

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 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 attended in person. Trustee Ziembra and Trustee Merkel were absent. Trustees Steven DeAtley, Anthony Piraino, Edward Harney and Joseph Nemec attended by remote video-conference via Zoom. Also attending via video-conferencing was Chief of Police Michael Rivas, Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele and Kyle Killinger, Director of Public Works. Barbara J. Dettmer, ICCI, attended at the request the Planning & Zoning Commission.

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 DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2020. On a roll call vote with Trustees DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec and Harney voting aye and no nay votes, the motion passed and the minutes of October 19, 2020 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pickett informed the board that the Village's application for relief under the CARES ACT has been received and that since the last regular board meeting the Kane issued a request for supporting documentation. President Pickett reported the IGA has been executed by the Village and returned to the Kane County Board for its final execution.

President Pickett provided an update on the COVID-19 resurgence within Region 8 (which includes Kane and DuPage counties) and that Governor Pritzker's latest executive order barred, inter alia inside food and liquor sales.

Finally President Pickett reported a developer is seeking to develop a parcel of property identified as Village property (non-contiguous) which is located within the jurisdictional agreement between Elgin and Sleepy Hollow. Since there is no ability to annex the property President Pickett suggested the Board consider proposing Elgin and Sleepy Hollow enter into a tax sharing agreement which would divide the property taxes between the two municipalities. It was the consensus of the trustees present to propose a 50/50 split of any property taxes for a 10 year period.

CLERK

The Village Clerk provided an update on the change in the companies which update and codify the Village Municipal Code. American Legal Publishing has acquired Sterling Codifiers and as of the end of October 2020 the "link" to the Sterling code platform was disconnected and going forward the American Legal link will be active. Due to several changes within the American Legal platform the Village Clerk and the volunteer webmaster will be analyzing and reporting on any changes.

The Clerk reported the resident volunteer who prepares and publishes the Village newsletter will be submitting their draft to the board for review on 11/16/2020 and that if any trustee has anything to submit they need to get it in before the deadline.

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As a public service announcement the Clerk reminded the board and all people attending the meeting remotely that 11/3/2020 was Election Day and that anyone who hasn't voted should do so since their vote is their vote and that all voices should be heard.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Barbara J. Dettmer reported the Planning & Zoning Commission's recommendation regarding the Petition for Variance on rear yard setback at 1298 Acorn. At the conclusion of a public hearing and after due deliberation, the P&Z Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the Board approve the variance request. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to accept the P&Z Commission recommendation to approve the variance request. On a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion to approve the recommendation passed. The Village Attorney will prepare the necessary documentation expressing the decision of the board and this issue will be revisited at the next regular board meeting scheduled for 11/16/2020.

Mrs. Dettmer also reported the P&Z Commission's decision on the request by the Twin Baptist Church's request for authority to install a digital message sign on its property on Randall Road. The sign will be erected at the same place another sign was placed. That sign has been damaged and was no longer in use. The board discussed the potential effect of Kane County's proposed plan to widen Randall Road and the potential impact that would have on the positioning of the new digital sign. Mrs. Dettmer suggested the board needs to review all Village Code sections relative to signage since there are several inconsistencies in the applicable sections. The goal of the review will be to avoid piecemeal and conflicting sections. The Village Attorney will review the code and provide his recommendation on changes in the future.

ATTORNEY

The Village Attorney reported on his review and analysis of the agreement with Third Millennium Associates. It was the consensus of the board to accept the terms of the TMA agreement as modified and the Village Attorney was directed to place the agreement in final form for execution by Stephan Pickett on behalf of the Village.

ENGINEER

The Village Engineer reported that the 2020 Street paving project has been completed and that the final payment was included in the warrants package submitted to the board for approval.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the accounts payable of November 2, 2020 for \$205,359.41. By a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Paul Setze, resident submitted an email complaining of the lack of action and enforcement by the board to address violations of Village ordinances on complaining signage. A copy of the email will be attached hereto and its contents incorporate herein as if set forth verbatim.

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PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney reported on his meeting with Kyle Killinger, Director of Public Works to discuss the equipment needs of his department. The new dump truck/plow which was ordered last year has been delivered and will be put to immediate use in the Village. The Village received a new quote for the purchase of road salt for this winter.

