

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

AUGUST 18, 1997

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were President Shields; Trustees Czerniawski, DeBolt, Harney, Nemec, and Williams; Police Chief Montalbano; Treasurer Panning; and Clerk Olson. Trustee Merkel was absent.

MINUTES:

WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR MINUTES OF AUGUST 4, 1997 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH HARNEY ABSTAINING.

PRESIDENT:

1. West Dundee Village President Cal Grafelman was killed in an auto accident while traveling out of state over the weekend.
2. Jack Stewart submitted his resignation from the ZBA and recommended a replacement. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JACK STEWART FROM THE ZBA. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
3. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF RON KNAPIK OF MARIA COURT AS A MEMBER OF THE ZBA. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
4. The Board reviewed the landscape plans for the Village Hall. For the bid amount of \$3,700, the contractor will mow the area to be a natural area and treat with Round Up, roto till, add 1" of top soil, and seed and cover with straw. Trustee Harney will obtain free grass seed from Fermilab. We may also pay for additional flower seed to mix in with the grass seed. We have the money in the budget to purchase this flower seed if desired. The ground will be prepared as noted above and we will wait until the seed is harvested from Fermilab to plant it. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS TO REINSTATE \$3,700 IN THE WIEDMEYER LANDSCAPING CONTRACT TO ENABLE GROUND PREPARATION FOR THE PRAIRIE SEED. AYE: HARNEY, WILLIAMS, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.
5. Residents may add brush to the burn pile from Labor Day until Halloween.

CLERK:

1. The next board meeting will be **Tuesday**, September 2, 1997 due to the Labor Day holiday falling on the first Monday of the month.
2. An attorney representing a resident examined the petitions for the police pension fund ballot question. The clerk later received a call from resident Jeff Seiler who stated he will be filing an objection to these petitions with the Clerk on Thursday. We have very strict guidelines regarding the procedure to follow after receipt of this objection.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

1. Chairman Walt Heffron is on vacation until September 2, 1997.
2. Chairman Heffron advised the Clerk that Ladi Kalocny has negotiated additional PE for waste water on the KinderCare property as well as property for parking in West Dundee which may possibly be

disconnected from West Dundee. The next step is for Mr. Kalocny to present the KinderCare site plan to us. President Shields noted that West Dundee has applied for more sewer capacity from Elgin.

3. Regarding the 34 acre parcel on Route 72 and the problem of sewer service, Kane County would prefer that it is obtained through West Dundee, rather than a sewer plant built on the property. They are discussing this with West Dundee. NIPC has also contacted President Shields regarding this matter and may also talk to West Dundee. This matter is on hold until West Dundee hears whether it will get additional sewer capacity, in which case they may agree to give the sewer capacity to this property on Route 72.

4. Trustee Harney feels we should officially notify the West Dundee village board about their trespass on our property by cutting into Willow to install a pipe. President Shields stated that he did notify Village Manager Joe Cavallaro at the time of the occurrence.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

No report.

TREASURER:

1. Add \$20.94 for MobileCom. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS OF AUGUST 15, 1997 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$83,543.30. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, HARNEY, DEBOLT, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

2. Trustee Czerniawski noted that the financial statements look good due to our recent receipt of one-half of the property taxes.

3. We are still testing various copy machines and will submit a report to the Board when testing is complete.

4. The Finance Committee meeting is set for August 25<sup>th</sup>. We have received the audit draft.

5. First American Bank demonstrated on-line banking services and the software will be installed at no charge.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. Trustee DeBolt is still making revisions to the job description for the Superintendent of Public Works.

2. The MFT road work should begin this week, but the contractor has already delayed it several times.

3. Trustee DeBolt has received only one bid for the salt storage excavation work.

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

1. Dennis Nastali of the Bluffs said the newly installed stop signs have helped slow down traffic, although not curbed the amount of traffic, and asked what step the Board would take next. President Shields responded that the Board had discussed this issue in detail at the end of last month's meeting and had decided to do nothing further in the subdivision at this time. A few trustees added that they have received numerous complaints from residents about the installation of these stop signs (and the one on Hilltop). Trustee Harney feels we may also have a safety problem with this sign in the winter because of its location on a hill. The trustees feel the traffic problem in the Bluffs is no worse than in other areas of the Village and that whatever we do for the Bluffs will have to be done throughout the Village.

