

**Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Village of Sleepy Hollow**

A work session of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Sleepy Hollow was held on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026 at 7:00pm at Sleepy Hollow Village Hall 28 Beekman Ave., Sleepy Hollow, N.Y.

Present: Mayor Marjorie Hsu
Deputy Mayor, Lauren Connell
Patrick Sheeran
Jared Rodriguez
Jim Husselbee
Cory Krall
Jairo Triguero Trustees

Also Present: Anthony Giaccio, Village Administrator
Sean McCarthy, Village Architect
Anthony Bueti, Police Chief

Mayor Hsu called the work session to order at 7:00pm.

PRESENTATION ON THE STRAND: Louis Gruber addressed the Board. Mr. Gruber recently purchased the old “Strand” building located at 80 Beekman Avenue for the purpose of creating a cinema and performance space. There is a New York Forward grant that will help subsidize the project and fundraising is on-going. Mr. Gruber provided a handout that also included a timeline for the project. The Board had several questions and comments, but in general were excited about the project.

SUSTAINABLE SLEEPY HOLLOW/GAS LEAF BLOWER BAN: Char Weigel and Kirsten Bourne of Sustainable Sleepy Hollow addressed the Board on two matters. The first was to propose a total ban on gas-powered leaf blowers. An informational handout that summarized the negative impact that gas-powered leaf blowers have on the environment was provided. The next step is to set a public hearing on the matter. The Board was in favor of doing this at the next Board meeting. The second item discussed was the recently completed Food Scrap Study that was done as a joint project with 6 other Villages. Sustainable Sleepy Hollow is not yet ready to provide comments on the study, but will have recommendations in the near future.

ARTS AND PLACEMAKING: Christina Noelle of Lovely Calamity and Fay Serafica of the Arts and Placemaking Committee addressed the Board. Ms. Noelle gave a power point presentation on a proposed event entitled Romeo y Julieta. The event would be a free production of William Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet, performed entirely in Spanish. It would take place sometime in August at Barnhart Park. The Board was asked to help finance the production at a costs of \$9,650. The Board was not yet ready to approve this expenditure, but did suggest other funding sources like the newly formed Friends of Sleepy Hollow as well as grant opportunities. Mr. Giaccio will talk to the treasurer to see if there are any funds available in this year’s budget.

AWARD BID FOR VALLEY STREET DRAINAGE PROJECT: Mr. Giaccio said that bids were received for the Valley Street Drainage Project. Peter J. Landi, Inc. was been identified as the low bidder with a bid amount of \$250,950.00. The bid was reviewed by the Westchester County Planning Department and Dolph Rotfeld Engineering who determined it to be acceptable. The project will be funded through a Community Development Block Grant with matching funds coming from the Village's capital budget. This item will be approved at the next Board meeting.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT FINE SCHEDULE: The Board continued its discussion on proposed increases to the Building Department's fine schedule. Building Inspector, Sean McCarthy joined the discussion. The Board will try and agree on the proposed changes by the end of February, which will be in time to be included in next year's budget.

APPROVE OCEAN FIRST AS AN OFFICAL DEPOSITORY: A request was made by the Treasurer to add the Ocean First Bank to the list of approved depositories for the Village to take advantage of better interest rates. The Board was in favor of approving this request.

NORTH EAST INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT: The Board reviewed a draft inter-agency agreement between the Village and North East Recreation. North East Recreation is a non-profit consortium made up of twelve municipalities that provide recreation for individuals with special needs. The Village's recreation department does not have the resources to provide this service on its own. Sleepy Hollow has been a member of this consortium for many years. The Board was in favor of approving this renewal agreement at a total annual cost of \$9,171.03.

NEW BUSINESS: Trustee Rodriguez asked for an update from Public Works, Superintendent Kevin Smith on lighting. Deputy Mayor Connell said that there is a need to complete a traffic study prior to opening up the new streets at the East Parcel.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion made by Trustee Rodriguez and seconded by Deputy Mayor Connell, and carried unanimously, the Board moved into executive session.

On a motion made by Deputy Mayor, Connell and seconded by Trustee Rodriguez and carried unanimously, the Board moved out of executive session.

At 8:45 p.m. the work session was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Giaccio
Village Administrator