

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 19, 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 Mark Thorne, George Hoffman, Steven DeAtley, Anthony Piraino, Director of Finance Eugene Vann, ICCI Code Office Barbara Dettmer, Village Attorney Mark Schuster and Sgt. Susan Wilson attended in person. Trustee Joe Nemec was 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 Thorne moved with a second from Trustee Harney to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022. On a roll call vote with Trustees Hoffman, Thorne, DeAtley, Harney and Piraino voting aye, with no nay votes the motion passed, and the minutes of September 6, 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 **October 15, 2022**. At such future date if the Governor does not further extend the proclamation, Board members will be required to attend meetings in person in order to participate and vote on Village matters.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

No report.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the accounts payable of September 19, 2022 for \$142,274.83. Pursuant to a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Harney Thorne, Piraino, and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

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PARKS, ROADS, AND STREETS

Trustee Harney reported that he is waiting to hear back from the resident at 208 Crane Court regarding their application to proceed with the construction of a parking pad on Village right-of-way.

On the issue of the refurbishment of the equipment at Sabatino Park, Trustee Harney provided a history of the various meetings he has attended on the issue of funding for this project. To start he explained that the original cost sharing agreement with the Park District has ended and that the cost of the project is the responsibility of the Village which has already budgeted \$100,000 for the project. "PLAY ILLINOIS" has submitted an initial cost estimate of approximately \$128,000 with separate areas for different age groups. The intended age group for all equipment is 5-12. The Board discussed how to bridge the gap between the budgeted and estimated cost figures,

Trustee Hoffman reminded the Board that all previous efforts (via referendum) to secure funding to Village improvement and maintenance projects have been rejected by Village voters. He further cautioned the Board that financial prudence demands that "they don't spend money they don't have."

Further discussion was had on the possibility to providing less equipment (as opposed to spending more money) and if so, which items should be redacted from the plan. Should items to be removed be based on potential usage by a specific age group? To find additional funds, the Board discussed setting up a "Go Fund Me" account and/or seek contributions from the Sleepy Hollow Service Club.

President Pickett and DOF Vann noted that many of the earlier revenue projections were based on IML (Illinois Municipal League) figures which were conservative, and that the Village has realized more money than previously estimated. The Board discussed other potential funds to cover the project shortfall. Trustee Harney reported on what he termed an "Angel Investor Loan" offered by someone who wishes to remain anonymous. The loan would be up to \$40,000 at 1% interest. The exact terms of the loan were not discussed so no further discussion was had on the subject.

After a lengthy discussion by the Board, Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Piraino to authorize the funding to rebuild Sabatino Park at a figure not to exceed \$128,000. By roll call vote with Trustee Piraino, Harney, Thorne and DeAtley voting aye, and with Trustee Hoffman voting nay, the motion passed. Trustee Harney will meet with the representatives of PLAY ILLINOIS to secure a final rebuild cost estimate which will be reported to the Board at the regular meeting scheduled for October 17, 2022.

FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman reported on his review of Village expenditures questioning certain payments itemized in the Warrants of 9-19-2022. He voiced for the record his frustration over the Village absorbing costs that individual residents should pay noting that the Village cannot afford such responsibility.

WATER AND SEWER

No report

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report

OLD BUSINESS

President Pickett noted that **Ordinance 2022-11 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES AND TRAILERS IN THE VILLAGE** has been tabled and will be addressed at the next meeting scheduled for 10-3-2022.

NEW BUSINESS

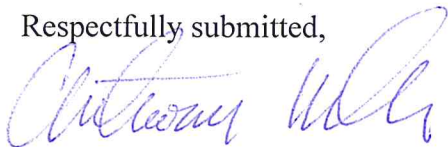
Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Harney to set the hours for Halloween trick or treating in the Village as 3:00 – 7:00 pm on October 31, 2022. On a roll call vote with Trustee Hoffman, Piraino, Harney, DeAtley and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee Thorne to approve **ORINANCE 2022-12 “AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO ACT AS THE BOARD OF APPEALS FOR THE VILLAGE’S BUILDING CODE, RESIDENTIAL CODE, AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE.** On a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Hoffman, Harney, Piraino and Thorne 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 8:17 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Piraino, Hoffman, Thorne, and DeAtley voting aye and with no nay vote the motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills
Village Clerk