

**VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**JUNE 18, 2018**

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 Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Thomas Merkel, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler and Donald Ziemba. Also present were Village Police Chief James Linane, Director of Finance Henry Mionskowski, and Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger.

MINUTES

Seiler moved with a second from Merkel to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2018. Following a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

With regret Village President Stephan Pickett announced that he received the resignation effective 6/18/2018 of Norine Olson as Village Clerk. Mr. Pickett noted that Norine has served the village without fail for 26 years and that while he understood her decision he was sorry to see her resign. Seiler moved with a second from Merkel to accept the resignation. Aye: Finney, Fudala, Nemec, Merkel, Seiler and Ziemba. Nay: None. Noting it was the end of an era Pickett stated that the motion passed.

President Pickett then announced the appointment of Anthony Mills as Village Clerk. Merkel moved to approve the appointment of Anthony Mills with a second from Seiler. Aye: Finney, Fudala, Nemec, Merkel, Seiler and Ziemba. Nay: None. Following the unanimous vote Anthony Mills was then duly sworn to serve in that capacity. President Pickett then called for a motion to nominate Norine Olson as Deputy Village Clerk. Merkel moved to accept the appointment of Norine Olson as Deputy Clerk with a second from Seiler. Aye: Finney, Fudala, Nemec, Merkel, Seiler and Ziemba. Nay: None. Motion passed.

CLERK

Norine Olson reported receipt of Comcast Permit Application DCS-735124RL for 102 Thorobred Lane. Mr. Nemec requested an opinion from the Village Engineer Jeff Steele relating to the feasibility of Comcast's work. The Board decided to continue discussion of the application until receipt of the Village Engineer's report tentatively slated for the 7/2/2018 board meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

President Pickett noted receipt of several applications for appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission and that he is waiting for additional applications from Village residents.

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

President Pickett called for a vote to approve the updated Engineer's 2018 Report on Road Maintenance in the amount of \$288,091.43. Ziemba moved with a second from Fudala to approve the Engineer's updated report for the 2018 road maintenance program in the amount of \$288,091.43. Motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote.

## DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Henry Mionskowski reported warrants in the amount of \$123,522.76. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of June 4, 2018 in the amount of \$123,522.76. Aye: Finney, Fudala, Merkel, Nemec, Seiler, Ziemba. Nay: Merkel. Motion passed. Ziemba reported that he would present his May finance report at the next board meeting.

## COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Kathy Eaton 2004 Sleepy Hollow Road appeared to respond to the legal notice in the Daily Herald for the proposal to construct a cell tower at One Thorobred Lane. She stated that she filed a plea with the Federal Communications Commission concerning the construction further noting that the site was in a flood plain. She took a picture of the location and offered to share the photo with the Board. She questioned the wisdom of constructing the tower in this location. President Pickett thanked her for her comments.
- Anthony Pirano 522 Stevens Court next spoke commenting on the Board's approval for the construction of a "windmill" style tower. He asked that the Board look at its decision for construction of a mono-pole cell tower and further to consider renegotiating the monthly payments to the Village.
- Rich English 1046 Beau Brummel Court spoke regarding the need for the cell tower noting the presence of 42 towers within 4 miles of the village. He stated there are 233 antennas within 4 miles of the Village Hall and he questioned the need of another tower. Citing a study by the University of California Mr. English expressed concern of the safety of long term low dose radiation exposure. Trustee Merkel noted Mr. English appeared in response to the notice in the Daily Herald and asked if the Village was notified of the publication. President Pickett stated that no one on the Board was given prior notice of the publication and that he assumed that the notice was part of the due diligence required under the contract for the construction of the cell tower.
- Nancy Holst 1107 Crane Drive spoke regarding water drainage issues arising from the last series of storms. She stated that the water was jumping her retaining wall and was now up against their foundation. President Pickett noted that the Village was aware of the situation and has instructed the Village Engineer to investigate.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS**

### PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

Trustee Merkel reported that he received an email from a Churchill Court resident regarding the condition of equipment on the playground at Churchill Court. Nemec responded noting a prior agreement with the Parks District and suggesting that they be contacted to discuss equipment maintenance.

Merkel stated that he spoke with Kyle Killinger regarding the plan to provide temporary repairs to Bull Frog Road. Mr. Killinger reported the efforts to rent the necessary material for the temporary repairs in order to use the road on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The cost of renting steel plates is \$125/plate per week.



#### FINANCE

No report.

#### WATER AND SEWER

Seiler reported the Village had a good water/sewer month in spite of the heavy rains. He reported that the Village had sewer efficiency of 90%. Seiler further reported the need to hire a plumber to make repairs to a meter at the apartments on Locust after which time the owner will be billed for the repair services. He also reported a 23% increase in sewage costs is anticipated from West Dundee which ultimately will be passed on to those residents on sewage.

#### POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Linane presented the Police Report for May 2018 noting that there were no major crimes and that it was a slow month for accidents and that there was nothing unusual to report.

#### PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report.

#### BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Fudala asked for a status of the Paula Court lien enforcement action. President Pickett reported that the enforcement action was dismissed on 6/12/2018. The bank took possession of the property on 6/14/2018 and the owner has 30 days to vacate. Some clean up has occurred and the property is now vacant.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 511 was returned to the Board for discussion and vote. Trustee Merkel reiterated his concerns and questions about the agreement. Merkel noted the amount of property to be transferred is stated as both 41 and 70 acres and he believes that before the Board can act the correct number of acres should be verified. He asked whether the Village will be giving up any portion of Sleepy Hollow Road in this transfer. Mr. Merkel questioned why the Village would agree to the use of resident tax dollars for Village employees to assist in the maintenance on property that is not owned by the Village. He questioned the legality of the Village remaining responsible for worker's compensation, insurance and indemnification related to property it no longer owned.

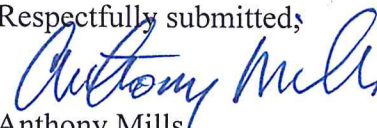
Nemec moved with a second from Finney to approve Resolution 511, "A Resolution Approving a Certain Intergovernmental Agreement with Dundee Township Regarding Transfer of the Former Wetland Mitigation Bank Property". Aye: Finney, Nemec, Seiler, Ziemba and Pickett. Nay: Merkel, Fudala.

#### NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Seiler moved with a second from Ziemba to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Anthony Mills

Village Clerk