

# **VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW**

## **VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**June 21, 2022**

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, Trustees Steven DeAtley, Mark Thorne, Anthony Piraino, George Hoffman, Director of Finance Eugene Vann, and Chief of Police Samuel Parma attended in person. Trustee Joe Nemec and Trustee Ed Harney were absent. 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 Hoffman to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of June 6, 2022. On a roll call vote with Trustees Hoffman, Thorne, DeAtley, and Piraino voting aye, with no nay votes the motion passed, and the minutes of May 16, 2022 were approved.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Pickett reported that Governor Pritzker issued a proclamation which allows public meetings to continue to be held remotely, in accordance with Public Act 101-0640, as long as certain requirements are met. This order will remain in effect until June 25th, 2022. After that date, assuming the Governor does not extend the proclamation, Board members will be required to attend in person in order to participate and vote on Village matters.

President Pickett invited Richard English of the Sleepy Hollow Service Club to address the Board on the plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The festivities will be spread over two days – July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> – with the fireworks to occur on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Rich English noted that the Service Club needs the residents and visitors to step up their monetary contributions so help pay for the increased cost for fireworks noting that raffle tickets can be purchased online and that the club will have credit card readers available at the park to handle those payments.

[NOTE: The recording of the Board meeting stopped after 18+ minutes due to the timing of West Dundee's system update].

### **CLERK**

No report

### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

No report

### **ATTORNEY**

None

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### ENGINEER

The Village Engineer submitted his report and analysis on Comcast Permit Application, #339843 for a drop road bore at 35W290 Boncosky Road. After discussion, Trustee Thorne moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve Comcast Permit Application 339843. Pursuant to a roll call vote with Trustee Thorne, Trustee Hoffman, Trustee DeAtley, and Trustee Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

### DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Thorne moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve the accounts payable of June 6, 2022 for \$147,099.12. Pursuant to a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Thorne, Piraino, and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- Kim Corbo addressed the Board on the issue of food shortage that the residents will face in the future. She encouraged residents to start personal vegetable gardens to ward off potential food shortages. She suggested the Board revisit the issue of prohibiting the raising of chickens and quail since both are good sources of protein. She suggested the Village allow the planting of fruit and nuts trees on public property
- Robert Lindeman informed the Board that he has received a Notice to Appear (“NTA”) for violations of the Village Building Code arising out the installation of an above-ground pool. The pool had been set up at the start of the pandemic (2020) and he questions why after 2 years this has become an issue. He stated that ICCI informed him of the code requirement of a fence with 3’ clearance but that due to the high winds at his address the installation of a fence was impractical. He further noted that the above-ground pool he installed was higher than the fence height required under the code. He was directed to address the issue with ICCI directly to see if some accommodation could be arranged.
- Barbara Grow reported she also received a NTA for an above-ground pool she installed in 2020. The NTA also cited a violation of Village Code for the planting of trees in the Village right-of-way. She argued that the trees, which had been installed by a tree service were in the ROW and she presented pictures supporting her argument. She suggested the current permitting and citation process was inconsistent, inequitable, and subjective.

### PARKS, ROADS, AND STREETS

Trustee Harney provided a packet of documents and information explaining the steps involved in a “Community Build” for the proposed replacement equipment in Sabatino Park. The documents were included in the agenda packet sent to each trustee prior to the meeting. Trustee Harney was absent due to power outage so this matter will be tabled until 7/5/2022 meeting.

### FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman reported on his continued due diligence efforts in analyzing Village expenditures. Using his experience in corporate finance he advocates a cost-conscious approach to purchasing which is why he is analyzing all expenditures. He questioned whether the expenses involved in the publishing and mailing of the Village newsletter were necessary and inquired as to a more economical approach to publishing the information disseminated in the newsletter.



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He commented on the extent of the legal expenses incurred in the Main Street zoning and Goll properties and questioned whether the expenses were recoverable. President Pickett and DOF Vann stated that these expenses were charged to the escrow accounts established for each property and that the parties interested in each property pre-funded the accounts to pay legal expenses incurred by the Village.

### WATER AND SEWER

No report

### POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report

### PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

Trustee Thorne provided a status report on the development of a new website for the Village. He estimated that the new website will be up and running in mid to late July.

### BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Piraino reiterated his invitation to all residents to contact him if they have any questions requiring building permits. He also noted that the vegetation on the corners of Thorobred and Sleepy Hollow Road needed trimming to improve sight clearance for traffic.

### OLD BUSINESS

Kyle Killinger, Director of Public Works, had submitted a proposal to replace a drainage pipe at 942 Willow Lane. The issue has been brought to Mr. Killinger's attention by the homeowner who pointed out that due to heavy rains, the soil around pipe to the catch basin was eroding. It was noted that an adjacent landowner was in the process of replacing their culvert and driveway. The funds are available through ARPA, so Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Thorne to approve the payment of \$11,370 to pay the cost to repair the culvert. On a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Piraino, Thorne and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Public Works submitted a cost proposal for the repair of the culvert at the end of the driveway at 112 Hilltop Lane which resulted during the work to repair a water main break. The issue of the duty to pay for the culvert repairs arose in part to the fact that the driveway has been placed over the water main. This issue had been assigned to the Village Attorney and the matter was tabled to the next regular meeting scheduled for 7-5-2022.

### NEW BUSINESS

- ***Delinquent Vehicle and Pet Tags*** – The method for calculating late fees and penalties has come under scrutiny and after discussion the issue has been assigned to the Finance Committee for review. The central concern is the doubling/compounding factor imposed on late registrations. Various board members expressed little sympathy for those residents who flatly refused to pay any of the fees for vehicle and pet tags noting that the fees apply equally to everyone one in the Village and all residents have been advised as to the amounts and due dates for each.
- ***2022 Animal Control Agreement with Kane County*** – Trustee Thorne moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to authorize the Village President to execute the agreement with Kane

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County for animal control services. On a roll call vote with Trustee Hoffman, Piraino, Thorne and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to address, Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee , Piraino, Hoffman, Thorne, and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills  
Village Clerk