

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 6, 2020

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 Steven DeAtley, Thomas Merkel, Joseph Nemec, Anthony Piraino and Edward Harney. Trustee Don Ziemba was absent. Also present were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele, Police Michael Rivas, and Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger.

MINUTES

1. Trustee Merkel moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2019. Mr. Merkel asked that the minutes of 12-6-2019 reflect that it was his experience marijuana was a gateway drug and that he did not believe it was appropriate that the Village seek to profit on the vice of others. He also asked that the minutes reflect that his concern on allowing the opening of a cannabis dispensary in the same strip mall as a karate academy was for the safety of any children attending the academy. Since there were no objections by any of the trustees as to Mr. Merkel's request for the additional statement, President Pickett agreed that the minutes would be revised. The board then voted on Mr. Merkel's motion to approve the revised minutes and on a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett reported that the Village office staff was split on the issue of changing the office hours. Trustee Nemec reported that he has had conversations with various residents on the issue and they prefer a starting time of 7:30 a.m. It was the consensus of the board that the hours will remain 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Schuster reported that he has received the judge's ruling in the trial of *The Village of Sleepy Hollow vs. Frank Redisi* – this case involved a resident who was raising chickens in violation of the Village zoning regulation Section 8-3A-3 (C) et. seq. The Court ruled that the "Defendant is guilty of Violating Sleepy Hollow zoning ordinance 8-3A-(C) (1) in that he kept poultry on his property located at 825 Locust Drive that is within an R1 residential district." The Court will issue its sentencing decision in the near future.

ENGINEER

1. Mr. Steele reported on DraftPros Permit Application and bond #1707BOCI.013 and .025. The Village Engineer is waiting for the Township to respond to his inquiry before completing his review. Comcast submitted a permit request application which will be submitted to the board at the next regular meeting scheduled for 1-21-2020.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. In the absence of a Director of Finance, President Pickett presented the warrants of January 6, 2020 in the amount of \$154,719.95. Trustee Merkel so moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the accounts payable of December 16, 2019 in the amount of \$154,719.95. By a roll call vote with all trustees voting aye: Merkel, Nemec, DeAtley, Piraino and Harney. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. *Todd Prigge, 200 Hilltop Lane*, stood to comment on the issue of the cutting of trees and weeds on Sleepy Hollow Road. He suggested that the Village Board appoint someone to draft a plan in conformance with the Pleasure Drive Ordinance addressing the issue and until the plan is in place no cutting and/or tree trimming will be conducted.
2. *Barron Gira and Jennifer Blackburn, 1128 Crane Drive*, spoke in support of the commentary and suggestions by Todd Prigge.
3. *John Florance, 1714 Hickory Drive*, reminded the board that a few of the Sleepy Hollow Service Club members were holding a dinner at the Bleuroot in West Dundee on January 11, 2020 and all of the trustees are invited to attend. Mr. Florance also reported a beaver had been chewing on a tree adjacent to Lake Sharon and that to protect the tree wire screening has been tied around the base.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

1. Village Attorney Schuster reported that he received a txt message from Trustee Ziemba reporting that he is continuing his efforts to secure pricing data on employees' contributions to the village-provided health insurance from the insurance broker and that he thought he would be in position to provide his report to the board at its next regular meeting.

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec reported that Stephan Pickett had met with the Fire District. In the future the Fire District will coordinate its activities regarding fire hydrants with the Village Public Works Department.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report

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OLD BUSINESS

President Pickett announced pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act due to an issue of possible litigation over the Auer claim, the meeting will be moved to executive session pursuant to section 2(c) (11).

The executive session would also be for the purposes of section 2(c) (21) to review and approve Executive session minutes.

Trustee Merkel moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to adjourn to executive session pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) and Section 2(c)(21) at 8:08 p.m. By roll call vote with Merkel, Harney, Nemec, Piraino and DeAtley voting aye the motion passed unanimously.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:36 p.m.

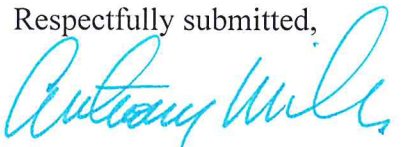
NEW BUSINESS

Merkel moved with a second from Harney to release the executive session minutes from February 20, 2018, December 3, 2018 and June 17, 2019 as the need for confidentiality no longer exists. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURMENT

Merkel moved with a second from Harney to adjourn the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills
Village Clerk