

**VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**September 20, 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. Board members in attendance were President Stephan Pickett and Trustees Anthony Piraino, Steven DeAtley, Mark Thorne, and George Hoffman. Police Chief Samuel Parma, Director of Finance Eugene Vann, ICCI Code Enforcement Officer Barbara Dettmer and Village Clerk Anthony Mills attended in person. Trustee Nemec and Trustee Harney attended remotely via Zoom.

Gubernatorial Executive Order 2021-21 (Covid 19) has been received by President Pickett who reported to the Board that remote attendance at meetings is permitted until 10/19/2021.

MINUTES

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Hoffman to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of September 7, 2021. On a roll call vote with Trustees Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Nemec, Hoffman and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to amend the agenda to allow for Chief Samuel Parma to present to the Board Fidel Arias Garcia as his candidate for Part-Time Police Officer. On a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, Harney, Hoffman, and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Chief Parma completed his pre-employment background investigation on police offer candidate Fidel Arias Garcia. The background investigation produced no issues or concerns and accordingly Chief Parma recommended that the Board approve a conditional offer of employment at the rate of pay of \$23.00 per hour. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve the hiring of Fidel Arias Garcia as a part-time Patrol Officer for the Village of Sleepy Hollow at the hourly rate of \$23.00. On roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Hoffman, Thorne, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with not nay votes, the motion passed. The Village Clerk provided the Oath of Office and welcomed Officer Garcia to the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

PRESIDENT

- Since the last board meeting held on 9/7/2021 President Pickett nominated John Florance to receive the Northern Kane County Chamber of Commerce community service award. John Florance has volunteered hundreds of hours in his effort to set up the new Village computer system. This new system allows the Village to broadcast board meetings so that residents and board members can safely access the board meeting via Zoom. Trustee Harney moved with a second by Trustee Thorne to ratify President Pickett's action. By roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, Thorne, Harney, and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

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ENGINEER

President Pickett reported on the receipt of a report from the Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele that the low bid for the 2021 Street Improvement Program was from Schroeder Asphalt Services for \$103,512.20. This bid was approximately 15.22% lower than the original estimate. Trustee Thorne moved with a second by Trustee Hoffman to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the contract documents and all other MFT forms required during the term of the project. By roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, Harney, Thorne, and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Thorne moved with a second from Trustee Hoffman to approve the accounts payable of September 20, 2021, in the amount of \$111,420.22. On a roll call vote with the following trustees voting aye: DeAtley, Piraino, Thorne, Nemec, Harney and, Hoffman and with no nay votes the motion passed.

DOF Vann reported that with the Board's earlier approval of the use of Court Money for the payment of fines and permit fees, a link has been added to the Village web site and will become operational in the near future. Trustee Nemec inquired about the Village accepting payment plans, certain fines, and fees. DOF Vann suggested that due to the efforts of Wendy O'Neill when working with amounts owed to the Village, he was not recommending the adoption of payment plans. Trustee Nemec and DOF Vann agreed to discuss this issue further.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Hans Meng on behalf of the Sleepy Hollow Service Club informed the Board that the club will be sponsoring Halloween in the Hollow this year. In addition to the traditional festivities the Service Club will also include a free fireworks show.
- Anne DeLurgio, Nita Mitter, Bill Reum & Pat Finn all residents of the Village addressed the Board regarding excessive traffic and speeding motorists in the Village. Specifically, they asked what the Police Department are doing to curb speeding within the Village. Recently, a motorist struck and killed a goose without stopping. The residents on Hillcrest have posted signs asking drivers to slow down but this has not deterred the reckless driving.

Chief Parma responded that his department is aware of the problem and in response have increased the number of officers on the roads during critical times of the day. Also, in the two weeks prior to the meeting, his officers have issued 17 tickets to motorists exceeding Village speed limits.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney moved with a second by Trustee Thorney to accept the bid from Sandman Paving for \$10,100 for pavement patching on Willow, Pimlico, Maria Court and Deer Lane. By roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, Harney, Hoffman, and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman reminded the Board that inflation was running +5% and that despite the best efforts of the Board, the Village can expect to experience financial issues. He admonished the



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trustees that it was time to educate the Village residents on the extent of these financial concerns. Trustee Piraino suggested the Finance Committee prepare a plan for the Board on how best to educate Village residents.

**WATER AND SEWER**

Trustee Nemec spoke with Kyle Killinger, Director of Public Works, to discuss an earlier practice of paving over "B" boxes which are now in need of repair or replacement. He cited for example a recent repair on Maria Court. Does the Village have a policy as to who bears the cost of replacing the pavement after the repair?

**POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY**

The Knights of Columbus has asked the Village for authority to hold its annual *Intellectual Disabilities Fund* drive in Village. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to authorize the Knights of Columbus 7am to 6pm on September 24<sup>th</sup> and from 8am to 3pm on September 25<sup>th</sup>. By roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Harney, Thorne, Nemec, Hoffman and Piraino voting aye and wit no nay votes the motion passed.

Chief Parma reported that the Police Department's Intoximeter (breath analyzer) has stopped working and will either need repair or replacement. He noted that the infrared testing chamber was non-functional and that due the age of the unit (8 years) the cost just to have the unit tested to determine if it was repairable is \$300. If the unit is repairable and the repairs are limited to the infrared unit, the cost to repair will be \$1,500.00. To buy a new up to date unit would cost \$8500 with the funds coming from the DUI account. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to authorize the purchase of a new Intoximeter with funds in the DUI account for a cost not to exceed \$8500. By roll call vote with Trustee Hoffman, Nemec, Harney, Piraino, Thorne and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

Chief Parma reminded the Board that at an earlier meeting the Board discussed the use of the small claims court system to enhance the ability to connect monies owed to the Village from employee who do not honor their employment agreement and who voluntarily leave employment prior to completing 18 months of service. The employment agreement requires the employee to return all Village provided equipment, uniforms, etc., or reimburse the Village for amounts paid to purchase the equipment. Further, the agreement requires the officer to reimburse the Village for all costs of pre-employment medical examinations, including drug screening and/or psychological testing. In lieu of sending the issues to a collection agency and/or to the Village Attorney, President Pickett volunteered the services of the Village Clerk to send notice of potential collection in an effort to secure the return of the equipment or reimbursement of monies paid.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL**

No report.

**BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

No report.

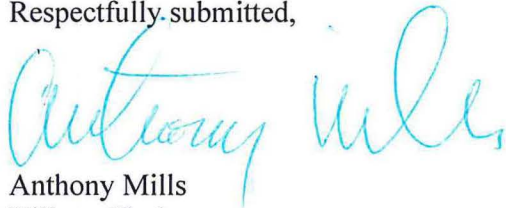
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**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to address Trustee Piraino moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. On a roll call vote with Trustees Piraino, DeAtley, Harney, Nemec, Hoffman and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills  
Village Clerk