

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 1994

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were President Shields; Trustees Fuqua, Harney, Johnson (9:25 p.m.), Roberts, and Tennis; Treasurer Panning; Police Chief Montalbano; Police Corp. Childs; and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

1. The regular minutes of July 18, 1994 should be amended on page 4 under Finance to read as follows: "...money for the land for the bike/pedestrian right of way." TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES AS MODIFIED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
2. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF JULY 18, 1994. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PRESIDENT:

1. There have been resident complaints again about the sewer shed smell on Locust. The filters are replaced every six months.

CLERK:

1. The Salvation Army has requested permission to place Christmas kettles in stores located in the village. We will give village approval to ask store owners permission.
2. Nancy Johnson will be taking minutes at the next board meeting.
3. The Saddle Club entrance lights are still not working.
4. The fire station is available for our board meetings through the end of the year.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

No report.

TREASURER:

1. Add to the warrants \$1,570 for the two trailers and \$4,348 for Central Management Services. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,057. AYE: TENNIS, ROBERTS, FUQUA, HARNEY. MOTION PASSED. Trustee Tennis asked about the cable negotiations; President Shields responded that negotiations are in process and we expect to recover in excess of the costs we are expending.
2. The treasurer prepared a "funding work sheet, project funds" analysis concerning the water projects and various fund options

available to the village. The treasurer and trustees discussed this information. No decision was made at this time on what work to start.

3. Changes to the personnel policy manual will be discussed at the next meeting as the trustees did not review these changes in advance of this meeting.

4. There is a problem with hooking up the phones for the trailers. We can pay a premium (approx. \$900) and have the work done this week or wait about two weeks and save about \$300.

Electric is hooked up and sewer just needs to be connected. The trustees felt we should wait for the less costly phone installation if possible. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE TREASURER TO EXPEND UP TO \$900 FOR PHONE INSTALLATION IN THE TRAILERS SOONER IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY.

AYE: TENNIS, HARNEY, FUQUA, ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED.

5. Both Ron and Ellen will be on vacation at the time of the next board meeting.

6. Ellen Volkening recently received her certification as a certified Illinois municipal treasurer. A letter of congratulations will be sent by the President.

7. The trailers will need some type of skirting around the bottoms during the colder months. It is very costly and the board recommended we use hay bales with plastic instead.

8. The grant application we submitted for the ADA work exceeds a \$25,000 limit to avoid an audit. We would therefore be subject to a \$5,000 mandatory fee for a "governmental audit" of our application.

#### ROADS & PARKS:

1. The shoulders have been mowed along Timber Drive.

2. A resident called to complaint about the height of the grass in Saddle Club Park. Trustee Fuqua looked at the park and found the height quite acceptable and was told by Art that it is cut weekly.

3. The ditch work in Deer Creek will be put out to bid. FUQUA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO GO OUT TO BID ON THIS PROJECT WITH A BID OPENING OF SEPTEMBER 1ST AT 2:00 P.M. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. Windsor has already given us the money for this project.

4. Trustees Fuqua and Roberts and President Shields attended a meeting with Target officials. The pavement markings will be changed by the bike path and this will hopefully alleviate recent problems of cars driving down the bike path. The barricades there will be replaced with different barricades. The vegetation will also be cut down where the bike path enters the road.

5. The leak detection service has found water leaks at Timber and Crane. Art would like to have Rieke do the work. The board decided to hold off on the work for the Timber leak at this time.

#### FINANCE:

1. There has been no further word from West Dundee on the Route 72/Sleepy Hollow Road improvements. Trustee Fuqua will contact them.

2. Resident Joe Prang has had his mailbox vandalized several times and would like to offer a \$100 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person responsible.

WATER:

No report.

POLICE:

No report.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. Received two proposals from beaver trappers. The cost is ~~\$350 to set up each site, with a cost of \$250 per trap~~ <sup>to Kill trap</sup>; 4-6 per site are recommended. The cost for each beaver caught is an additional cost of \$150-200 each. It was estimated that it would cost about \$4,000 for both sites in the village where beavers are located. Live trapping is more expensive (an additional \$1,800). This would probably be an on-going expense. The possible septic contamination is a problem but more concern was expressed for flooding potential if the dams break during a storm. A decision was delayed until after open to the public.

2. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ROBERTS TO SPEND UP TO \$4,600 FOR THREE SEWER PUMPS. AYE: HARNEY, ROBERTS, FUQUA, TENNIS.

MOTION PASSED.

3. Trustee Harney sent a letter to Bob Antic concerning his sewer hook up to the Village. In reviewing the costs, she feels \$10,600 is a fair amount and broke down the costs involved. Trustee Roberts also noted that the ordinance states that hook up to the Village is mandatory if a permit is required for the sewer repairs.

4. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ROBERTS TO SPEND UP TO \$1,200 FOR A DRUM OF CARBON FROM CALGON CORPORATION FOR THE SEWER SHED. AYE: HARNEY, ROBERTS, FUQUA, TENNIS. MOTION PASSED.

5. Architect John Roberson has received three quotes for the asbestos work. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ROBERTS TO ACCEPT THE LOWEST BID RECEIVED FOR THE ASBESTOS WORK, NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000. AYE: HARNEY, ROBERTS, FUQUA, TENNIS. MOTION PASSED. It is a state law that site specific specifications must be prepared for this work. It will cost approximately \$850. It was suggested Trustee Harney contact our engineers for recommendations of a company to prepare these specifications. The monitoring fee for this project is already included in our budget.

6. The smell in the sewer shed area is back. The shed has been tested and is functioning properly so it is assumed the odor is coming from the manholes from the West Dundee exchange point. Our engineer has given us information on a product called "Sweetstreet" which fits underneath the manhole cover and filters the smell. This does not to be replaced every six months or so. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO SPEND UP TO \$800 TO PURCHASE THIS PRODUCT TO FILTER THE SMELL. It was felt this should be discussed with West Dundee first and that we get references from this company on successful users of this product. Roberts recommended we table this matter until these items are addressed.

7. There were no comments from the board concerning the suggestion for an ordinance controlling credit given on the sewer part of the utility billing. This will be referred to the village attorney for preparation of a draft ordinance.

\*\*\*\*\* OPEN TO THE PUBLIC \*\*\*\*\*

1. Cynthia Barber discussed the stray cat situation in the village. She feels village officials and the police have not taken the stray cats seriously. A stray kitten she brought to the police recently escaped. She said the police chief would not put out a trap to catch the kitten. She feels the Chief is not performing his duties concerning animals as noted in village ordinance. She said the Chief brought a conservation officer to her home to tell her it was illegal to trap animals. She said she was reported by the police to the post office for putting flyers in mailboxes, which she denies doing, and received a bill from the post office. She feels she is being harassed by the entire police department because of this situation. Trustee Fuqua stated that she incorrectly quoted village officials in a newspaper article concerning this matter and said he personally found one of her flyers inside his mailbox. TRUSTEE TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY THAT THE ENTIRE MATTER BE REFERRED TO THE POLICE COMMITTEE.

President Shields feels that the cats themselves are minor compared to her charges of police harassment. He agrees this is a matter for the police committee and will discuss the matter with our village attorney and proceed. Joe Barber also feels his wife has been harassed. President Shields noted that during the period in late July when the cat situation started, the board was faced with several critical items that took precedence over the a lost stray kitten.

2. Janet Vandewalker said she was also told by the police that it was illegal for her to trap strays. She checked elsewhere and found that it is not illegal and would like to know if it is or is not illegal to trap and why the police are saying it's against the law if it isn't. Trustee Harney said the cage was broken when the cats escaped but that it has been fixed.

3. Chief Montalbano said that over the last six months they have taken in approximately 23 dogs and 16 cats, all but three which have been returned to their owners or sent to Save-A-Pet. Those three escaped. He will not set traps around the Village Hall because there is no way to prevent wild animals from being trapped, rather than a cat. He said it is not illegal to trap domestic cats on your own property and that he told Mrs. Barber that fact.

ON THE ABOVE MOTION: AYE: TENNIS, HARNEY, FUQUA, ROBERTS. MOTION PASSED. All parties will be advised if they will be required to appear at the police committee meeting.

