

**VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Sleepy Hollow was called to order by President Stephan Pickett at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall on Monday, November 15, 2021. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present – in person and remote.

Roll call was taken and answered as follows:

Anthony Piraino – Here

Steven DeAtley – Absent

Edward Harney – Here

Mark Thorne – Here

George Hoffman – Here

Joseph Nemec – Present

Also in attendance was Police Sargent Susan Willson, Village Clerk Anthony Mills, and Director of Finance Eugene Vann (via Zoom),

MINUTES

Trustee Hoffman moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of November 1, 2021. On a roll call vote with Trustees Piraino, Harney, Hoffman, Nemec and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

PRESIDENT

President Pickett announced that per the current Gubernatorial Proclamation 2021-21 (Covid 19) remote attendance for Village trustees will continue until December 11, 2021.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele provided his written report on Comcast Permit # JB813085 for work to be performed at 757 Sycamore Lane. Trustee Thorne moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve Comcast Permit #JB813085 subject to the conditions/requirements set forth in the Village Engineer's report dated 11/10/2021. On a roll call vote with the following trustees voting aye: Nemec, Piraino, Thorne, Harney and, Hoffman and with no nay votes the motion passed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Piraino moved with a second from Trustee Hoffman to approve the accounts payable of November 15, 2021, in the amount of \$134,824.29. On a roll call vote with the following trustees voting aye: Nemec, Piraino, Thorne, Harney and, Hoffman and with no nay votes the

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motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gladys Boe – attended the meeting to express her concerns on the issue of speeding and excessive traffic on Village roadways.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney reported the Village purchased 15 new traffic control signs which will be placed strategically through out the Village to remind drivers to slow down and watch out for pedestrians.

FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman provided a summary of the Finance Committee meeting held on 11-9-2021. In addition to Trustee Hoffman as committee chair, also attending the meeting was committee member Catherine Miarnowski, Director of Finance Eugene Vann, and Village President Stephan Pickett. Trustee Hoffman reported that the Village financial audit has been completed and with the exception of one ledger calculation error, the audit was successful. He noted going forward that journal entries will be restructured to provide clarity and minimize errors.

Trustee Hoffman announced the 2021 tax levy, which the Board will review and address at the December 6, 2021 meeting will be \$863,400 – which is 2.2% over the 2021 approved budget. This is well within the 5% variance allowance so there will be no need for a public hearing to address the overage. He also noted that 2.2% is far below the current rate of inflation (presently 6.1%) so the Board and staff are very prudent in managing Village money. This limited variance is especially significant due to the fact that because of the Disconnection of Randy's the Village tax base decreased in 2021.

For fiscal year 2022 the non-union insurance renewal will increase 12.9%. The Village has yet to receive the 2022 insurance renewal for union employees.

The Finance Committee is searching for residents to join the committee and participate in making financial decisions which effect all residents. To encourage residents to join Trustee Hoffman will establish a calendar of set dates for committee meetings in an effort to allow members to better manage their time. President Pickett reported the Finance Committee can have up to seven (7) members and he encouraged anyone interested in joining to contact him for more information.

WATER AND SEWER

Barbara Dettmer with ICCI conducted a review of the Village Municipal Code sections and has concluded that many sections are out-of-date, no longer applicable and/or contradictory to more recent code revisions. Trustee Nemec projects it will take up to ten (10) hours of the Village Attorney's time to make the necessary changes. DOF Vann reported the water and sewer accounts are already over their legal expense budgets which will mandate any code review and revision to be postponed until the next fiscal budget.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report. President Pickett noted receipt of Chief Parma's updated activity report and memorandum which provides detail on current traffic activity, equipment conditions and new officer training.

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENT

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

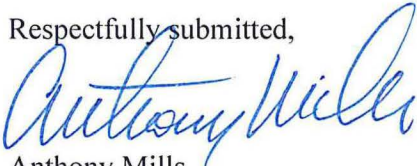
The Board discussed the dates the Village Hall will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays. Since Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee Harney to approve closure of the Village Hall at noon on 12/24/2021 and to reopen on 12/28/2021. On a roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, Nemec, Harney, Thorne, and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

For New Year's, Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee Thorne to approve closure of the Village Hall at noon on 12/31/2021 and to reopen on 1/3/2022. On a roll call vote with Trustee Thorne, Nemec, Harney, Hoffman and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. On a roll call vote with Trustees Piraino, Nemec, Harney, Hoffman, and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony Mills
Village Clerk