

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

JANUARY 3, 1995

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were President Shields; Trustees Harney, Johnson, Roberts, Tennis, and Williams; Treasurer Panning; Police Sgt. Childs; and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

1. The regular minutes of December 19, 1994 should be amended on page 2 under President, #7, as follows: "Trustee Tennis felt it was too early to be looking at this until grant application information is received and evaluated and ...". TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 19, 1994 REGULAR MINUTES AS MODIFIED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH JOHNSON ABSTAINING.
2. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 1994 AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH JOHNSON ABSTAINING.

PRESIDENT:

1. A letter from the census department was given to Trustee Roberts.
2. The DuKane Valley Council has prepared a legislative agenda and "position paper". President Shields has prepared a letter agreeing to most of their positions on various issues. He disagrees with the positions on the municipal bonding authority and liberalizing the tax cap. Trustee Tennis does not feel the bonding authority limit is objectionable to us. Trustee Harney will be our village representative on this Council.
3. President Shields received a letter from Save-A-Pet stating their intention to possibly terminate our contract with them since we have altered our animal ordinance in violation of this contract. Trustee Williams will contact the director of this organization to discuss the matter. In the meantime, we should look into alternatives for disposing of stray animals; possibly Anderson Animal Shelter or Kane County.

CLERK:

1. Pursuant to revised state statutes, we must have a roll call vote to close all meetings, effective January 1, 1995.
2. Wayne Kashub has volunteered to again farm the property south of the Headless Horseman Stable and sent a check for the year for \$600.49. ROBERTS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO ALLOW MR. KASHUB TO EXTEND THE LEASE FOR ONE YEAR AT THE RATE OF \$600.49. AYE: ROBERTS, TENNIS, HARNEY, JOHNSON, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
3. DuKane Valley Council is holding a transportation plan meeting on January 18, 1995.
4. Please give Clerk articles for the upcoming newsletter; I will try to make it more comprehensive. The newsletter will also be delayed until after trustee candidates have filed their petitions (last day to file is ^{Monday} Friday, Jan. 20) in order to include personal paragraphs on each candidate.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

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No report.

ZONING BOARD:
No report.

ATTORNEY:
No report.

ENGINEER:
A letter has been sent to the Kane County Health Department asking them to take over septic inspections for the village since Ray Glass will not be returning as sanitarian.

TREASURER:

1. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ROBERTS TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,546.44. AYE: TENNIS, ROBERTS, HARNEY, JOHNSON, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

2. Received the final figures for furniture for the village hall. The cost for modesty panels is higher than anticipated and will be further researched. A decision to reupholster the orange chairs is being delayed due to the cost being only slightly less than purchasing new chairs. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM JOHNSON TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE OF THE FURNITURE AS PRESENTED IN HIS MEMO OF 12/29/94 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,551. AYE: TENNIS, JOHNSON, HARNEY, ROBERTS, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

3. The electrical work by Illinois Bell is estimated much higher than anticipated. The total cost for electrical work is estimated at about \$4,250. Treasurer Panning was directed to obtain other price quotes. He should also ask if they can run the wires on the same poles back to the village hall. A phone vote by trustees can be done if necessary before the next meeting so we don't delay this any longer than necessary.

4. We have not yet received the grant money on the village hall renovations. We have one more step in the state process; receiving signed verification from the contractor that all wages meet state wage rates. There is some question if we will obtain this information.

5. Discussed the water increase to residents. Elgin recently increased our rates. We currently bill at \$3.20/thousand gallons which will be increased to \$3.45/thousand gallons. Hydrant fees will also be increased from \$8 to \$8.60 per month. These rates will need to be reviewed again next year. This increase will also allow us to cover water loss due to main breaks, fires, etc. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM JOHNSON TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 95-1 ENTITLED AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-3-7B.2b AND SECTION 6-3-9B.1, OF TITLE 6, CHAPTER 3, TITLED VILLAGE WATER AND SEWER, OF THE VILLAGE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1995. AYE: TENNIS, JOHNSON, HARNEY, ROBERTS, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

6. An increase in vehicle stickers from \$¹⁵~~8~~¹⁰ to \$~~10~~¹⁵ was discussed. This increase had originally been proposed during budget discussions to cover the increased police salaries. Due to police personnel changes and being currently well under budget, we do not anticipate needing the revenue from increased sticker prices. It was therefore felt that we should not increase

vehicle stickers since the intent to do so is no longer there but Treasurer Panning was asked to find out the vehicle sticker rates in the surrounding communities for the next meeting. A lesser increase may be appropriate to help maintain the roads.

7. We must have a \$60,000 permit bond for the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority for the water main construction. The cost of this bond is \$600 per year and is required for five years.

TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM JOHNSON TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO CONTRACT FOR THE TOLL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY PERMIT BOND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$600 WITH THE MARKET FINANCIAL GROUP OF CRYSTAL LAKE (OHIO CASUALTY COMPANY IS CARRIER). AYE: TENNIS, JOHNSON, HARNEY, ROBERTS, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

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

1. Richard Korbet of Stevens Court has a problem with an ice build up on his drainage swale. This is for the drainage of storm water, but water is coming from other sources at intervals throughout the day and causing the large build up of ice during the cold weather. Some construction was done on a neighbor's property which may be contributing as well as a multi flow system installed nearby. It is not village responsibility to keep this clear; Trustee Fuqua may have a suggestion to alleviate the problem. Trustee Harney will have the multi flow system of the neighbor checked to see if this could be contributing to the problem.

2. Cynthia Barber of Sycamore said the village minutes from a meeting in November were incorrect; they were correct as reported, she is disputing a statement that was made by a trustee in those minutes. Ms. Barber said we are to turn all animals over to Save-A-Pet (SAP) according to the contract. She disputes that the cats put to sleep were injured. She also disputes the number of cats turned into the police (20) and the number forwarded on to SAP (7); she said four are unaccounted for. She asked why the two "healthy" cats were put to sleep. Trustee Williams disputed that they were healthy as the veterinarians did not state that in their report. She said those cats should have been taken to SAP according to the contract. She feels she has not been given answers to her questions.

3. Don Rage reported on several issues before the County Board. He told the Board that Com Ed has received a recommendation to install the wires west of our village. The tollway interchange has been approved with the exit about 500 feet further south of the current exit ramp. The Board requested a copy of this plan. The current exit will be used as a road when the property there is commercially developed. The Randall Road widening is waiting for easements from property owners along the road. We also requested a copy of these plans and to be kept updated on this project. The County is taking over village septic inspections. As a resident, Don asked about new village street signs and was told they are planned for this year. He also commented on the unsightly view of items piled behind the village hall. We hope to construct a housing unit for these items in the future but feel public works should do a little "house cleaning" around this area. Don also hoped we would not again reduce the tax levy this year in light of the tax cap situation.

4. Tom Merkel of Thorobred Lane expressed his concern about the committee to discuss the park/baseball situation and was assured by President Shields that he would be included in the discussion.

5. Sal Eraci of Thorobred Lane thanked the Board for installation of the pipe to help with the beaver situation. He stated that the beavers are working on destroying many very large trees, however. Art may be installing an additional pipe in the area to improve the situation more. Mr. Eraci also thought that it was previously agreed the park was not going to be open to private sports groups and was told this issue is being reexamined. He also asked about a developer who had expressed interest in developing the property by the chateau buildings.

6. Gloria Mrowicz of Beau Brummel asked about the two stone planters that used to be at the corner of Sleepy Hollow Road and Beau Brummel. The planters were in disrepair and outdated and were torn down. President Shields suggested Gloria submit her ideas for some type of beautification replacement for that intersection.

ROADS & PARKS:

No report.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER:

No report.

POLICE:

1. The Illinois Police Pension Fund was again discussed. The Finance Committee discussed this at their last meeting; the total liability for five full time officers would be \$326,209 for past service costs; the tax levy required would be \$22,693 annually to meet current obligations plus \$10,918 annually for 39 years or a total annual cost to the village of about \$33,611. It was noted that the yearly cost would be about \$33 per resident household. It was felt this is still too high for the village to undertake at this point in time. There was also concern that this does not consider the other full time employees of the village. It was decided to consider enriching the current 457 plan for all employees during the upcoming budget meetings.

2. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ROBERTS TO PURCHASE A CHEVROLET CAPRICE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$14,761.40, TO BE DELIVERED AFTER MAY 1, 1995. AYE: WILLIAMS, ROBERTS, HARNEY, JOHNSON, TENNIS. MOTION PASSED.

3. Trustee Roberts asked if the police had any policy on checking license plates. Sgt. Childs responded that this is done randomly at each officer's discretion.

4. The banning of all trucks on Sleepy Hollow Road was discussed. Our attorney should be directed to research the legality of this issue and prepare the necessary documents to pursue this matter.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ROBERTS TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF UP TO TEN PUMPS AS NEEDED FOR THE REST OF THE FISCAL YEAR FROM LIQUID WASTE SYSTEMS SEWER PUMPS, AT A COST NOT TO

EXCEED \$15,500. AYE: HARNEY, ROBERTS, JOHNSON, TENNIS, WILLIAMS.
MOTION PASSED.

BUILDING:

1. There is no progress on the Chateau buildings matter, although a demolition company is preparing a demolition bid.
2. ROBERTS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO RENEW THE PEST CONTROL SERVICE WITH MIDWEST PEST CONTROL AT A COST OF \$35 PER APPLICATION BASED ON OUR CURRENT CONTRACT. AYE: ROBERTS, HARNEY, JOHNSON, TENNIS, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED. We should also get price quotes on the termite problem.
3. We will be issuing two permits for Deer Creek this week which leaves four lots left. Two lots are by the creek; we should ask Windsor to work on the creek problem at the same time they do excavation work for the lots.
4. Trustee Roberts discussed the lot at Jamestowne and Joy which has been enlarged to make it buildable by shaving some land off the adjacent Deer Creek lot. This will mean the village will have to prepare a re-subdivision for Deer Creek.
5. We do not know at this time if Joe Prang will continue on as building inspector after the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. TCI Cable is requesting that we sign a 15 year exclusive agreement. The Board is against this idea. Although TCI has refused any proposals from the cable committee to settle this matter, the committee is apparently reluctant to sue TCI for back franchise fees owed the villages.

JOHNSON MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:10 P.M. AYE: JOHNSON, TENNIS, HARNEY, ROBERTS, WILLIAMS.
MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Olson

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Village Clerk