

# VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 4, 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. President Stephan Pickett and Village Clerk Anthony Mills and Thomas Merkel attended in person and Trustees Steven DeAtley, Anthony Piraino, Edward Harney and Joseph Nemec attended by remote video-conference via Zoom. Trustees Donald Ziemba was absent. Also attending via video-conferencing were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeff Steele and Public Works Director Kyle Killinger.

### MINUTES

Trustee Merkel moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2020. On a voice call vote with trustees DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, Merkel and Harney voting aye. The motion passed and the minutes of 4-20-2020 were approved.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### CLERK

No report

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

### ATTORNEY

The Village Attorney submitted for board review, discussion and approval two sets of Waiver & Release Forms involving work on Village property and/or use of Village equipment by volunteers.

After discussion of the draft forms, and the matters to be covered thereby, on motion by Trustee DeAtley with a second by Trustee Harney, to approve the forms designated as "A" and "A-1" for volunteer activities undertaken in the Village, the vote was six (6) aye and zero (0) nay. Motion passed.

The Village attorney also submitted to the board his analysis of the Village's need to update its policy to achieve the goals of the Illinois Affordable Housing Planning and Appeals Act of 2004. After discussion by the board, Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve RESOLUTION 527 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN UPDATE TO THE VILLAGE'S POLICY TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE ILLINOIS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLANNING AND APPEALS ACT OF 2004. By unanimous voice vote RESULTION 527 passed. President Pickett directed the Village Attorney to inform the State of the Board's approval of the Plan Update..

### ENGINEER

No report.

### DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Piraino moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to approve the accounts payable of May 4, 2020 in the amount of \$67,547.34. By a roll call vote with all trustees voting aye the motion passed.

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### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Village received public comments from three (3) residents by way of email. President Pickett read each email verbatim to the board and all individuals who connected to the meeting online. [Clerk's Note: Since each statement is available online those requests will not be reprinted in the minutes. Instead, the name, email address (when provided) and the subject matter of the statement will be listed herein.]

Kenneth Heusen	<a href="mailto:Kenneth.heusen@colorflower.net">Kenneth.heusen@colorflower.net</a>	Loss of historical Village architecture;
CM Parker	<a href="mailto:Theoranado636@gmail.com">Theoranado636@gmail.com</a>	Summer edition of newsletter;
Joe LaVigna	<a href="mailto:joelavigna@outlook.com">joelavigna@outlook.com</a>	Flooding/drainage on Hillcrest Drive;

### PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No Report – but Trustee Harney noted that there was an issue listed under OLD BUSINESS which would be discussed later in the meeting.

### FINANCE

No Report

### WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec submitted a written report which was provided to each trustee in their agenda packet. There were no questions or comments presented by any trustee so the report is attached and incorporated herein as if stated in open session.

### POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report. Trustee Merkel stated for the board members and audience his heart thanks to Sargent Wilson for her professional, kind and caring demeanor in responding to the call regarding the death of his father-in-law. He also thanked the Chief of Police and other officers who expressed their condolences.

### PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

### BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report

### OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the potential resolution of the claims by Mona Auer arising from brush clearing activities by volunteers at 1929 Sleepy Hollow Road in September 2019. The Village Attorney addressed the board to explain the potential resolution of the claims. The claim had been turned over to the Village's insurance carrier for investigation and evaluation. In response to the settlement demand from Ms. Auer the carrier has proposed a monetary settlement of any and all property damage claims and has submitted Ms. Auer a draft release. Attorney Schuster reported that upon receipt of the proposed settlement and release, Ms. Auer requested additional terms and conditions. Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to move the discussion of the claim to an executive session. President Pickett called the question



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and asked for a roll call vote on the motion. Trustee Piraino, Nemec, Merkel and DeAtley voted nay. Trustee Harney voted aye. The motion to move the discussion to executive session did not pass.

Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee Harney to postpone the discussion of the claim by Mona Auer to a later date. By voice vote with Trustee Nemec, Harney, DeAtley and Piraino voting aye and Trustee Merkel voting nay, the motion to postpone the discussion until the meeting scheduled for May 18, 2020.

The next item presented to the board was the drainage issue situated at 1756 Hillcrest Park. The resident has requested the Village pay for the repositioning of the sump discharge line through neighboring property underground, to the street. Trustee Harney and Trustee Piraino have spoken with the landowner and have inspected the property to view the current drainage problems. Due to technical and legal issues involved in the proposal, it was the consensus of the board to continue the discussion pending further analysis by the Village Attorney and the Village Engineer.

Bill Hof has proposed an organized brush and trash cleanup along Sleepy Hollow Road by volunteers. The clean up will not involve tree or brush removal. It was the consensus of the board to approve the request by Bill Hof for an organized spring clean up subject to each volunteer executing the village approved Waiver & Release form.

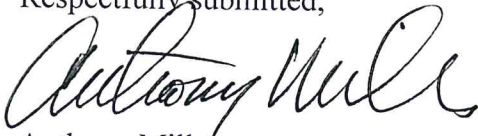
**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee Harney to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. On a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills  
Village Clerk

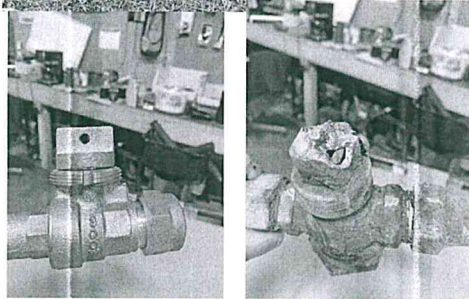


## Water & Sewer Report 5/4/2020

The next due date for water billings is 6/4/2020. The board voted on April 6th to waive late payment fees and delinquent water bill cut offs for 60 days. Wendy will start charging late fees after 6/5/2020 and resume delinquent water bill cut off procedures as per the village code. Wendy has said that there is no way in MSI to calculate for late fees that are not charged to residents but estimates that they are between \$1,000 and \$1,500 a month.



There was a water main break by Sleepy Hollow Pool on April 22nd. The problem was a band around a tap for a service line. We have had several problems on the water main on Winmoor Drive. This is one of the water mains that should be considered to be replaced.



On the same day Public Works also had scheduled work on an old B-box. Kyle put in a 12 hour day, Thank You Kyle for keeping our water system running.

We also had a problem with the water main on Thorobred. The owner at 107 Thorobred requested that the water be turned off at the b-box. It could not be located. It seems that several houses along Thorobred may not have b-boxes. It is likely that this water main dates back to the Falese water company. This is another water main that should be replaced due to numerous breaks and the fact that it is extremely shallow ( 3 to 4 feet)