

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

APRIL 7, 1997

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

MINUTES:

1. FUQUA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 1997 AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH TENNIS ABSTAINING.
2. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO ACCEPT THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 1997 AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH TENNIS ABSTAINING.

Clerk Olson thanked outgoing Trustees Fuqua, Johnson and Tennis for their years of service and presented each with a gift. President Shields noted that this Board has been the most productive board he has seen in his many years on the Village Board, and asked each outgoing trustee to highlight his accomplishments. Roads & Parks Trustee Dirk Fuqua noted the establishment of a five year road program which leaves only a few tar and chip roads left to be asphalted after this year. The parks are also in fairly good shape, with help from the boy scouts anticipated for future village projects. When Finance Trustee Mike Tennis started eight years ago, the village records were not auditable according to the auditors. He noted the large village projects completed over these two terms. He stated that the village saved money before starting the projects that were completed over the past eight years, saving money for the taxpayers by not having to borrow any money. We also reduced the village tax rate. Over the past eight years, Water and then Building Trustee Dan Johnson highlighted the board accomplishments of the Village Hall renovations, construction of the Public Works Building, the second water main connection, and the signing of a water contract with Elgin. Dan also encouraged the incoming trustees to work together for what is best for the Village and urged them not to let politics get in the way of that goal.

Trustees Richard Czerniawski, Thomas Merkel, and Joseph Nemec, President Robert Shields and Clerk Norine Olson were all sworn into their positions which expire in April, 2001.

PRESIDENT:

1. President Shields made trustee appointments: Roads & Parks: Bob DeBolt; Finance: Rich Czerniawski; Police: Tom Merkel; Health & Sanitation: Joe Nemec; Water: Dave Williams; Building: Sue Harney. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO APPROVE THE TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS OF THE PRESIDENT. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
2. President Shields made additional appointments: Chief of Police: James Montalbano; Treasurer, Budget Officer, and Director of Administrative Services: Ron Panning; Village Attorney: Mark Schuster; Prosecuting Attorney: Bruce David; Village Auditor: Mueller and Company. He is meeting with Steve Moulton of CMT and no engineer appointment was made at this time. Building Officer and Code Enforcement Officer: Joel Kruse; Building Inspector: Joe Prang. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPOINTMENTS. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

3. There have been resident questions about the cost of the yard waste stickers (appear to be higher than was stated on the new contract) and when we will get our free leaf pick up from Waste Management.

CLERK:

1. The salt storage bin bids will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on April 17. Trustee DeBolt will attend.  
2. The Cardinal Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a reception for elected and appointed village officials from all Cardinal area communities on April 16 at Floyd's. They are requesting \$125 from each village to help defray the cost of this event. We normally do not make any contributions but some board members felt this was good for community relations. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE OF \$125 FOR THE CARDINAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENT. AYE: DEBOLT, HARNEY, CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

PLAN COMMISSION:

Chairman Jim Markey said the committee had a meeting concerning the drawing on the division of the parcel at Route 72 and Sleepy Hollow Road, which has previously been approved by the Village Board. They will be having another meeting this month. President Shields noted that a resident mentioned that Crown Books may be interested in a parcel along Route 72, west of Locust.

ZONING BOARD:

1. Chairman Walt Heffron advised that he is putting the proposed amendments in ordinance form for review by the Village Attorney. Walt is hopeful the public hearing on this matter will be in May.  
2. Don Rage and a realtor expressed some interest in property outside the Village limits along Boncosky Road. There was apparently a misunderstanding as she was interested in the village purchasing this land and leaving it as vacant land, which is being done by Dundee Township, not our Village.  
3. Chairman Heffron asked if there were any more comments on the proposed zoning amendments. President Shields requested more restrictions on the use of tarps, which are currently in violation when used to cover cars. It should be in violation to cover any motorized vehicles, except motor homes and boats.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Schuster will amend our snowmobile ordinance to specifically state the only areas where snowmobiles are allowed in the Village, which are the parks and a two foot easement along the roads.  
2. There has been no additional feedback on the easement issue raised by resident Carol Grom. Trustee Harney stated that she will have additional information on this matter during her report.  
3. Received from West Dundee the signed Rider to the agreement on the vacant apartment property. Our next step is to disconnect the one acre parcel so West Dundee can annex it. Attorney Schuster briefly recapped this matter for the new trustees. There are no definite plans yet for the Sleepy Hollow parcels.  
4. There has been no further word on the settlement of the Lenz Oil super fund site.

5. Attorney Schuster and Engineer Koenig had a telephone conference with the Twin Sewer attorney concerning the timetable to complete the work on the second water main connection.

President Shields suggested that the new trustees review their department's budgets with Ron Panning.