FINANCE

President Pickett presented a revised/updated FY 2020-2021 budget, a copy of which had been included in the agenda packets. After identifying those items to be removed from the Five Year Cap as well of those items to remain, Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the Five Year Cap as revised. With Trustee Nemec, Piraino, DeAtley and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

With the board's approval of the Five Year Cap the trustees turned their attention to the 2020-2021 FY Budget. Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve the 2020-2021 FY Year Budget as revised and with Trustee Nemec, DeAtley, Piraino and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec reported Public Works was called to repair a broken water main. The cause of the break was not immediately determined. Further, Trustee Nemec reported residents on the east side of the Village continued to experience low water pressure. Public Works will continue to address the low pressure concerns. On the positive die Trustee Nemec reported the latest efficiency tests for the new water meters shows a 98% efficiency rating for the previous month.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee DeAtley thanked the all members of the Police Department for their activities on Halloween. The police department handed out candy to all trick or treaters (and their parents) and Trustee DeAtley commended the department for its community involvement.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report but Trustee Piraino indicated that he had placed the issue of a proposing a referendum on sheds to the next consolidate election in April 2021 for discussion under New Business.

OLD BUSINESS

The board reviewed the miscellaneous fees charged by the Village. The list of fees will be sent to the Village Attorney for final review.

The issue of the proposed cost share agreement for the culvert repair at 847 Winmoor was again presented to the board. After considerable discussion it was determined that a "cost certain" was needed showing exactly what was to be paid by the Village before the Board could take any action on the request. Trustee Piraino moved with a second from Trustee Nemec to continue the discuss the cost sharing proposal until the next regular board meeting. With Trustee DeAtley, Harney,

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Nemec and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to continue passed. There was no resolution of this issue at this time and it will be continued to the next regular board meeting.

Mons Auer has again proposed a cost share agreement with the Village to split the cost of a speed radar system for Sleepy Hollow Road. The trustees discussed the type (mobile versus fixed and) placement or location of the device and whether such a device would serve the desired function. After discussion it was the consensus of the board to decline the proposed cost share agreement.

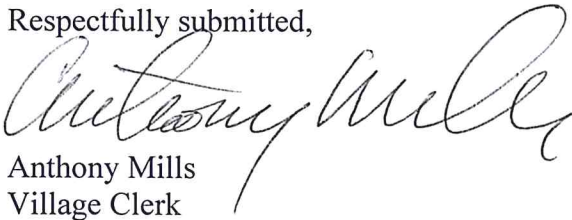
NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Piraino had asked that the issue of a referendum on sheds be presented to the board but due to the late hour it was the consensus of the board to continue this discussion until the next regular board meeting.

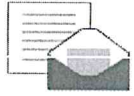
ADJOURNMENT

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Piraino, Nemec and DeAtley voting aye and with not nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills
Village Clerk



Fw: Public Comments for Nov. 2nd Trustee Meeting
Stephan Pickett to: Anthony Mills

11/02/2020 01:44 PM

From: Stephan Pickett/SHollow
To: Anthony Mills/SHollow@WDundee

History: This message has been replied to.

Tony,

For tonight's 'Public Comments'.

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Sleepy Hollow, IL
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-----Forwarded by Stephan Pickett/SHollow on 11/02/2020 01:43PM -----
To: Sleepyhollow@sleepyhollowil.org, "Stephan Pickett"
<SPickett@sleepyhollowil.org>
From: "Paul Setze" <paul.setze [REDACTED]>
Date: 11/02/2020 01:31PM
Subject: Public Comments for Nov. 2nd Trustee Meeting

[External]

At the prior meeting I asked the Village to enforce the ordinance regarding signs in the Village. I also noted that a Village Trustee was flagrantly violating the ordinance. In the nearly two months since I formally filed complaints and in the two weeks since the last Trustee meeting nothing has been done. The Village Trustee continues to violate the ordinance and more signs are popping up across the Village in violation of the ordinance. Do we now live in a Village where anything goes? Do we live in a Village where we have elected officials who believe they are above the law? Everyone is entitled to believe what they wish, but they need to convey their beliefs in conformance with the sign ordinance and the Village needs to enforce it.