

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2019

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 Anthony Piraino, Steven DeAtley, Joseph Nemec, Donald Ziemba, Thomas Merkel and Edward Harney. Also present were Police Chief Michael Rivas and Director of Finance Henry Mionskowski. Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele, Village Attorney Mark Schuster and Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger were absent.

MINUTES

1. Trustee Merkel moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2019. Prior to the Board voting on the minutes, Trustee Merkel requested that his comments [made at the 10-7-2019 meeting on the issue "Policy Direction – Cannabis Regulation & Tax Act"] be specifically noted in the minutes. He suggested the Village Clerk may want to listen to the recording because he made the comment that in his practice he has seen marijuana being a gateway to other drugs and that he didn't think it was appropriate for the Village to be adding another product that could be addictive as alcohol and gambling is, and while the Village needs money and income we don't need to make that off the back of peoples' addictions. So he would like that in there especially in light of the fact that the two ladies who made comments speak in favor of it. So he wants his comments to be added so that his stance is known. President Pickett asked if any board member had any objections or comments to this request and Trustee Ziemba added that he wanted his comments placed in the minutes because he had the same feeling he had. President Pickett stated the minutes will be amended in response to this request. The approval of the minutes from the 10-7-2019 meeting will be postponed until the next regular scheduled board meeting set for November 4, 2019.

PRESIDENT

President Pickett presented to the board a draft proclamation submitted to the Village by the Fox River Valley Chapter of DAR requesting that the Village proclaim November as National American Indian Heritage Month. Native American Awareness Week began in 1976. Further, Congress and President George Bush in 1990 officially designated the month of November as National Indian Heritage Month. Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee Harney to authorize President Pickett to sign the Proclamation approving November as National American Indian Heritage Month. President Pickett asked for any comments, questions or discussion to which Trustee Merkel stated that he questioned whether the board was exceeding its mandate by going into national politics. Several other trustees had similar comments and after that a roll call vote was taken. Aye: DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec and Harney. Nay: Merkel and Ziemba. Motion passed.

President Pickett reported that Salsa Street secured license #180703339 from the Illinois Gaming Board to place up video gaming units in their restaurant. Salsa Street paid to the Village \$150.00 in application for up to six (6) video gaming terminals.

President Pickett has been approached by a group interested in constructing a housing project on the five (5) acre plot to the west of the Springhill Meadows strip mall. The project would include two (2) apartment buildings, three to four stories high with 80 apartments per building. While this area would be able to tap into the sewer in place for Springhill

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Meadows, due to an agreement with West Dundee there are sewer limitations at this site. Currently the agreement provides for seven (7) personal equivalents ("PE") per acre so for 5 (five) acres the total number of PE would be 35. Each PE is 100 gallons/per person per day. The proposed project would greatly exceed the sewer tap capacity authorized by West Dundee. Currently, that area is zoned B-2 (business) and any housing project would require a change in zoning. Since the sewer tap limitation is not controlled by the Village the developers were directed to speak to the West Dundee before approaching Sleepy Hollow. It was the consensus of the board to wait to see if the developers were able to persuade West Dundee to allow a greater sewer tap and until then there was nothing for the Village to consider.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

1. The Village Engineer submitted a written report which was included in the Agenda Packet for the meeting. The report provides an update on the 2019 Street Program paving project for Beau Brummel noting that section will be completed the week of 10-21-2019 weather permitting. The removal and replacement of pavement along Thorobred Lane and Bull Frog Road is scheduled to be completed by October 25, 2019, weather permitting.

Phase I for the Sleepy Hollow Road Resurfacing was been submitted to IDOT. Once Phase I is approved, Phase II will be submitted.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziembra moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the accounts payable of October 21, 2019 in the amount of \$155,678.40. Aye: Piraino, DeAtley, Nemec, Ziembra and Harney. Nay, Merkel. Motion passed.
2. Henry Mionskowski reported the September month has closed but that he does have one issue MSI for grant total revenue will is being addressed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Kevin Kalisz, 215 Jamestowne Road, reported to the board that he has an issue with an adjacent resident (Getz residence) running a consulting service out of this residence. The problem is not with the business itself, it is with customer traffic and parking. The customers are parking on or immediately adjacent to Mr. Kalisz' property and are interfering with the normal and peaceful use of his residence. Customers frequently arrive well into the evening and after midnight and often wait in their cars until the time of their appointment. He has spoken with this neighbor to no avail and has contacted the police department to speak with the neighbor. He is seeking assistance from the board to

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address this problem since the problem has return even after intervention by the police. Mr. and Mrs. Kalisz are expecting their first child and they are concerned about its welfare with random strangers parking in front of their house. Since the Village has no jurisdiction to control what is going on inside a resident's house, the matter was referred to Chief Rivas to assist Mr. Kalisz with solving this issue.

2. Hollie Bauron, 1146 Anne Court appeared to speak favorably on the issue of the sale of adult-use cannabis in the village. As a member of the "DARE generation" Ms. Bauron heard the negative stories of the boomer generation and she disputes the assertion that pot (cannabis) usage leads to other drugs. She addressed the health benefits to women by the consumption cannabis and the production of cannabinoids in breast milk.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Public Works has received the new street signs but the posts are backordered. Once all of the material has been received Public Works will begin the installation.

