

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MAY 19, 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, Harney, Merkel, Nemec, and Williams; Police Chief Montalbano; Treasurer Panning; and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

1. MERKEL MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR MINUTES OF MAY 5, 1997 AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH HARNEY ABSTAINING.

PRESIDENT:

1. Requested an executive session at the end of the meeting regarding personnel.
2. In an open area between a resident's house on Hemlock and the apartments, a very large willow tree is dead and could come down during a storm. The Board suggested we have Art Sunderlage take the tree down as quickly as possible.

CLERK:

1. Randy Gaitsch of Randy's Farm has asked about the annexation agreement conditions under which his property would revert back to being part of the city of Elgin. A neighboring farmer wants to connect to Elgin sewer and water through his property. The Board suggested Randy have his attorney look into the matter and prepare a contract on his behalf. Clerk will advise Randy.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

The public hearing on the proposed zoning amendments was held last Thursday night. The Zoning Board recommends that these amendments be adopted with the one exception that the proposed reduction to 13% lot coverage of residence and garage revert back to 15% to allow residents on smaller lots the extra area to build additions to their house or garage. Walt Heffron said that five residents spoke at the hearing. He then answered a few questions from the trustees and read a brief summary of why and how the zoning board creates the village ordinances. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 97-8 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE MAKING COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS". AYE: HARNEY, DEBOLT, CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

ZBA:

1. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION, WITH REGRET, OF KATHY JASKOWIAK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. Kathy will remain as a board member of the ZBA.
2. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOHN KEDZIOR FROM THE PLAN COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
3. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOHN KEDZIOR AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

No report.

TREASURER:

1. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE APRIL 30, 1997 WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$17,370.59. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. Add \$43.61 to Sue Harney for secretary's day, \$16.21 to Sue Harney for the trustee cake, and \$4,171.50 to Quad Com. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO APPROVE THE MAY 16, 1997 WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,859.20. AYE: HARNEY, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
3. The final report for April, 1997 will be available at the next meeting.
4. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 97-9 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 1996 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 1997". AYE: WILLIAMS, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.
5. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 259 ENTITLED "RESOLUTION DESIGNATING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND BALANCE RESERVES FOR VEHICLES, BUILDING AND PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1997". AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, WILLIAMS, DEBOLT, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.
6. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE THE OPERATING TRANSFERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$118,080. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
7. NEMEC MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF THE BALANCE OF THE RESERVES IN THE SEWER FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$12,445.94. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. We will need to review the sewer rates for a possible increase. We do not know how many pumps we will need to replace this year.
8. The Board reviewed the April contact activity report and noted that many resident inquiries are completed. A resident at 931 Willow has been filling his swale with dirt and is causing water problems for the neighbors. The resident should be told that he cannot fill in his swale and we may need to dig it out. Our contract with Waste Management indicates that the free leaf picks will be in the fall.
9. The Finance Committee will meet in late June, possible the 26th.
10. Ron Panning will be on vacation the first week of June; Ellen Volkening will attend the board meeting.

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

1. Mr. Daly, a resident on Sleepy Hollow Road, waited for several months before a cable laying in his yard was finally buried by TCI. He made numerous calls but no one responded. He was unable to obtain a phone number for the local office; all numbers go to out of state offices. He also said the service is poor. For unburied wires in the future, we will try to have our Zoning Enforcement Officer treat it as a zoning violation.
2. Greg Rau of Brom Court in the Bluffs expressed his concern with the amount and speed of traffic in his subdivision. He was advised of the upcoming traffic study and that action would be taken after the results of this study.
3. Walt Heffron thanked the clerk for taking minutes at the zoning hearing last week. Walt also asked the Board how they felt about garage sale signs. The Board decided to allow them as long as they are promptly removed. Walt also asked if the Board was interested in an ordinance for exterior home maintenance which would govern the appearance of homes in the Village. Trustee Harney will be working on the wetland ordinance with Walt and Joel Kruse and will also work on this matter.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. Bob DeBolt said he viewed the culvert on Crane which is the subject of additional claims against the bonding company for the water main contractor. He said it appears that it has not caved in, but that there is a cut edge, which appears to have been made by machinery, rather than nature. The bonding company still insists that someone inspect that damage and report back. Sebastian will be doing this inspection. The Board noted that once the area is dug up, the repairs will need to be done immediately, regardless of who will be paying the cost. Trustee Williams will have Mark Schuster advise the bonding company attorney that we will go along with their plan to have the area excavated with CMT observing. The road will have to be closed a few days during this process.
2. Trustee DeBolt said we may have a water leak problem on Boncosky. Again, we need to contact the bonding company attorney in Texas to have authorization for Sebastian to fix this problem also.
3. Trustee DeBolt noted that across the street from him, there appears to be a leaking water main. He said it was the part put in by the Village.
4. MFT contracts have been returned from IDOT and forwarded to the contractor.
5. Our new engineers will take core samples in the area of the salt storage bin to analyze the soil.
6. The dump pile is again growing. Public Works will be advised that they cannot dump any brush on the pile. It was suggested that he dump our waste at a location in East Dundee which charges a reasonable rate. The burn pile waste should also be hauled away if necessary.

