

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. 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. President Stephan Pickett, Village Clerk Anthony Mills, Chief of Police Samuel Parma, Director of Finance Eugene Vann, Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger Trustees Mark Thorne, Edward Harney, Anthony Piraino, Steven DeAtley, Joe Nemec attended in person. Barbara Dettmer, Village Code Official attended the meeting by Zoom. Also attending in person was the Village Attorney Mark Schuster and the Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele.

MINUTES

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second from Trustee Piraino to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023. On a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, DeAtley, Harney, Piraino and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed, and the minutes of March 20, 2023 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pickett reminded the Board that due to the Order issued by Governor Pritzker tonight's meeting can be held remotely, in accordance with Public Act 101-0640. The order will remain in effect until April 29, 2023. President Pickett also reported that Governor Pritzker's Emergency Order and Proclamation will continue until May 11, 2023 after which time remote attendance will only be allowed under urgent circumstances and approved by the board in advance of the participation. [Clerk's Note: Municipal Code 1-5-4 D. 2. A. et. seq. sets for the procedure whereby a member of the board will be allowed to attend a meeting by "telephonic means"].

President Pickett asked for a motion to amend the agenda for tonight's meeting in order to advance **PUBLIC COMMENT** in order to allow the residents attending the meeting to voice their opinions of the passage of ORDINACE 2023-4 (Public Storage facility). Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee Harney to approve the amendment of the agenda and on a voice vote the motion was unanimously approved.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **Kelly Thomas** – expressed her appreciation of the due diligence demonstrated by the Planning & Zoning Commission in the investigation and analysis of the request for a Special Use allowance for the construction of the self-storage facility. She urged the Board to vote no on the issue of allowing the construction.
- **Rich English** – requested additional soil to be added to the baseball diamond in Sabatino Park to prevent the pooling of rainwater. He also suggested that the vegetation surrounding Lake Sharon to be cut back so that residents wanting to fish during the 4th of July fishing derby would have better access to the lake.
- **Bill Hof** – on behalf of the Sleepy Hollow Beautification Committee reported that the group has scheduled its spring cleanup for April 22, 2023 from 9-1:00 pm.
- **Brett Wilson** – expressed his opinion that the installation of a self-storage facility was not the best revenue generating activity for the Village and urged the Board to vote no. He suggested, based on reported neighborhood revenues, that the installation of a cannabis dispensary would result in more money for Sleepy Hollow.

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CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Barbara Dettmer, Village Code Official, presented the Finding of Fact and Recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission regarding the Petition for Special Use for an indoor storage facility at 1601. W. Main Street. Conrad Ryback, the party making the request, attended the meeting via telephone. Mrs. Dettmer confirmed for the record that Mr. Ryback could hear both the Board's and public's comments on the subject. After review and discussion of the conditions set forth in the Petition, Mrs. Dettmer reported that the P&Z Commission declined to recommend approval of the request. The Recommendation of the P&Z Commission is advisory only and is not binding on the Board.

ATTORNEY

The Village Attorney Mark Schuster had prepared a draft **ORDINANCE 2023-4 - AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE TO ALLOW FOR A STORAGE FACILITY OF SELF-SERVICE STORAGE UNITS AT 1601 WEST MAIN STREET IN THE B-2 VILLAGE BUSINESS DISTRICT IN THE VILLAGE** a copy of which had been included in the agenda packet for tonight's meeting. After discussion and revision of various conditions noted during the report of the Planning & Zoning Commission, Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee Thorne to approved ORDINANCE 2023-4 and on a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, DeAtley and Thorne voting aye and with Trustee Piraino and Nemec voting nay, the vote was 3-2 and President Pickett announced the motion had failed.

ENGINEER

Jeffrey Steele, Village Engineer, asked for approval of the Engineering Proposal to solicit bids and construction engineering inspection for Hillcrest water-main replacement project. The anticipated opening date for bids is 12/2023. Trustee Piraino moved with a second by Trustee Nemec to authorize the Village President and Village Clerk to execute the agreement as presented and on a vote with all trustees voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Thorne moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to approve the accounts payable of March 20, 2023 for \$88,083.35. Pursuant to a roll call vote with Trustee DeAtley, Thorne, Nemec, Harney and Piraino voting aye and with no nay votes, the motion passed.

PARKS, ROADS, AND STREETS

Trustee Harney reported on flooding along Sleepy Hollow rain during the recent rains and indicated that a swale needs to be constructed to control the flow off of Crane Court. He further reported that before construction to rebuild Sabatino Park, the Village needed dry weather so that the ground would dry and allow work to begin. Recently vandals damaged an area on Laurel Court that was recently re-graded by Public Work. The Police Department are investigating this incident. Trustee Harney asked DPW Killinger to report on the amount of road salt that the Village was obligated to purchase. Per the contract the Village is required to buy another one hundred tons of salt - 80% of 700 tons (560 tons) .

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FINANCE

DOF Eugene Vann provided an update on the contract negotiations with the police union. The last remaining item is an agreement on salaries.

WATER AND SEWER

Trustee Nemec moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to authorize the Village Engineer to solicit bids for the Hillcrest water-main replacement project . On a roll call vote with Trustee Harney, Nemec, Piraino, Thorne and DeAtley voting aye with no nay votes the motion passed.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chief Parma asked for authority to extend a conditional offer of part time patrol officer employment to Irvin Peterson. Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee to approve the request. On a roll call vote with Trustee Nemec, Piraino, Harney, DeAtley and Thorne voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

Trustee Thorne move with a second by Trustee Nemec to approve **RESOLUTION 550 A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE METROPOLITAN MAYOR'S CAUSUS GREENEST REGION COMPANY** and on a voice vote with all trustees voting aye and with no nay vote the motion To approve RESULTION 550 passed. The Resolution is without cost to the Village and will serve to promote environmental stewardship from energy efficiency, water conservation, urban forestry, and partnership on Clean Air Counts.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Nemec moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to approve **ORDINANCE 2023-3 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE IN THE VILLAGE, REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF WATER METERS FOR CERTAIN USERS, AND AUTHORIZING FUTURE ADJUSTMENTS TO CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES TO BE MADE BY THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES IN THE VILLAGE.** On a roll call vote with Trustee Thorne, Harney, DeAtley, Piraino and Nemec voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to approve **ORDINANCE 2023-3** was approved.

President Pickett asked the Board to consider a request by the Sleepy Hollow Service Club to allow the construction and use of planting boxes in the Village Community Garden. Since the garden is on community property and since planting boxes constituted "structures" as defined in the Village Board, Kane County will allow the construction upon the application of a permit so long as the boxes are available to all residents on a "first come/first serve" basis. Trustee Nemec moved with a second by Trustee DeAtley to allow the construction and use of planting boxes in the Village Community garden and upon a voice vote will all trustees voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

None

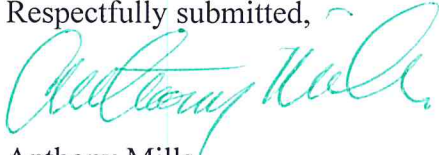
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ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to address, Trustee Nemec moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m. On a voice vote with Trustee Nemec, Piraino, Thorne, DeAtley and Harney voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Mills
Village Clerk