2. John Rabe, a long time resident, had three issues. First, he said he spoke to several residents who are very unhappy about the stop signs in the Bluffs and feel that a small group has received preferential treatment because of their outspokenness. He said the stop sign is on the smallest court in the Village and noted that many streets in the Village have more traffic than those in the Bluffs and do not have stop signs. People have adjusted to the traffic on their streets. Second, by filling the culvert by the burn pile with gravel, we are impeding the flow of water for proper drainage. The Board agreed that after Halloween, this gravel should be removed and the swale dug out properly. Third, Mr. Rabe feels we must do some improvements to Sleepy Hollow Road and the swales along the road. He said it has not been seal coated for many years and the swales are non-existent, which further deteriorate the road. In particular, the gravel which continually flows down from the farm (north of Beau Brummel) is very detrimental to the road, swales, and water flow. The Board agreed we should discuss this matter with the renters of the farm and request their assistance.

#### FINANCE:

1. Trustee Czerniawski stated that if the police pension referendum passes in November, we must provide for a tax levy. According to a study done on this matter in September of 1996 by the Finance Committee, we would need about \$390,000 to provide for the unfunded liabilities of this pension plan. We would be required to change the retirement benefits of the police and would probably exceed the tax cap limits, requiring us to obtain voter approval through a referendum to increase the levy rate. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS THAT WE AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING FOR VOTER APPROVAL TO INCREASE THE TAX LEVY RATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE CHANGE IN RETIREMENT BENEFITS. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, WILLIAMS, DEBOLT, HARNEY, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED. This will then go on the ballot as a question to the voters. The Board would also like the Village Attorney's interpretation of Article 3 of the Police Pension Code. It was commented that the voters could approve a police pension fund, but not approve the tax levy increase.

#### WATER:

1. We received the test results back from Elgin which indicate iron in the pipes in the lower part of the Village, probably as a result of the new connection and changes to the pressure in the pipes which has dislodged the rust. Trustee Williams is working with our engineers to find a possible way to clean out these pipes to eliminate the problem. However, there is concern about damage to the pipes in doing this because of the age of these pipes. Replacement of these pipes would be extremely expensive.

#### POLICE:

1. Chief Montalbano asked the Board to install "No Parking on Village Streets" signs at all entrances to advise residents of the ordinance prohibiting parking on all streets. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS TO AUTHORIZE UP TO \$250 TO PURCHASE SIGNS TO BE POSTED AT EVERY ENTRANCE TO THE VILLAGE STATING THAT THERE IS NO PARKING ON VILLAGE STREETS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 5-3A-1 THROUGH 5-3A-3 OF THE VILLAGE CODE. AYE: HARNEY, WILLIAMS, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.

#### HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. Trustee Nemec has talked to John Regan concerning his Route 72 parcel. Trustee Nemec has been questioned by West Dundee trustees about the sewer on this parcel who indicate the Board has not received any formal request for sewer capacity from Mr. Regan on this 34 acre parcel. He is hopeful that West Dundee will get additional sewer capacity in the next few months and may give him the capacity he needs at that time. President Shields noted that any matter for the West Dundee board must go through the Village Manager, who then uses his discretion on whether he will present it to the board.

#### BUILDING:

1. The lease agreement with the Gaitsch Brothers (Randy's Farm) has been changed several times and has not yet been approved. Trustee Harney will present it to Randy Gaitsch one final time, incorporating his requirement that he will accept no responsibility for any damages to the swale. She said the swale appears to be working well at this time.
2. Eileen Cook has been cited by our Zoning Enforcement Officer for having an illegal fence. She claims it is not a fence and we anticipate hearing from her further on this matter.
3. Trustee Nemec questioned if anyone has applied for a building permit for the empty lot on Hillcrest as it was sold and appears to have been staked out.
4. Trustee Williams asked about the new houses in the Village that do not yet have paved driveways. It was noted that we do not issue a final occupancy permit until this is done, but who follows up on these temporary permits to ensure the work is finished? Also noted that the extra large garage on Route 72 is still not complete. Our building permits do expire after a certain period of time and we should follow up on these unfinished building projects.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. The resident on Stevens Court who was not on the water system for four years has been sent a water bill for almost \$900 for those years. This same resident has also never purchased any village stickers for the past four years. It was suggested that when occupancy permits are issued, the village water department should always be notified so we can begin billing the resident.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:50 P.M. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk