

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

FEBRUARY 16, 1998

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:40 p.m. In attendance were President Shields; Trustees DeBolt, Harney, Merkel, Nemec, and Williams; Police Chief Montalbano; Police Sgt. Childs; Treasurer Panning; and Clerk Olson. Trustee Czerniawski was absent.

MINUTES:

1. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 1998. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PRESIDENT:

No report.

CLERK:

1. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE "MUTUAL RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS" TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE WITH GESKE & SONS CONCERNING THE MFT PROJECT. AYE: HARNEY, DEBOLT, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 98-4 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE VARYING THE MINIMUM SETBACK REQUIREMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1710 HICKORY DRIVE IN THE VILLAGE." AYE: HARNEY, NEMEC, DEBOLT, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
3. Discussed the draft newsletter. The Board wanted to substantially reduce the size of the article on the upcoming police pension referendum, but make the longer article available to residents at the Village Hall. The trustees added written changes to the newsletter during the course of the meeting.

PLAN COMMISSION:

Chairman Jim Markey said the Plan Commission met last week and that they have received the wetlands draft ordinance from the county. The Commission has requested additional information and clarification from the County before making their recommendations to our Village Board.

ZONING BOARD:

Chairman Art Neil said the Zoning Board also met last week to discuss the KinderCare situation. They will also be discussing the wetlands ordinance at their next meeting.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

No report.

TREASURER:

1. Add to the warrants \$3,381.60 for West Dundee and \$250 for U.S. Postal. The newly installed street sign at Sleepy Hollow Road and Beau Brummel was at no cost to the Village. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$102,631.12. AYE: DEBOLT, MERKEL, HARNEY, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

2. There were no comments on the financial statements.

3. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 98-5 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 1997 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 1998. AYE: HARNEY, MERKEL, DEBOLT, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED. The underground storage tank issue is finished except for our reimbursement request to the State.

4. Treasurer Panning explained the proposed changes to our impact fees ordinance and also the parks donations. The impact fees were recently increased in West Dundee and Ron followed both West Dundee and Algonquin's cost per acre methods in calculating new fees for Sleepy Hollow. Our cost per acre is less because of our larger lot sizes and lack of sewers. Our new market value per acre would be \$81,100. Library fees would rise from \$65 to \$75 per household, water connection charges would increase based on meter size, and sewer connection fees would also increase. Trustee Williams recommended increasing our impact fees to equal or exceed the new fees in West Dundee. Treasurer Panning said we would need to adopt West Dundee's methodology to do so. We should also include the indemnification clause that the school district will defend any builder's challenge on these fees in court. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO ADOPT AN IMPACT FEE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT WOULD PLACE AN EQUIVALENT LAND VALUE TO WEST DUNDEE'S OF \$105,501.00 PER ACRE. AYE: WILLIAMS, HARNEY, DEBOLT, MERKEL, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED. The minimum parks donation will be increased from six to ten acres which is the federal recommendation and we will make other changes to parks figures to be the same as West Dundee. Treasurer Panning will discuss ordinance preparation to include all information with the Village Attorney.

5. Treasurer Panning attended a meeting at Dundee Library concerning a Dundee area home page on the web. The Board agreed to this free service. Treasurer Panning will prepare the initial "home page" but someone will need to keep it current.

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

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

1. Representatives from C.O.R.E., a citizens group promoting the School District 300 tax increase referendum on the March ballot, distributed literature and made a presentation. The Board was not comfortable endorsing the tax increase, but Trustee Harney felt something should be put in the newsletter. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO INCLUDE A PARAGRAPH IN OUR NEWSLETTER ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE SITUATION AND GIVE THE TAX INCREASE THEIR UTMOST CONSIDERATION. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH DEBOLT AND MERKEL VOTING NO.

2. Resident Barbara Ferguson announced that the League of Women Voters is having a meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Carpentersville Village Hall where the guest speaker will discuss growth ramifications.

#### ROADS & PARKS:

1. The Saddle Club entrance lights are still not working, but should be ready soon.

2. A temporary street sign should be installed at Joy and Randall.

3. Trustee DeBolt noted that President Shields' recent letter to Engineering Enterprises instructed them to stop all work on the culvert projects and the traffic study project. The Board briefly discussed these projects and the traffic study. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 98-6 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5: TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, CHAPTER 3: TRAFFIC SCHEDULES, TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL TURNING RESTRICTIONS IN THE VILLAGE. AYE: DEBOLT, WILLIAMS, MERKEL, NEMEC. NAY: HARNEY. MOTION PASSED.

4. The Tara property dam should be checked. The engineers can give us the name of the state agency who handles this type of review.

#### FINANCE:

1. The Finance Dept. is waiting for trustees to submit their department budgets.

#### WATER:

1. The larger meters have been installed on Randall Road in the metering pit. Elgin will also be installing the second connection under Randall Road within the next couple weeks.
2. Over 30 filter systems have been installed to date in lower Sleepy Hollow by Tessendorf.

#### POLICE:

1. The January police activity report was presented.
2. Officer Keith Siedsma was introduced. MERKEL MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO HIRE KEITH SIEDSMA AS A FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER AT A STARTING SALARY OF \$25,500 WITH FULL BENEFITS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. AYE: MERKEL, HARNEY, DEBOLT, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
3. President Shields suggested the Board consider changing the police employment reimbursement contract from one year to two years. This will be considered for future hires.

#### HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. President Shields informed the Board that we have officially requested sewer capacity from West Dundee on behalf of the Route 72 property owners.

#### BUILDING:

1. Trustee Harney feels we should be sending semi-annual letters to West Dundee concerning their unauthorized easement on Willow Road last year until it is acknowledged and resolved with them.
2. Trustee Harney has pictures of a tree house constructed by a resident's children. The structure has been cited by the zoning enforcement officer. It is felt that we should enforce our ordinances. This will be discussed at another meeting.
3. We have still not received the impact fee payments on the Fahy or Steffen property. Trustee Harney has discussed this with the Village Attorney. Our Zoning Enforcement Officer is willing to also assist in getting these impact fees from the two property owners. The Steffens believe this was only a subdivided lot and does not warrant the impact fees charged.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

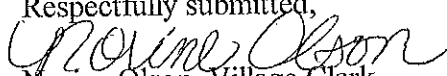
1. President Shields attended the meeting with West Dundee and NIPC concerning the sewer capacity for the Route 72 parcel. West Dundee said they should know within four months if they can get additional capacity from Elgin. West Dundee Village Manager Joe Cavallaro has written the IEPA concerning this matter and we are sending a response to his letter. We will continue to pursue the lagoon system with the IEPA, with the understanding that we will withdraw our application for the lagoon if West Dundee gives us the sewer capacity. President Shields said there has been considerable commercial interest in this parcel, according to the owners.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:25 P.M. AYE: HARNEY, DEBOLT, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Norine Olson, Village Clerk