

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2017

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 and Trustees Dennis Fudala, Thomas Merkel and Joseph Nemec. Trustees Scott Finney, Jeff Seiler and Donald Ziemba were absent. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Ellen Volkening and Police Chief James Linane.

MINUTES

1. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

No report.

CLERK

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

1. Member Anthony Piraino said he would like to call a meeting of the Zoning Board to review commercial and retail signage in the village. President Pickett advised him that this is a function of the Plan Commission and they are planning a meeting on this issue.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Nemec moved with a second from Merkel to approve Ordinance No. 2017-20, "An Ordinance Providing for Appointment of a Village Clerk in Lieu of Election to Said Office." Trustee Merkel said he objects to this ordinance as he does not trust the Board to make a good decision based on their approval of the new lessee of the cell tower lease prior to researching the proposed lessee. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to table to the motion until the next meeting. Motion passed 3:1. Trustee Merkel said he did not think President Pickett was entitled to vote on this matter.

2. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to approve Ordinance No. 2017-20, "An Ordinance Creating the Office of Village Code Enforcement Officer, Eliminating the Office of Village Sanitarian, and Modifying the Descriptions and Duties of Certain Other Officers in the Village." President Pickett suggested the title of the "Building Officer" be changed to "Building Code Official". Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to approve the title change as recommended. Motion passed unanimously. A clarification of the duties of the Code Enforcement Officer and Building Code Official will be added to the village website. On main motion: Aye: Nemec, Fudala, Merkel, Pickett. Motion passed.

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ENGINEER

1. The current projects update was reviewed. The Kay Court project bid opening has been moved to August 25th. The 2017 road improvements bids came in substantially under the engineer's estimate. This will leave funds to repair the water drainage sink holes on Locust and work on other projects. The drainage issue on Rainbow Court seems to have been addressed as the water drainage has been re-directed and the swale is drying out.

2. Nemec moved with a second from Merkel to award the 2017 MFT road improvement program to Lorig Construction in the amount of \$98,261.41, providing the Village doesn't receive any protests, and also to authorize the village president and clerk to execute all required documents for this project. Aye: Nemec, Merkel, Fudala, Pickett. Motion passed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to approve the accounts payable of August 21, 2017 in the amount of \$72,626.61. Aye: Nemec, Fudala, Pickett. Nay: Merkel. Motion did not pass.

2. The accounts payable total of July 3, 2017 was corrected. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to accept the July 3, 2017 warrants correction total from \$86,287.36 to \$86,587.36. Aye: Nemec, Fudala, Merkel, Pickett. Motion passed.

8 P.M. John Clifford of Republic Services was present to explain the sale of certain Republic assets to Groot. This will not affect the Village trash services nor any terms of the extension agreement recently signed.

8:15 P.M. Resident Zehra Mustafa of Jaclay Court requested a waiver of the 4-day limit for garage sales for an estate sale at their home. Chief Linane suggested that in the future one of the noise ordinance requirements be used for extended sales where neighbors must agree to the event before it can be held. Nemec moved with a second from Merkel to approve a waiver of the 4-day limit to allow up to a total of 12 days for the estate sale. Motion passed with Pickett voting nay.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Resident Rich Barfield was assessed late fees for his vehicle stickers and asked for a waiver. He noted the stickers say they are for 2016-2017 and he assumed they expired at the end of the year, rather than the April 30 fiscal year. Chief Linane said Mr. Barfield was sent a letter because he had not purchased stickers. It was agreed the village could modify the stickers to include the full date of expiration, although the expiration date has not been questioned in the past by any resident. There were 2 other homeowners present, Mel and Bonnie Gustafson and Zir and Zehra Mustafa, who also requested waivers of late fees, due to extenuating circumstances. Merkel moved with a second from Fudala to waive the double fee but charge the \$5 per month, per vehicle, late fee to the three residents. Aye: Merkel, Fudala, Nemec, Pickett. Motion passed.

2. Anthony Piraino of Stevens Court gave his speaking time to Ron from Meyer Signs who discussed his recent experience with the Village while doing sign work on behalf of the new martial arts business on Main Street. He felt the fee was very high for the permit and process and said the fee was doubled because he installed the sign before the fees owed the Village were paid. He requested a waiver of the double fee. President Pickett will discuss this situation with ICCI.

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3. Mel and Bonnie Gustafson of Hazel Court discussed the flooding in their swales/culverts which has become worse and asked if there were steps they could take themselves. They were advised that the engineer is working on a plan to address these drainage issues in lower Sleepy Hollow. President Pickett said they would look at their property.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

1. The proposed water account write-offs were reviewed. It was questioned whether we could attempt collection although the residents have moved out of the village. Action on these write-offs was deferred to the next meeting.
2. There have been three water main breaks in the past week.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The Knights of Columbus would again like to conduct their annual fundraiser in the Village. Fudala moved with a second from Nemec to approve the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive on September 8 and 9 at Beau Brummel, Sleepy Hollow Road, and Thorobred Lane. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to authorize the Village President to sign the letter acknowledging the Republic sale of assets to Groot. Aye: Nemec, Fudala, Merkel, Pickett. Motion passed.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

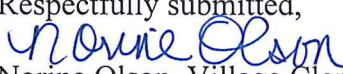
OLD BUSINESS

1. Trustee Merkel asked about the progress in replacements for the open trustee and village clerk positions. President Pickett said he is interviewing candidates for both positions.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Nemec moved with a second from Fudala to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Olson, Village Clerk