

# **VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW**

## **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**March 15, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. President Stephan Pickett, Trustee Thomas Merkel, Anthony Piraino and Village Clerk Anthony Mills attended in person. Trustees Steven DeAtley, Edward Harney, Joseph Nemec and Interim Chief of Police Kristopher Chlapecka appeared via Zoom. Trustee Donald Ziemba arrived at 7:47 pm.

After asking all participants to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance President Pickett directed the clerk to call the roll of trustees in attendance at which time each trustee responding to the roll call confirmed the ability to hear all statements. President Pickett confirmed that the comments of all trustees remotely attending the meeting could be heard.

### **MINUTES**

Trustee Merkel moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2021. On a roll call vote with Trustees DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, Harney and Merkel voting aye, and with no nay votes the motion passed and the minutes of March 1, 2021 were approved.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Pickett reported on Governor Pritzker's issuance of a Proclamation extending for 30 days the Executive Order allowing the remote attendance at board meetings.

### **CLERK**

No report

### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

No report

### **ATTORNEY**

No report

### **ENGINEER**

The Village Engineer submitted his report on ComEd's permit application WO16071061 recommending that the board approve the Permit Request. Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve ComEd's permit application. On a roll call vote with Trustees Harney, Piraino, Nemec, DeAtley and Merkel voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

### **DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to approve the accounts payable of March 15, 2021 for \$135,644.51. By a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Merkel, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

### **PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS**

Trustee Harney reported that all new streets signs that were ordered and received have been installed by the Public Works Department. The balance of the signs will be ordered once the new fiscal year

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budget has been approved. Trustee Harney also reported the electronic speed measuring device has been received so now the issue is how and where to install the device.

The Illinois Department of Transportation notified the Village of its requirement that all municipalities pass a resolution agreeing to the requirements of Chapter 121 of the Illinois Revised Statutes which mandates securing a written permit from IDOT for work on state maintained rights of way. Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee Harney approve **RESOLUTION 531 for CONSTRUCTION ON STATE HIGHWAY** as required by IDOT. By roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Nemec, Merkel, Piraino and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

### **FINANCE**

President Pickett reported that he has been working with the Village staff on the 2022 FY budget and that the plan of action is to have the budget submitted for board approval on April 5, 2021. Noting that the budget has to be approved before May 1, 2021 President Pickett stated if the budget is not approved at the April 5, 2021 meeting then he will call a Special Meeting of the Board with the sole issue being review and approval of the new fiscal year budget.

President Pickett also reported that the search for a new audit firm has begun and as soon as soon as all applications have been received and reviewed, the issue will be submitted to the board, This issue will be set on the April 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Agenda.

### **WATER AND SEWER**

Trustee Nemec reported that after careful review and analysis the cost of electronic billing of water and sewer charges is not economically feasible at this time. He further reported that the cost to replace outdated water mains has been analyzed and will be submitted as part of the FY budgetary approval process.

### **POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

Trustee DeAtley reported officers Gretchen Fehling and Detective Naveed Bhatti have received Commendations for their actions in response to the report of a motor vehicle theft. By and through their actions the vehicle was recovered within ten minutes from the time of the initial report.

Interim Chief Chlapecka submitted the invoice for the leasing of the Starcom radios. The total cost of the radios without interest is \$74,608.38. An annual payment would be \$11,855.54 which will result in the total payoff of \$82,988.78. After discussion by the board, Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Nemec to approve the purchase of the Starcom radios on yearly basis. On a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, DeAtley, Piraino, Ziembra, Merkel and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

### **PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL**

No report

### **BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT**

No report



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**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee Nemec reported that the Village has not received a request for reimbursement of the errant ComEd bill. This issue will be taken off calendar until the request for reimbursement has been received.

President Pickett reported there have been no developments on the issue of the jurisdictional boundary line agreement with Elgin,

The board reviewed the draft proposed property tax referendum narrative and it was the consensus of the board to approve the narrative as drafted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Ziemba moved with a second by Trustee Harney to approve **ORDINANCE 2021-2 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TEMPORARY 60-DAY VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS FOR ALL VEHICLES TRAVELING ON OR USING ANY STREETS OR ROADS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.** By roll call vote with Trustee Ziemba, DeAtley, Nemec, Piraino, Merkel and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

Trustee Nemec moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to approve **ORDINANCE 2021-3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING WATER RATES AND CHARGES TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL PER UNIT CHARGE FOR MULTI-UNIT BUDILDINGS SERVED BY THE VILLAGE WATER SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTUION SYSTEM.** By roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, DeAtley, Piraino, Merkel, Ziemba and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed and the effective water billing rate will be effective with the October 1, 2021 billing.

Trustee Nemec moved with a second by Trustee Ziemba **ORDINANCE 2021-4 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING SEWER RATES AND CHARGES TO ADD AN ADDITIONAL PER UNIT CHARGE FOR MULTI-UNIT BUILDINGS SERVED BY THE VILLAGE WASTEWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEM** passed and the effective wastewater billing rate will be effective with the October 1, 2021 billing.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee Ziemba to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Piraino, Nemec, Merkel, Ziemba and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mills  
Village Clerk