

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 19, 2016

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:38 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephan Pickett and Trustees Scott Finney, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler and Donald Ziemba. Trustees Dennis Fudala and Russell Getz were absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster and Police Chief James Linane.

MINUTES

1. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2016. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

No report.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

1. The Clerk read a report from Barbara Dettmer of ICCI regarding the December 8 Plan Commission meeting where signs were reviewed for Elsie's and Midway Autohaus. The Commission recommended approval of the signs for Elsie's but are awaiting revised signs for Midway Autohaus. There were no objections to Elsie's signs but because this was not on the agenda, it will be on the next agenda for final approval.

ZONING BOARD

1. The public hearing on the petition of Midway Autohaus for auto sales is scheduled for December 21st at 7 p.m.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Schuster received an updated lease proposal from National Wireless.

ENGINEER

No report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of December 19, 2016 in the amount of \$146,801.26. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Nemec. Motion passed. This includes an added payment of \$29,178 for property and liability insurance.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

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Robert Stapleton from National Wireless was present to discuss the proposed cell tower. He presented a map showing the short poles necessary for a DAS system, an alternate to one large tower. This alternate would require approximately 32 poles ranging in height from 35' to 45' placed within a certain radius of the village hall. These shorter poles would give the necessary coverage for both Verizon and AT&T. However, this alternate would not address the public safety coverage concerns, although the one cell tower would do so. Trustee Finney questioned the possibility of constructing the tower on a higher elevation outside the village limits. Mr. Stapleton said his proposed location is the optimum area according to engineers for Verizon and AT&T. The discussion was temporarily delayed so the insurance broker could make his presentation.

Dan Barrett of Corkill Insurance Agency was present to answer any questions on the proposal for commercial property and liability insurance for the village. It is for the same carriers and coverages. Trustee Seiler noted that the Finance Committee did not recommend adding cyber and privacy liability insurance. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to accept the insurance proposal from Corkill as presented. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Nemec. Motion passed. The worker's compensation insurance is through Illinois Public Risk Fund. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to accept the proposal from Corkill for workers compensation and employers liability insurance. Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Finney, Nemec. Motion passed.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

1. The proposed water/sewer increase was discussed. This proposal is the result of Elgin's increased rates. The Board noted the demand charge of \$17/month and surcharge of \$6.70/month will not change but the water rates will be increased to \$6.96 per 1,000 gallons. However, the sewer rates should not be increased as the sewer billing is from West Dundee, not Elgin. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to approve Ordinance No. 2016-18, "An Ordinance Amending the Village Code, Title 6, Chapter 3, Section 9B.1 (Public Ways and Properties/Village Water and Sewer/Water Rates) of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, Kane County, Illinois" with water increased as noted above. Aye: Seiler, Ziemba, Finney, Nemec. Motion passed.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The lights on all Village owned street lights have been replaced. The monthly bill for village owned lights should decrease by about ½ with these new lights. ComEd has not yet replaced their lights in the Village.

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BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. President Pickett advised the Board that the police union has proposed that they add village employees to their health care insurance, including non-union employees. The premium is similar to our current plan, but the employee deductibles are substantially less. There are several questions to be answered by the union before this proposal can be considered.

The cell tower discussion with Mr. Stapleton resumed. Mr. Finney felt either system was aesthetically unacceptable for Sleepy Hollow. Two representatives from QuadCom were present and explained the need for improved service for emergency/safety purposes. They confirmed that the tall tower was necessary. They noted reception issues for police and fire departments in both receiving and sending communications from QuadCom, including communication issues from inside squad cars. It was suggested that technical experts be consulted to determine exactly what is necessary to improve safety communications. Mr. Stapleton showed photos of a new type of cell tower which may be more aesthetically acceptable to the Village. Both QuadCom and Mr. Stapleton agreed to have "experts" attend the January 16, 2017 board meeting to answer technical questions.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk