

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2024

The Regular Business meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Board of Trustees 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 Village Clerk to call the roll of trustees. Trustees Mark Thorne, Steven DeAtley, Edward P. Harney, Kelly Thomas and Jennifer McGuire attended in person. Trustee Courtney Boe was not present at the start of the meeting. Police Chief Samuel Parma and Village Clerk Anthony Mills attended the meeting in person. Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Jeffrey Steele, Director of Public Works Kyle Killinger, and Village Code Official Barbara Dettmer did not attend the meeting.

Trustee Courtney Boe had requested permission to attend the meeting via (telephone/Zoom) due to personal illness. Her request was timely under section 1-5-4 of the Village of Sleepy Hollow Village Code. Pursuant to section 1-5-4(D)2., President Pickett asked for a motion to allow Trustee Boe to attend via (telephone/Zoom) and in response thereto, Trustee Thorne moved with a second by Trustee McGuire to permit Trustee Boe to attend via (telephone/Zoom) and on a voice vote with Trustee DeAtley, Harney, Thomas, Thorne and McGuire voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

Trustee Boe did not attend the meeting.

MINUTES

Trustee DeAtley moved with a second by Trustee Harney to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024 and on a voice vote with Trustees DeAtley, Thorne, Harney, McGuire and Thomas voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed and the Minutes of 1-2-2024 were approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pickett read aloud the Illinois Municipal League Civility Pledge which has been adopted by the Village of Sleepy Hollow. The pledge states:

In the interest of civility, I pledge to promote civility in listening, being respectful of others, acknowledging that we are all striving to support and improve our community and understanding that we each have different ideas for achieving that objective.

President Pickett reported that he received correspondence from the Director of Public Works, Kyle Killinger, reporting that during the recent snow storm the new public works employee knocked down numerous mail boxes, operated the Village snow plow at speeds in excess of Village speed limits, and failed to properly clear Village roadways. As a result of this performance the employee was terminated.

CLERK

No report

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

No report

ATTORNEY

No report

ENGINEER

President Pickett received a note from the Village Engineer stating that he will be presenting a rough cost estimate for the 2024 Sleepy Hollow Road Program at the meeting scheduled for 2-5-2024.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Trustee Thorne moved with a second by Trustee Thomas to approve the Warrants of 1-16-2024 in the amount of \$121,623.09 and with Trustees DeAtley, Thomas, Thorne, Harney and McGuire voting aye and with no nay votes the motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- **John Florance** on behalf of the Sleepy Hollow Service Club announced that the Club will be holding an informal dinner at the Bleu Root restaurant on 1-27-2024. While this is not a fund raising event, the cost is \$45.00 per person and there will be a cash bar for those so inclined.
- **Bill Kennelly** complimented Public Works on the clearing of the roadway near his residence noting that the sound of the plow truck at such an early hour was a very comforting sound.

PARKS, ROADS, AND STREETS

Trustee Harney complimented Public Works for their very early morning efforts to clear the Village roadways. He also reported that the Village and Dundee Park District will be holding an outdoor music event – on July 9, 2024 and that he will be reporting more on this event in the future.

FINANCE

DOF Eugene Vann reported that the Village has listed the old printer/copier for sale at the starting bid price of \$10.00. So far no one within 250 miles of the Village has made an offer.

WATER AND SEWER

No report

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee DeAtley asked all Board members and residents to be neighborly and to check in on their neighbors to make sure that they have heat and are tolerating the extremely cold temps. Chief Parma offered to hold a town hall meeting to address and correct recent negative and incorrect social media postings. It was the consensus of the Board to accept Chief Parma's offer.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

No report

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

Trustee Thomas thanked PW for their efforts to clear the snow from Village roadways. She also advised that any resident who is having issues with the roads and cul-de-sacs to give her a call.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

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With no further business to address, Trustee McGuire moved with a second from Trustee DeAtley to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. On a voice vote with Trustees Thorne, DeAtley, McGuire, Harney and Thomas voting aye and with no nay votes the motion to adjourn passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mills, Deputy Clerk

Anthony Mills
Village Clerk