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

1. Dan Johnson received a call from a Bluffs' resident concerning their plans for the entranceway landscaping. These plans should be given to the Plan Commission for review as quickly as possible. President Shields believes he has the plans and will forward same. Someone should also contact the Bluffs' resident on this matter.
2. Don Rage raised several issues: (a) he was concerned about our changes to the snowmobile ordinance and was assured it was only being clarified, not more restrictive; (b) a developer was interested in the property along Boncosky mentioned earlier by Walt Heffron. When they found we had only septic, they were no longer interested. He has asked Dundee Township to put this property on their open space purchase list; c) thanked the outgoing trustees for their assistance in working with him on the Kane County Board and stressed that we must work together with area villages. He said we may be able to obtain grant money to address the water problems in the Village; (d) Randall Road at both Saddle Club Parkway and Joy Lane will be full intersections.
3. Walt Heffron said he has enjoyed working with the outgoing trustees and wished the new trustees well. He questioned a recent legislative bill concerning impact fees which greatly limits the amount of donations from builders for schools and parks. Trustee Harney has read this bill and said it is very detrimental to municipalities. (She will give copies to all trustees.) She suggested we all write letters objecting to this bill. Mike Tennis suggested we include in our letter how this bill would specifically affect Sleepy Hollow.
4. Anne Schnaitmann has asked our Village Attorney to review the "realtor lead in signs" issue she raised at a recent board meeting.

ENGINEER:

1. We received four bids for the MFT work, the lowest which was Geske & Sons, Inc. We can do a few extra roads in addition to the base package of roads. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS TO NOTIFY GESKE & SONS, INC. AS THE LOWEST BIDDER FOR THE MFT ROAD WORK AND THAT STEVENS COURT AND GAIL LANE ARE TO BE DELETED FROM THE BID SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. The following roads are included in this project: Locust Drive, Hilltop Court and Hilltop Turnout. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE 1997 MFT PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$140,344.61. AYE: HARNEY, DEBOLT, CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. Engineer Koenig reviewed the Bluffs subdivision; there are a few small items to be completed before we will accept the subdivision. There was concern from Trustee Harney that trees had been planted in the retention pond in the Bluffs, but a Bluffs resident in attendance assured the Board that there are no trees in the retention basin itself.
3. The Randall Road widening plans were reviewed by the Engineer prior to this evening's meeting. These plans will be left in the Trustees' Office for further review by any trustees. Landscaping at the Saddle Club and Joy entrances will be disrupted. New culverts will be installed near the old ones. Our water mains along Randall may be affected as parts of them will be under the road shoulder. We may need to consider moving the water main, at our expense.

4. Engineer Koenig has received calls from an engineer and surveyor, one concerning a Route 72 parcel and one concerning the Dundee Properties parcel (apartments property).

TREASURER:

1. Add \$21,711.94 to the city of Elgin and \$32.00 to the U. S. Postal Service. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FOR APRIL 4, 1997 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,164.50. AYE: WILLIAMS, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.

2. Discussed Trustee Harney's request for \$24,000 from the parks donations fund to stabilize 500 feet along one of the stream banks. We are losing land along all the stream banks due to erosion, and she feels we will have a better chance of obtaining a grant for additional stabilization work if we start a program and show the project works. President Shields does not feel this is a parks project and that it would be improper to use these funds for this project. He also objects to the amount of money requested for such a small project. It was suggested Trustee Harney talk to our engineers on how to address this problem. She should also obtain the names of engineers who have expertise in this area and give these names to Trustee DeBolt since he is now the trustee for this area.

3. We are able to get a 5'x 5' wall map of an aerial photo of the Village for \$500. This would be hung in the meeting room. The Board would like some idea of what this map will include prior to purchase—does it have street names, etc. They would also like to know if this photographer has done any other area villages where we could look at their map. Trustee Harney will review and advise.

4. It was suggested we amend the budget construction line item to \$100,000 for water since we may have to move the water main and rework our vault as a result of the Randall Road widening.

5. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO APPROVE THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR FISCAL 1998. AYE: DEBOLT, CZERNIAWSKI, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

6. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 1997-98 BID FOR BULK ROCK SALT FOR THE VILLAGE. AYE: HARNEY, NEMEC, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

7. We have been advised by Kane County that the new property additions to the Village are less than anticipated and due to the Tax Extension Limitation Act, we will receive about \$600 less than anticipated.

8. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO INCREASE THE VILLAGE HALL PETTY CASH AND CASH DRAWER AMOUNTS TO \$100 EACH. AYE: WILLIAMS, DEBOLT, CZERNIAWSKI, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.

9. The Family Medical Leave Act will be discussed at the next meeting for possible adoption.

ROADS & PARKS:

No report.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER:

No report.

POLICE:

1. Quad Com will have a meeting April 10 to elect a new chairman for that organization.
2. The Service Club did not notify the Police Dept. of the Easter egg hunt on March 29 and they were unprepared for the crowds and for traffic control. It was suggested the Chief send a letter reminding them to advise the Police Dept. in advance of their events.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. Trustee Harney will prepare a formal letter from the Village opposing the legislation about impact fees discussed earlier in the meeting.
2. Dundee Township is having their annual meeting tomorrow night at the Rec Center. This would also be the time for the Police Chief to present the intergovernmental agreement between us and the Township concerning our monitoring of Sleepy Hollow Road and Boncosky Road outside our village limits.
3. The new street light pole has been ordered for Saddle Club and will be installed by Art when it is received.
4. Trustee Harney has a model ordinance for wetlands and stream protection which she would like to adapt to our Village needs and adopt. She will give a copy to all board members and our Village Attorney for review.

BUILDING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:00 P.M. AYE: WILLIAMS, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine D. Olson  
Village Clerk