

## VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 17, 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 Joseph Nemec, Mark Thorne, George Hoffman, Steven DeAtley, Ed Harney Anthony Piraino, Director of Finance Eugene Vann, Chief of Police Samuel Parma attended in person, Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele attended 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 the meeting.

### MINUTES

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2022. On a roll call vote with Trustees Hoffman, Thorne, DeAtley, Harney, Nemec, and Piraino voting aye, with no nay votes the motion passed, and the minutes of October 3, 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 **November 12, 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. President Pickett noted that at tonight's meeting all trustees were present and therefore unless required by state statutes and/or Village ordinance all motions would be approved on a voice vote.

President Pickett reported he has received from the Sleepy Hollow Service Club an application to sell alcoholic beverages at this year's Halloween in the Hollow celebration. He also reported, much to the glee of those attending tonight's meeting, that the application will be approved.

### CLERK

The Clerk reported that a notice of the 2023 Consolidated Election has been posted here at the Village Hall as well as the Village website stating that there are four (4) positions open for this election. The election will be held on April 4, 2023. Three (3) are for a 4-year term and one is for a 2-year term. Anyone interested to running for any of these positions can obtain detailed information by downloading the **2023 Candidate's Election Guide** which is available online at the State Board of Elections website at [www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us). Candidates may also contact the State Board directly for this information. Further, as a courtesy, a packet of generalized information will be made available at the Village Hall for residents interested in running for any of these positions.

### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report

### ATTORNEY

No report

### ENGINEER

A written report regarding the 2022 Road Program was submitted by the Village Engineer and was included in the trustees' agenda packet.

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### DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to approve the accounts payable of October 17, 2022 for \$115,624.24. Pursuant to a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Nemec, Thorne, Harney, Piraino, and Hoffman voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

DOF Vann reported that ICCI conducted \$4,000 in billable time in the Village's efforts to revamp Article 4 (private sewers) and move portions of Chapter 5 to Title 6 of the Village Municipal Code. This activity included phone conversations with the Village Attorney and the Trustee Joseph Nemec who oversees the Water & Sewer issues. As well as attendance at Village board meetings. ICCI has agreed to donate the time append and not charge the Village.

### COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- *Richard English* addressed the Board noting that the banks surrounding Lake Sharon have become overgrown and do not provide the scenic view envisioned when the Service Club constructed the Gazebo by the lake. Further, the excessive growth will impede participation in the fishing contest held each 4<sup>th</sup> of July. President Pickett responded that Public Works would look into this in time for Village residents to enjoy the lake next spring.

### PARKS, ROADS, AND STREETS

Trustee Harney presented the Board with a final contract for the restoration of Sabatino Park. The total contract cost is \$124,070.00. In the agenda packet each trustee received a detailed itemization of the work to be performed along with photos highlighting the improvements to Sabatino Park. Trustee Harney moved with a second by Trustee Nemec to authorize the Village President to accept the contract for \$124,070.00 and on a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, DeAtley, Harney, Hoffman, Piraino and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

### FINANCE

Trustee Hoffman continued his review of Village expenditures and continued to voice his belief that that the Village was absorbing costs that individual residents should pay since those costs arose from work performed on the resident's property. President Pickett provided an explanation for some of the costs having to be absorbed by the Village. Those costs arise from an agreement between the Village and a specific group of residents as consideration for those residents agreeing to pay a monthly fee (Specific Service Area – special tax) into a separate account in order to fund the connection to the sanitary sewer. In exchange for the construction agreement and monthly payment the Village has agreed to pay the costs to maintain the connections to the sanitary sewer – even those on the resident's property. The monthly payments are held in the targeted fund and are not available to the Village to pay for other costs.

Trustee Hoffman noted that while there was a negotiated resolution of the Lindemann code/permit dispute, the Village incurred attorney fees up and beyond the permit fee and therefore he suggested that the Village send a bill for the additional unreimbursed attorney fees.

### 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**

Trustee Piraino provided the Board with an update on a recent meeting involving the decision of the P&Z Commission to review the Village signage codes. P&Z is also planning on discussing the need for a new/separate "parking ordinance" which would specifically identify what types of vehicles will be allowed to be parked on residents' driveways. Of particular note was the issue of parking trailers, RVs and boats and the problems involved in enforcing such codes.

**OLD BUSINESS**

At a prior meeting the Board had agreed to revised sections "f" and "g" of Village of Sleepy Hollow Municipal Code Section 5-2-1, et seq. dealing with the fees to be charged for licensing motor vehicles and trailers commencing with the sale of the 2022-2023 vehicle stickers.

Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee Thorne to approve ORDINANCE 2022-11 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS IN THE VILLAGE**. Before directing the Clerk to conduct a roll call vote, President Pickett noted that Ordinance 2022-11 as drafted and included in the packet sections "f" and "g" did not conform to what the Board had agreed to in the prior meeting. He stated that post vote revisions were not permitted absent a motion to amend sections "f" and "g". Since the proposed revision and the motion was not on the meeting Agenda it could not be addressed by the Board. Trustee Nemec moved with a second by Trustee Hoffman to continue the discussion on ORDINANCE 2022-11 until the next regularly scheduled business meeting set for 11-7-2022. On a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, Hoffman, DeAtley, Thorne and Harney voting aye and with trustee Piraino voting nay, the motion to continue the discussion on 2022-11 was approved.

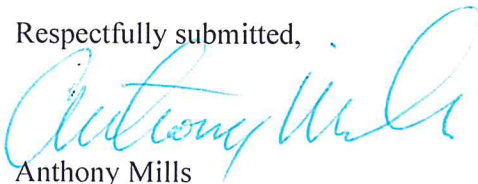
**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to address, Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Thorne to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm. On a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, Piraino, Hoffman, Harney, 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