4. Jim Mertz of Sycamore spoke on behalf of several residents concerned with a number of Target issues. He presented the Board with a list of problems to be addressed. Those items include (a) the cars ignoring the "no turn" signs entering and exiting from Locust; (b) the cars using the bike path to make right turns into Target; (c) speeding cars on Locust; (d) truck traffic using Locust to enter the store, including Target semi-trucks; (e) the lighting on the west side of the building that shines into Sleepy Hollow resident homes. He then passed around a photo album of pictures taken of cars violating the no turn signs. (Trustee Johnson arrives)

5. Mary Jean and John Kedzior of Hillcrest are concerned about the bike path location next to the road and the shabby way it looks. She feels there is a real safety issue with the bike path. They also feel the landscaping is far short of what was

promised and the height of the berm is not what was promised. The police chief said they have been issuing citations at the Target location for turning violations.

6. Jim Mertz complimented the police handling of the Target vehicle violators to date. Trustee Fuqua suggested we give the striping on the bike path a chance to see if it alleviates the problem. President Shields has personally observed many people disobey the no turn signs. He told Chief Montalbano to have an officer sit in the Locust/Target area on Friday evenings, and for eight hours on Saturdays and Sundays. The Chief said he is short staffed right now and does not have the manpower at this time; there are times when there is only one officer on duty on a shift. The President then directed the Chief to get someone out there, even if the Chief had to do it himself.

7. Tony Messina of Locust complained about the look of the bike path and the lack of landscaping just south of Target. He was told we have no control over that area.

8. Another resident at 770 Locust complained about the standing water on the road/bike path area when it rains.

9. President Shields asked the police chief to keep him advised on the number of citations issued at the Target area.

10. Evelyn Grom spoke about the beaver problem and alternate options. She would like the Board to first consider less expensive and more humane options to the problem. The Board again discussed the problems if we ignore the beavers and there is flooding or septic contamination. It was suggested we find someone who has successfully implemented a pipe through the dam. Trustee Harney will research further on the pipes.

11. Mrs. VandeWalker, who talked earlier about stray cats, said she has not experienced any other problems with strays; in fact another stray she found was picked up by the police with no problem.

12. Resident Sherry Bills spoke in support of the police, noting she has never had a problem with the police and stray animals and that she has called them to pick up strays. She also asked about dead limbs that fall on Sleepy Hollow Road and was told to call the Village Hall and that public works will pick up those laying on the road.

13. Andy Rysewyk of Willow Lane asked about his bond we are holding concerning the grass seed planted in his swales. This matter was discussed last fall and was to be approved by our engineer this spring before we would release his bond. Trustee Roberts will talk to our engineer concerning approval and return of his bond if okay.

#### HEALTH & SANITATION: (continued)

1. Linda Nemic talked about playground equipment for Sabatino Park and recommended Robert Leathers & Associates, architects who plan playgrounds, usually costing \$35,000 and higher. We would then obtain donations and volunteers. President Shields noted that Leathers charges a fee of \$45,000 for his services; Linda heard the fee starts at \$18,000. Trustee Johnson suggested we purchase equipment with the money we have budgeted and Linda can raise funds and add to the equipment. Linda will contact those mothers whose children "tested" NuToys equipment at several parks, she does not feel the equipment chosen is appropriate for the age group for which it is intended. Trustee Harney reminded

the Board that the Cardunal Chamber may be willing to donate money for park equipment also. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM FUQUA TO PURCHASE THE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AS PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED AND REVISED.

TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ROBERTS TO TABLE THIS MOTION.  
AYE: TENNIS, ROBERTS, HARNEY. NO: FUQUA, JOHNSON. MOTION PASSED.

2. President Shields requested the purchase of two benches for Sabatino Park from the NuToys catalog totalling about \$800.  
HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM FUQUA TO PURCHASE TWO SIX FOOT BENCHES WITH BACKS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$900. AYE: HARNEY, FUQUA, JOHNSON, ROBERTS, TENNIS. MOTION PASSED.

BUILDING:

1. The Bluffs house with the fencing violation has been issued a building permit for work to start in four to six weeks, after the fence is taken down.

OLD BUSINESS:

No business.

NEW BUSINESS:

No business.

FUQUA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:30 P.M. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,

*Norine Olson*

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Village Clerk