

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 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; Attorney Schuster; Engineer Naylor; and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1997 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH CZERNIAWSKI AND WILLIAMS ABSTAINING.

PRESIDENT:

1. West Dundee has requested we meet with Joe Cavallaro and one of their trustees to discuss the improvements to the Sleepy Hollow Road/Route 72 intersection. President Shields explained the background of this proposed project for the new trustees. The Board agreed that we are not in favor of this project and do not have the funds to contribute. President Shields and Trustee DeBolt will attend this meeting.
2. The final conclusion to the lease of property from the Gaitsch brothers (Randy's farm) is that there will be no agreement between the Village and Randy's, we will not pay any yearly lease cost to Randy's, and they will maintain the grassy area that we planted.
3. President Shields read a chronological summary of what led up to the Bullfrog project starting from 1990 when water problems were first noticed in the area and stated that an engineering study was done in 1992. He said that he brought up this project at the budget meeting and that no one objected at that time. He said he also brought it up at a board meeting early this summer and again received no comment from the Board. He then obtained bids and signed a contract with Popp Excavating as the lowest bidder. President Shields also said he followed proper procedure in awarding this contract and violated no village ordinance. He noted that our procedures were changed a few years ago to allow more flexibility in awarding contracts, as long as the project is in the budget. He said he felt this project was necessary to prevent further flooding in the area, but admitted that he did not obtain the proper permits from state agencies. Trustee Harney stated that in talking to four of the other trustees, none of them recalled this project ever being mentioned at a board meeting. Trustee Czerniawski did recall asking President Shields if the project was in the budget when the issue was raised. Engineering Enterprises has indicated that it would cost \$1,700 to \$2,000 for the ^{preliminary} permitting work. Trustee Harney stated that when the Board reviewed the engineering study they turned down this project because of the extensive cost and how this would adversely affect the people living on Locust and Hillcrest, who have a more serious flooding problem. She also talked to the CMT engineer who worked on the study in 1992 who indicated that the engineering for the permitting process is much more involved and estimated at that time it would cost \$30-50,000 for this project. Ron Naylor of Engineering Enterprises confirmed that we do not know what additional costs we may have until after their initial engineering study. Several trustees felt the flooding this past February was very unusual and we should not use that incident as a basis for doing this work. They did feel that any engineering and other work done at Bullfrog must also be done at Locust and agreed to the initial engineering study. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS TO INSTRUCT ENGINEERING ENTERPRISES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PRELIMINARY STUDY FOR THE PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000. AYE: DEBOLT, WILLIAMS, CZERNIAWSKI, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED. No permits should be obtained; this study is to give us a cost estimate for any additional permit engineering that is required to complete this project, at which time the Board will make a decision whether or

not to move forward. The culvert pipe should be moved as soon as possible to a location less accessible to children. It was agreed Popp Excavating should be paid for the culvert. Trustee DeBolt said he will attempt to sell this culvert since the contractor would only take back a portion of it that he could resell to another customer.

CLERK:

Clerk asked everyone to submit any additional items for the newsletter by the end of the week.

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

(8:30-8:55 p.m.)

1. A resident who backs up to Randall Road spoke on behalf of several residents on Arlington Pkwy. They sent a letter to Nabi Fakrodden of IDOT with their concerns about the Randall Road widening and have received no reply. She asked President Shields to speak to someone at the County on their behalf and also included a letter received by one of the residents where the County indicated they may give a chain link fence. She said the construction crews on Randall have destroyed the fences along many homeowners' back yards. They have also laid drainage pipes which empty into their yards, flooding the property. President Shields suggested they also contact County Board member Don Rage for possible assistance.
2. Sherry Bills of Saratoga Pkwy. asked when the light would be installed at the Saddle Club entrance, (which is not anticipated until Motorola moves in). This will be a serious safety issue once the four lanes of traffic are open. We have no control over this matter, it should be brought up to county board members.
3. Steve Wiedmeyer asked about seeding of the recently prepped natural areas around the Village Hall. The seed will be obtained from Fermilab by Trustee Harney in late October or early November. Steve will seed and mulch the area, but will not guarantee the seed since it will be later in the season than he would normally plant it. There are a couple small areas in this natural area that have a different combination of wildflower seeds. Steve will find out what this mix is comprised of and advise Trustee Harney. All the new trees and bushes planted in the landscaped area should be regularly watered by Public Works, although Steve will come back and water them for now.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. The Bluffs subdivision has been reviewed and work complete. When we have received the certificate of approval from the engineer and the title report, we can accept the subdivision and reduce the builder's bond to a maintenance bond only.
2. The attorney and Trustee Williams will work on closing out the Twin Sewer project.
3. Two ordinances confirming recently approved ZBA variances will be presented at the next meeting.
4. An ordinance concerning part time police officer standards will also be presented at the next meeting.