FINANCE

Trustee Ziembra was prepared to present the Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2019. Since many of the board members did not receive a copy of the report until just before the meeting, the discussion on the report will be continued until the next regular board meeting on 11-4-2019.

Michael Del Valle, Managing Auditor for Lauterbach & Amen LLP presented an overview of the Village of Sleepy Hollow's financial performance. Mr. Del Valle noted the need to make several corrections or changes to the report after a conversation with Michael Tennis, Trustees Merkel and Harney, so those changes will be made and the completed report will be given to the board at the next regular meeting on 11-4-2019.

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec provided an update on the water meter replacement red tagging project. The report shows as of 10/18/2019, 24 houses had been red tagged for non compliance for the meter exchange.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report so Trustee DeAtley yielded to Chief Michael Rivas who presented a purchase request for two office computers which are needed to replace the last two obsolete computers still using the Windows 7 operating system. The cost of each computer is \$800.00 so the total cost will be \$1,600.00. The Village will realize a savings of \$160.00 per computer due the governmental pricing from the vendor. The source of the funds will come from the Drug/DUI Fund. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to approve the request to purchase two computers for \$1,600.00. Aye: DeAtley, Piraino, Nemec, Ziembra, Merkel and Harney. Nay - none. Motion passed.

Chief Rivas presented a request to purchase a handheld radar unit which would allow his officers to perform traffic enforcement with greater mobility and safety. The Village does not own a handheld unit that is fully functional and has been temporarily borrowing a unit from a part time officer in Pingree Grove. Officer Chlapecka applied for and received grant funding from

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Walmart in the amount of \$500.00. These funds were deposited in the DUI/Drug Fund. Chief Rivas sought an additional sum of \$386.00 from the DUI/Drug Fund to purchase a Stalker II Hand Held Radar Unit. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Nemec to approve the purchase request of \$886.00. Aye. DeAtley, Nemec, Piraino, Ziemba, Merkel and Harney. Nay – none. Motion passed.

The September/2019 monthly/year-to-date Police Department Activity Report was presented to board for their review and discussion. The report shows that the number of traffic accidents in September is up over those in August.

Trustee Ziemba inquired as to whether the village was seeking to purchase a radar speed trailer as was previously referenced by Chief Linane during his tenure. Chief Rivas indicated that was not a currently budgeted item but may have been identified in the 5-year budget plan. Chief Rivas stated he is studying the complaints of speeding on Sleepy Hollow Road and will be giving his recommendation to the board once he has completed his analysis.

Trustee Piraino asked about the removal of the “pork chop” at the intersection of Joy Lane and Randall Road and asked whether the intersection will now be set up for motorists to directly cross Randall Road. President Pickett reported that issue has been discussed with the County and it was his understanding that the direct crossing of Randall Road will be permitted.

Trustee Piraino also asked for the status of the repair and replacement of the street light at the intersection of Joy Lane and Jamestowne Road. Henry Mionskowski reported the repairs will be paid for by an insurance company and they were waiting for the final invoice. The repairs are scheduled for later this week.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Piraino attended a meeting of the Algonquin Village Board and reported on the public discussion of the proposed development of the “Algonquin Coliseum” to be built at the intersection of Longmeadow Parkway and Randall Road. This 80 acre site will include single family houses, apartments and townhouses as well as a 100 yard artificial turf field. Trustee Piraino stated that while this construction would not be completed for several years, that development plus the development being constructed at the intersection of Randall Road and Route 72 will cause a substantial increase in traffic in and around Sleepy Hollow.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Merkel asked for an explanation of ICCI’s charges for building/construction permits and how much of that charge is paid to the Village. Henry Mionskowski stated he was uncertain of the calculation but would look into that can get back to the board.

At the suggestion of a resident Trustee Nemec and the Village Engineer inspected the intersection of Bull Frog Road and Thorobred Lane to assess the need for stop signs as a means of slowing traffic. It is the opinion of the Village Engineer that stop signs are not warranted but he did recommend signage warning drivers to be on the lookout for pedestrians. Further, the

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Village Engineer is recommending marking a crossing of the bike path on Locust Drive as a means of slowing traffic in this area.

Chief Rivas mentioned he recently watched the traffic on Thorobred Lane and while he did not see any cars exceeding the posted speed limit not one of the pedestrians walking on the roadway wore reflective clothing.

Trustee Merkel reported contact by several residents asking why the burn pile this year was so small. He suggested opening the pile to residents at an earlier date as a means of increasing the amount of burning material. President Pickett and Trustee Nemec reminded the board that in prior years the fire district had expressed concern about the size of the fire during Halloween in the Hollow which is why the board agreed to place date restrictions on residents' contributions.

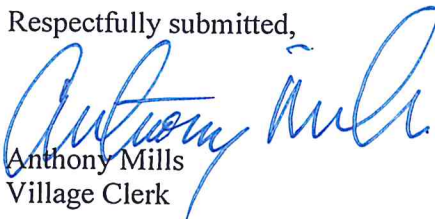
NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ziemba moved with a second from Trustee Merkel to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Anthony Mills
Village Clerk