FINANCE:

1. We have received an 11% increase on our employee health insurance, effective July 1st. This is a substantial increase brought on by the high amount of claims submitted. We will look at possibly increasing the amount of employee contribution to health insurance.

WATER:

1. Trustee Nemec has noticed a decrease in his water pressure in the last week which could be caused by the water leak on Boncosky. Trustee Williams will put a pressure meter on his water meter.

POLICE:

1. Trustee Merkel has reviewed the resident concerns in the area of Hilltop court and Hilltop Lane and recommends a stop sign be added. There was divided feelings on this. Chief Montalbano felt a stop sign at this location would impede the flow of traffic. MERKEL MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO INSTALL A STOP SIGN ON HILLTOP LANE AT HILLTOP COURT. AYE: MERKEL, NEMEC, HARNEY, SHIELDS. NAY: CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO ALSO PUT A STOP SIGN ON HILLTOP COURT IF THERE IS NOT ALREADY ONE THERE. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. The Board discussed a "no outlet" sign at Hilltop Court but it was decided to hold off on this matter.
2. A resident at the corner of Beau Brummel and Van Tassel has put iron posts around the corner edge of his lot. They are in the Village right of way and will be removed as they are a health hazard. Trustee Harney will contact the resident and advise them of our plan.
3. It was proposed that we charge a fee for applications for police positions to cover our costs. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO CHARGE \$15 PER POLICE APPLICATION. AYE: HARNEY, NEMEC, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. The Waste Management sticker pricing issue seems to be cleared up—stickers are \$1.55 each. Trustee Nemec plans to put something in the next newsletter about Waste Management.

BUILDING:

1. Steve Weidmeyer still has some landscaping to complete from last year's project.
2. The new fence on Joy Lane will be removed as required, although one side will not be removed as it is part of her neighbor's fence, who is grandfathered for his fence.
3. The development for the area behind Saddle Club is zoned for high density (it is in Elgin). We have no control over this area whatsoever. President Shields suggested that Trustee Harney contact the city engineer of Elgin who he found very helpful in another matter.
4. DuKane Valley Council is holding a barbecue which would be a good network opportunity.

OLD BUSINESS:

The planting at Randy's has been delayed due to the weather and a broken grass seeder, which has now been fixed. A one year contract needs to be prepared between Randy's and the Village for the lease of this property.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF JASON CHILDS AS A PART TIME SUMMER EMPLOYEE FOR PUBLIC WORKS AT \$7.25 AN HOUR. AYE: DEBOLT, HARNEY, CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

2. Walt Heffron received a call from a Saddle Club homeowner backing up to the Elgin development. They asked about berming for the Saddle Club residents. Again, we have no control over this. It was suggested we contact Don Rage to see if he would be any help. We don't believe it would do any good to contact Elgin officials.

HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 2c(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. AYE: HARNEY, NEMEC, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:20 P.M. AYE: WILLIAMS, NEMEC, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, HARNEY, MERKEL. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk

EXECUTIVE MEETING
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The executive meeting began at p.m. In attendance were President Shields; Trustees Czerniawski, DeBolt, Harney, Merkel, Nemec and Williams; Police Chief Montalbano; and Clerk Olson.

President Shields received a computer print out from Chief Montalbano which indicates all incidents police responded to recently at the Spring Hill Apartments, and it was extensive. It showed that the police are spending a high percentage of time answering calls at the apartments which obviously takes away from their time in the rest of the village. President Shields and Chief Montalbano discussed the possibility of a resident officer program at the apartments with part time officer Rick Nelson, who lives at the apartments. This is only in the beginning stages of the idea and although Officer Nelson has expressed some interest, it will be necessary to sit down and discuss this in detail. He does have a family and works full time at Quad Com. Time commitment and money have not been discussed yet.

Trustee DeBolt suggested these buildings should be checked for zoning violations by our Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Chief Montalbano noted that a resident of one of the buildings has offered to be the neighborhood watch captain of that building and will try to find watch captains for the other buildings.

President Shields will report back to the Board after they have talked with Officer Nelson.

DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE MEETING AT 10:15 P.M. AYE: DEBOLT, WILLIAMS, CZERNIAWSKI, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.

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