ENGINEER:

1. Submitted an analysis of our water quality problem, with five possible solutions (1) do nothing, which is not acceptable, (2) replace water mains in that area of the village, which will cost over \$1,000,000, (3) extensive flushing of mains, which has not been effective thus far, (4) add chemicals to the water system that will remove the iron. This is relatively inexpensive, but could take as long as two years before there would be a noticeable difference in the quality, (5) use equipment to clean the rust out of the pipes, which will cost well over \$60,000. We recently took out a section of the old main by Thorobred & Sleepy Hollow Road and discovered that it is in fairly good shape in that area, but pipe removed from a different area showed more interior rust accumulation. Engineer Naylor briefly explained how the pipe cleaning is done and that water services must be shut down for a time while the work is performed. They must then flush the pipes to prevent loosened debris from entering the residents' water systems. This water report will be reviewed by the trustees and discussed in more detail at the next meeting. (Trustee Nemec leaves the meeting at 9:10 p.m.)
2. The MFT work is complete except for the gravel on the shoulders. Our MFT contract does have a time completion requirement which was violated by the road contractor and we may be able to deduct this penalty from the payment to them. We can make a decision when the Engineer prepares the pay out estimate for our approval.

TREASURER:

1. Add Arthur Popp Excavating in the amount of \$2,497.55 for the 48' culvert. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO ACCEPT THE OCTOBER 3, 1997 WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,516.86. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, HARNEY, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. The Illinois Municipal League has instituted a new telecommunications infrastructure maintenance fee act to replace the franchise fee method we had with Ameritech. We should have our attorney prepare an appropriate ordinance and notification of waiver as required. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO PURSUE WHAT IS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THIS ACT FOR OUR VILLAGE. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
3. We have received notice from the IEPA that no further remediation work is necessary on the underground storage tank matter. However, there are forms the environmental engineers must complete and submit and we must remove a couple abandoned wells. They will also file a final reimbursement claim with the State.
4. After review of several copy machines, the office recommends the Toshiba 2060. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF THE TOSHIBA 2060 COPY MACHINE FROM DISTINCTION OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS AT A COST OF \$5,943.00 PLUS A MAINTENANCE CONTRACT OF \$.0135 PER COPY. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, HARNEY, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
5. The wide area network is connected with Quad Com although we are still experiencing some software problems that should be resolved shortly.
6. The fire alarm only needs the lead pulled through the alarm panel.
7. Accounting prepared a report indicating the impact fees contributed by many villages in the area, which are all quite low. Our Village has a high fee compared to most of the other surrounding towns.
8. Ellen Volkening recently completed a workshop at the Illinois Treasurer's Institute to maintain her certification.
9. President Shields asked if we could now pay Martin Design but Trustee Harney said she did not receive the requested planting layout from them. Trustee Harney will call them directly and describe what she needs.
10. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI THAT WE RELEASE THE ESCROW BOND OF \$2,502.80 TO TONY AND CINDY MESSINA OF 1020 BEAU BRUMMEL. AYE: HARNEY, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

BUILDING:

1. The new house at Sycamore and Locust must remove a substantial amount of dirt from their yard. They have been told several times over the past year that this would be necessary because they built on a flood plain and added fill that was not allowed. They were issued a temporary occupancy permit and have been living in the house for some time.
2. The oversized garage on Route 72 is still under construction. The permit has not expired and the zoning enforcement officer has been in contact with the resident. This led to discussion on a possible ordinance to deal with incomplete building projects. President Shields will obtain a copy of an ordinance from another village that addresses these problems.

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

There were no comments from the public.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

The meeting recessed at 8:20 p.m.


The meeting reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Service Club would like to solicit contributions from residents for the Fourth of July festivities through the newsletter and/or water bills. The Board was agreeable to this use of village resources.
2. Police Clerk Becky Freemon will be carrying ½ day of vacation into the new fiscal year.

NEMEC MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:35 P.M. AYE:
NEMEC, MERKEL, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, HARNEY, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk