

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 18, 2017

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 Thomas Merkel, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Dennis Fudala was absent. Also in attendance were Director of Finance Ellen Volkening and Police Sgt. Susan Wilson.

MINUTES

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett presented a resolution urging Gov. Rauner to veto a bill that would allow utility companies to place small cell towers without obtaining permits from or paying any fees to municipalities. Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to approve Resolution No. 501 "A Resolution Urging the Governor of the State of Illinois to Veto Senate Bill 1451." Motion passed unanimously.

CLERK

1. Nemec moved with a second from Seiler to approve Resolution No. 502 "A Resolution Establishing Dates of Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sleepy Hollow for the Calendar Year 2018" with meeting date changes to January 16, 2018, February 20, 2018, and March 19, 2018. Motion passed with Ziemba voting nay. The date changes move the meetings from Monday, which are state holidays, to Tuesday nights.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

No report.

Melissa Hernandez from the Chamber of Commerce was present to return the Sleepy Hollow plaque with the name of this year's community volunteer, Bill Hof, added. She also briefly discussed the volunteer awards and noted that one year is left for this program through the Chamber.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of December 18, 2017 in the amount of \$109,020.87. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Nemec. Motion passed.
2. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve Resolution No. 503, "Certificate of Resolution for Village of Sleepy Hollow Section 125 Premium Only Plan for Plan Year Ending December 31, 2018." Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Gail Stone of Hilltop Lane expressed her concerns with the removal of certain stop signs in the Village. (Trustee Merkel arrived.) President Pickett briefly explained the Police Chief's reasons for this decision and suggested concerns and questions be addressed to the Chief via email or by returning to the next board meeting when Chief Linane should be present.
2. Ken Cross of Hilltop Court has problems with his street name listed incorrectly with certain utilities who will not change it after repeated requests from the resident. He will forward information to President Pickett so that a letter can be sent by the Village to clarify the correct address. Mr. Cross also noted that he agrees with the removal of certain stop signs based on the law which governs the legality of stop signs.
3. Kirk Sellers of Willow Lane, who is with Flood Brothers Disposal, inquired about the current trash/recycling contract and noted they discount services to senior citizens. He also commented that money can be made by the Village through the use of solar panels.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba distributed a comparison of the 7month financials with those of last year and briefly reviewed.

WATER AND SEWER

1. Water efficiency remains low due to continual breaks in the water mains.
2. When Public Works replaces broken water meters in homes, it is necessary to turn off the valve. When turning it back on, old valves sometimes break, which is not the responsibility of the village. Attorney Schuster should prepare a release to be signed by any resident prior to replacement of a meter, that if the valve breaks the customer must pay the village for the cost of the valve and labor to replace it. This is part of village ordinance, but residents are normally unaware of this requirement.
3. Newspaper articles state that Elgin will be increasing water rates over 40% through small increases over the next several years.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

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BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. It was confirmed that boats cannot be parked outside of homes December 1 – March 31. Other ordinance restrictions were briefly reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board was not interested in doing anything special to celebrate the Village's 60<sup>th</sup> incorporation anniversary next year.
2. Three residents have offered to take over the newsletter duties as co-editors.

Ziemba moved with a second from Nemec to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk