

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 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 Anthony Piraino, Thomas Merkel, Edward Harney and Village Clerk Anthony Mills attended in person. Trustee Donald Ziemba was absent. Trustees Steven DeAtley and Joseph Nemec and Interim Chief of Police Kristopher Chlapecka appeared via Zoom.

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 Harney moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2021. On a roll call vote with Trustees DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, and Harney voting aye, with Trustee Merkel abstaining and with no nay votes the motion passed and the minutes of April 5, 2021 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In the agenda packet for tonight's meeting the Board was provided with the draft FY 2022 budget along with supporting documentation. A summary of the budget discussions is noted under OLD BUSINESS.

CLERK

No report.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

The Village Engineer submitted a brief note stating that he has no project updates to report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Piraino moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to approve the accounts payable of April 19, 2021 for \$103,403.23. By a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Harney, Merkel and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

A.J. Henriksen and other members of the Ecc Motorsports' management team (Arne Henriksen, Adam Andretti, Jen Henriksen and Jeff Henriksen) attended the meeting expressing interest in purchasing 1001 W. Main Street to establish a museum of historic race cars and memorabilia, interactive educational presentations and car shows. Ecc is interested in this location because of its high visibility and ease of access. Ecc Motorsports is also seeking to participate in the development of electric race cars and expects to use this location for part of their research.

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PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney reported Public Works is looking for part time seasonal staff to work on ground maintenance tasks. The opening is due to one of last year's workers not returning for this summer. Harney also reported on the installation of the speed detection device on Sleepy Hollow Road and that the Police Department will train an officer on the use and maintenance of the device. The Police Department will submitted data reports on a monthly basis.

FINANCE

No report

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec reported the water and sewer billing statement for Springhill Apartments was delivered late. As a consequence the management of Springhill Apartments has asked the Village to waive the late fee charge of \$448.16. Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the waiver of the late fee of \$448.16 for Springhill Apartments. On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec and Merkel voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Public Works has compiled a priority list of water mains in need of replacement. Trustee Nemec anticipates presenting that to the Board at the first meeting in May.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee DeAtley expressed his gratitude to Chief Chlapecka for his assistance in the installation of the speed detection device on Sleepy Hollow Road. Patrol Officer Stegman has completed the required training for the use and maintenance of the device. President Pickett noted that during the brightest part of the date the digital display is blocked by the sun. Chief Chlapecka will work with Public Works to see if this situation can be correct.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Piraino reported he is continuing to receive inquiries regards sheds in the Village. Trustee Piraino's response is to encourage any and all residents who have any issue or concern about things in the Village to attend the regular board meetings.

OLD BUSINESS

President Pickett presented the draft budget for FY 2022 and the board went through each entry listed under GENERAL FUND on item by item basis. Each board member was given the opportunity and encouraged to ask questions regarding any item. The Board will resume its discussion and analysis of the remaining sections of the draft budget at the next meeting (May 3, 2021). President Pickett noted that certain budgeted items will have to be discussed in an Executive Session since it involved confidential salary information.

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After analyzing the expense items for Contracted Accounting Services it was the consensus of the board to renew the search for the hiring a full time Director of Finance/office manager. President Pickett will initiate the job search quest and report to the board at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Merkel noted for the record this would be his last meeting and he commented that the Finance committee had been basically overseen by the same individuals for the last 20 years. He suggested that President Pickett has the opportunity to find new blood that might view the Village's financial situation from a different perspective. He suggested that new committee members/trustees might come up with new ideas, or perhaps there are no new solutions. President Pickett said "think outside the box "and I said yes.

Trustee Merkel also directed comments to the police chief and his department and thanked them for their service to the community in these difficult times to be a police officer. He mentioned that the police are constantly under attack, and are quick to get a kick in the backside rather than a pat on the back.

ADJOURNMENT

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Piraino, Nemec, Merkel and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Anthony Mills
Village Clerk