

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 21, 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, Village Clerk Anthony Mills, Trustee Thomas Merkel and Interim Chief of Police Kristopher Chlapecka attended in person. Trustees Steven DeAtley, Anthony Piraino, Edward Harney, Donald Ziemba and Joseph Nemec attended by remote video-conference via Zoom. 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 Ziemba moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2020. On a roll call vote with Trustees DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec and Harney voting aye, Trustees Ziemba and Merkel abstaining, and with no nay votes the motion passed and the minutes of December 7, 2020 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pickett provided an update on the money the Village received as part of the Corona virus Relief Fund/CARES AC. The project to upgrade the Village's audio/remote video capacity is moving forward and all equipment purchase orders have been timely submitted.

President Pickett announced that due to the extreme financial hardship created by the Corona Virus pandemic, the board needs to address a referendum proposing a property tax rate increase. That discussion took place later in the meeting and the discussion will be reported under that section of the agenda. President Pickett noted the deadline by which the Board needs to act is January 19, 2021.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

The Village Engineer submitted a written update on the Sleepy Hollow Road Resurfacing project – a copy of which was provided to the trustees in their agenda packet. The bid letting will begin in June 2021.

GUEST SPEAKER John Miles, Treasurer of the Bluffs Homeowner Association appeared before the Board to contest a bill the Bluffs received as part of the permit and variance process request they initiated with respect to the tear out and replacement of a fence on their common property. The amount of the bill the Bluffs received from ICCI was \$1,098.00 and he questioned why they were charged expenses in addition to their cost of the permit which they previously paid. The additional charges included research, reporting, legal fees and the publication charges arising from their variance request. He denied having received any advance explanation from ICCI regarding these additional costs. Mr. Miles proposed a 60/40 split of the invoice with the Village paying the larger

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percentage. This was later reduced to 50/50. After a lengthy discussion by all members of the board, it was the consensus of the trustees to decline any offer to split the costs billed to the Bluffs.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Ziemba moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to approve the accounts payable of December 21, 2020 for \$102,420.29. By a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Harney, Ziemba, Merkel and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

William "Mike" Miceli – President Pickett read to the board the results of an informal survey on the issue of adding a referendum on sheds which he proposed be included on the April 2021 Consolidate Election ballot. A copy of that email is attached hereto and its contents are incorporated herein.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Harney presented for discussion and approval the issue of vehicle sticker rates. While it was the consensus of the board that the rates remain the same, an issue of changing the billing process to a new vendor was continued to the next board meeting scheduled for 1/4/2021.

FINANCE

The Board discussed a proposed tax levy in order to cover the potential deficit of \$845,000. The levy would establish the rate of increase and not the amount of the increase. In order to meet the 1/19/2021 dead line for submitting the referendum the board needs to authorize the Village Attorney to draft an ordinance setting for the proposed tax rate increase. All members of the board endorsed the need to prepare an explanation clarify the financial reasons for the increase. Trustee Ziemba moved with a second from Trustee Harney to authorize the drafting of the proposed property tax rate increase. On a roll call vote with Trustees Piraino, DeAtley, Nemec, Ziemba, Merkel and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve **ORDINANCE 2020-19 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER BILING RATE, THE CUSTOMER DEMAND CHARGE AND THE HYDRANT CHARGE IN THE VILLAGE'S WATER BILLING REGULATIONS.** On a roll call votes with Trustee Ziemba, DeAtley, Merkel, Harney, Nemec and Piraino voting aye and with no negative votes, the motion passed.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee DeAtley announced Sargent Kristopher Chlapecka has been appointed as the Interim Chief of the Village of Sleepy Hollow Police Department.

a. The Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists (AAIM) presented Office Jerry Nordan, Officer Gary Schwartz and Office Kris Chlapecka Certificates of Appreciate in recognition of their "exceptional DUI enforcement action. A copy of these Certificates is attached to these minutes and their contents are incorporated herein.

b. Trustee DeAtley submitted for board review and payment the purchase of 4 laptop computers with upgraded software in the amount of \$5,155.04. This purchase had been authorized in the Capital Improvement Plan approved by the Board. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee

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Ziemba to approve the payment of \$5,155.04 . By a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Piraino, Harney, Merkel and Ziemba voting aye, and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Trustee DeAtley next submitted for approval **ORDINANCE 2020-18 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TO WIT: 2011 Ford Crown Victoria VIN # 2FABP7BV1BX154216.** Trustee Ziemba seconded the motion and by roll call vote with Trustee Ziemba, DeAtley, Nemec, Merkel, Piraino and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion approving ORDINANCE 2020-18 was approved.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report

OLD BUSINESS

On behalf of Kyle Killinger, Director of Public Works Trustee Harney submitted a purchase order for road salt to be used the winter of 2021-2021. The order was for 560 tons which is the minimum order allowed to the Village. The cost of the order is \$54,840.80. Trustee Harney moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve the purchase of 560 tons of road salt for \$54,840.80. By roll call vote with Trustee Harney, DeAtley, Nemec, Piraino, Merkel and Ziemba voting aye and with not nay votes the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

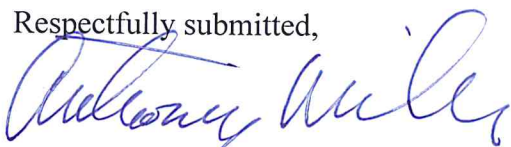
Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to approved **Resolution 529 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021.** By roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, Merkel, Harney, DeAtley, Piraino and Ziemba voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

President Pickett submitted for board review and approval **ORDINANCE 2020-20 – TAX LEVY ORDINANCE.** By roll call vote with Trustee Ziemba, DeAtley, Nemec, Merkel, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion to approve **ORDINANCE 2020-20** was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The board having no further business to discuss Trustee Ziemba moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Piraino, Nemec, Merkel , Ziemba and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills
Village Clerk