list of registered vehicles. Those who do not have Village stickers could then be contacted.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Attorney Schuster presented an ordinance to permit outbuildings on lots of 10 acres or more. Nemec moved with a second from Getz to approve Ordinance No. 2016-1, "An Ordinance

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Amending the Village Zoning Regulations Regarding Prohibited Uses in the R-1 Zoning District in the Village". Aye: Nemec, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler. Motion passed.

ENGINEER

1. There is a water drainage problem in the area of 106 Thorobred that could be an extensive and costly project. Any work will probably need to be done in the spring but Trustee Nemec will meet with the engineer in the near future to review the area and discuss options.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of January 4, 2016 in the amount of \$95,664.65. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

2. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to approve the operating transfer of \$29,594.25 from O&M to DI&E. Aye: Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Nemec. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Resident James Kruger read a statement expressing his concerns about the future of Sleepy Hollow and recent discussion of possibly relaxing the zoning codes to allow things that have not been previously permitted in the Village. A copy of his statement was given to the clerk.
2. Resident Richard Corbett agreed with Mr. Kruger's comments and said we must maintain the zoning codes in the village as established.
3. Resident Kyle Meng said he did not feel a cell tower was appropriate for the Village.
4. Resident Art Neil, who was on the Zoning Board for over 35 years, said the mission of the Zoning Board is to maintain the character of the Village as established and that changing the zoning codes would change the uniqueness and character of the Village.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Public Works is working on recent water main breaks.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Chief Linane updated the Board on police activity including safety grants, research work on decriminalizing cannabis in the Village, and police vehicle fuel usage

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Deer sampling in the Village will start January 19th.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. Trustee Fudala has not received many responses to his statement on the website, although there have been requests for a copy of the village budget and that the Village allow sheds.

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2. Code Enforcement Officer Jeff Fleck gave a detailed report on the code enforcement program activities and code violations issued. It is going well and residents have been mostly cooperative in complying with the zoning ordinances. (Trustee Getz left the meeting at 8:45 p.m.)

OLD BUSINESS

1. The draft revised code book summary was discussed. There are additional changes to be made after input from the Board, Police Chief and Code Enforcement Officer and a new draft will be submitted to the Board by the Village Attorney.

2. After a review of permit fees in surrounding communities, the Board decided to make no changes to the Village permit fees at this time.

3. The Board reviewed a proposed informational statement from Finance Committee member Mike Tennis to be posted on the Village website. It is regarding the March vote to increase the Sleepy Hollow portion of property taxes. The Board agreed that Mr. Schuster should review this statement before it is posted. The Board feels the residents should also be given additional information prior to the March 15th election.

4. The Board briefly discussed sheds, boats, fences and other zoning issues in the Village. It was noted that there are several modifications needed in the zoning code to clarify, simplify and define the code and also make enforcement easier. Board members should submit in writing any proposed changes to the zoning code to President Pickett for final consideration and approval by the Board. A proposal for any text amendments will then be prepared for the Zoning Board to consider at a public hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Seiler moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk