

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 4, 1996

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were President Shields; Trustees DeBolt, Fuqua, Harney, Johnson, Tennis, and Williams; Treasurer Panning; Police Chief Montalbano; Zoning Chairman Heffron; Attorney Schuster; Engineer Koenig; and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 21, 1996 REGULAR MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED. Clerk noted an error in the minutes. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO AMEND THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 1996 ON PAGE 2, #7, BY CORRECTING THE RESOLUTION NUMBER TO 254. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. The office has received calls from residents requesting an extension of time to dump tree limbs and brush on the burn pile due to the recent severe storms. It was noted that the burn pile is still smoldering from the Halloween bonfire and should be completely extinguished immediately. The Board agreed to allow dumping of tree limbs and brush only for the next two weeks, at which time we will again burn the pile to reduce it for the winter. The "no dumping" sign will then be put back in place and enforced by the police. The burn pile should also be completely extinguished again at that time.

CLERK:

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

Chairman Walt Heffron will be reviewing old records to determine the correct term appointments and expirations of zoning board members to update the clerk's board membership listings.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. FUQUA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 96-19 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE VARYING THE ATTACHED GARAGE REQUIREMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 35 W 342 ROUTE 72 IN THE VILLAGE. AYE: FUQUA, HARNEY, DEBOLT, JOHNSON, TENNIS, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

2. Attorney Schuster and Engineer Koenig met with a contractor who is taking over the completion of the water project. This new contractor is preparing a work schedule on the project. Some items will now have to be completed in the spring due to the colder weather.

3. The Metropolitan apartment buildings have been demolished. Because of this unanticipated, rapid demolition, the agreement signed between all parties is being modified to reflect this completion. The Village must also approve the demolition of the buildings. It was felt our building inspector or CMT would be able to review this demolition for approval.

ENGINEER:

1. Engineer noted his meeting with the new contractor for the water project completion. The new contractor was given Chuck Behm's name to contact about work along Boncosky.
2. Received a call from the front office concerning a building permit for property in the sewer district. Rob Roberts and Joel Koenig have the information on what is still available in sewer capacity.
3. Mr. Kolacny, owner of the old Chateau property, was present and was told to present any zoning requests to Walt Heffron who will also include the Plan Commission in this matter.

TREASURER:

1. Warrants. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM FUQUA TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,629.08. AYE: TENNIS, FUQUA, DEBOLT, HARNEY, JOHNSON, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. A meeting of the Finance Committee is tentatively set for November 10, 1976.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. The permanent part time employee has left for the winter.
2. The final MFT payment will be made of \$5,424.06.
3. The underdrain has been repaired at 920 and 922 Saratoga. President Shields suggested that Art "rake" out areas after repairs have been made and add black dirt to make it easier for the homeowners to re-finish the area.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER:

1. Trustee Williams will meet with Ron Panning, Art and Debbie to review water system efficiency, which is what we buy from Elgin versus what we charge to the resident.
2. We continue to receive complaints about the discolored water on the east side of the Village. After discussing this with CMT, the probable source of the problem is our lack of routine hydrant flushing. This should be scheduled to be done at least once a year. Trustee Williams does not feel these problems should be referred to the trustees, but should be handled directly by Public Works. *Trustee Harney believes there may already be a hydrant flushing program in place.*

POLICE:

1. Received a letter praising a part time officer in his enthusiasm and attitude in his training class.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. Discussed the dam/beaver problem behind 747 Hillcrest. This is a flood plain area and the resident must understand that the wet ground and standing water in his yard after rains are unavoidable and cannot be eliminated. The dam requiring repair is on Village property. The beavers have created a dam about 5' from the Village dam. The resident has been informed that it will do no good to destroy the beaver dam as they will immediately rebuild it. The homeowner has requested gravel for an eroded area by the dam. The Board is willing to put the gravel there, if they get access permission from the homeowner, although the work must wait until the ground is frozen to drive the truck to the back. Trustee Harney is waiting to hear back from the homeowner.

2. A resident has complained about the return of a sewer smell at her house. Trustee Harney said this has been an on-going problem for several years and it was felt that the homeowner's pipes or vents are causing the problem, not anything connected with the Village sewer system. As the homeowner disagrees, the Board suggested the homeowner have a licensed plumber inspect her home and certify that the problem is not in her home before the Village will take any steps to correct this problem.

BUILDING:

1. Trustee Johnson will ask our building inspector if he is comfortable inspecting the demolition of the Metropolitan buildings.
2. Trustee Johnson has information on properties on Willow Lane concerning hook up to the Village system.
3. There is a garage being built at 1517 Laurel Court which is too large to qualify for residential, and may require a zoning variance to proceed.
4. A garage is being built on Route 72 which does meet village code.
5. Dan Johnson informed the board that he will not be seeking re-election next spring.

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

1. A resident asked why the burn pile is still smoldering and was advised of the earlier discussion by the Board. He also asked what will be done with the ashes when the final burning is complete. The Board decided that those ashes should be disposed of.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Williams said he received a letter from a resident asking that the front office keep cash on hand to make change for residents paying their water bill with cash. Trustee Panning said there is a petty cash fund that can be used for that purpose.

TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:25 P.M. AYE: TENNIS, HARNEY, DEBOLT, FUQUA, JOHNSON, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Olson

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Village Clerk