

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MARCH 16, 1998

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; Village Accountant Volkening; and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

1. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 1998 AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH NEMEC ABSTAINING.

PRESIDENT:

No report.

CLERK:

1. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 98-7 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 9: SUBDIVISIONS CHAPTER 4: DEDICATIONS OF PUBLIC AREAS OF THE VILLAGE CODE". AYE: WILLIAMS, DEBOLT, CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL. MOTION PASSED.

2. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 98-8 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, TITLE 6: PUBLIC WAYS CHAPTER 3: VILLAGE WATER AND SEWER, TO MODIFY WATER AND SEWER RATES IN THE VILLAGE". AYE: WILLIAMS, DEBOLT, CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL. MOTION PASSED.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

No report.

(Trustees Harney and Nemec arrive.)

ZBA:

Chairman John Kedzior presented two variance requests heard at a recent ZBA hearing, both of which were recommended for approval by the ZBA. File #194 was for an oversized dog run at 42 Katrina. The ZBA approval was contingent on additional landscaping added around the dog run by May 1st. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE ZBA VARIANCE APPLICATION #194. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. The second variance request was for an oversized garage at 718 Hillcrest, for which the ZBA also recommended approval. The Board deferred action on this variance until they have reviewed the actual plans for the house and garage, which are in the possession of the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

No report.

TREASURER:

1. Add to the warrants \$27.57 for AT&T and \$898.55 for Speedway (formerly Emro). CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS OF MARCH 13TH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,301.92. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, HARNEY, DEBOLT, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. The ten month financial statements were distributed. Trustee Czerniawski stated that although sales tax revenues are down at this time, they are expected to be in line by the end of the fiscal year.
3. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO AUTHORIZE RON PANNING TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS TO GET THE REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE LUST FUND. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. This refers to the underground leaking storage tank matter.
4. The Board confirmed that the recent attorney fees incurred on the Route 72 vacant parcel should be billed to John Regan.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. Engineering Enterprises has submitted an estimated MFT cost of \$111,000. This appears be to substantially higher than necessary compared with estimates received on some of the same streets last year and Trustee DeBolt will discuss these differences with the engineers.
2. The Dundee Park District has again requested the use of our soccer fields. We are able to get as many port-a-potties as we want from Waste Management at no cost to us. The soccer nets also need to be put up.
3. The lights at Saddle Club are working!

FINANCE:

1. The next budget meeting will be March 26th at 7:30 p.m. Trustee Czerniawski noted that part time police in some surrounding towns are making \$13 an hour and he feels we should re-address the Copsfast grant which was rejected at the first budget meeting. The Board members felt we should apply for the grant as we are not obligated to take it, even if we are approved. Chief Montalbano was asked to revise his budget for the next budget meeting to include the addition of one full time officer, and alternatively, two full time officers.

WATER:

1. We have received a letter from the IEPA concerning our water system and pipes. We are required to conduct daily chlorine tests on our water system. We are also not allowed to have any 2" water pipes within 25' of a septic system. We will need to identify where in the village we are in violation of this requirement, as we have over 1,500 ft. of 2" water mains. We should immediately respond to the IEPA and request an extension of time to address these and other requirements stated in their letter.

POLICE:

1. The monthly police activity report was submitted.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. Trustee Nemec has received a few resident complaints about the trash trucks picking up recycling materials, which may just be a case is mistaking the similar look of the two trucks.

BUILDING:

1. Trustee Harney is working on increasing the building inspection fee from \$20 to \$30 per 100 sq. ft.
2. Trustee Harney and Zoning Enforcement Officer Kruse are working on a property maintenance code for residents and will be asking board members for their input when a draft is prepared.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

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

(8:05 - 9:10 p.m.)

1. Michael Ruffalo of the Tri-Cities Little League requested the use of our fields on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturdays from noon until dark. He will work this out with Trustee DeBolt.
2. Joanne Holcomb of Arlington Pkwy. submitted a letter to the Board asking them to allow fences for the homes that back up to Randall Road. The Board reiterated their previous view that fences would probably be allowed as a hardship but must go through the formal ZBA procedure of requesting a variance. Mrs. Holcomb asked if the Board planned to build a \$27,000 covered bridge. President Shields said this was eliminated at our budget meeting. Mr. Holcomb asked if the Village had been contacted by the State concerning the Randall Road widening and resulting water problems—we have not.
3. A unidentified resident asked the status of the Bullfrog culvert. President Shields explained that the Bullfrog and Thorobred culvert projects had been cancelled because of the extremely high estimated costs.
4. Carol Grom of Joy Lane had several questions concerning the police pension matter, the various mailings, and employee benefit plans, which were discussed by board members. She also asked the police chief what the officers' feelings were on the pension matter. Other residents noted a lack of trust with the board and feel there is a lack of information given to the residents on village issues.
5. Resident Lee Castlevecchi also had questions on the police that were answered. He also complimented the board and the police department on their work over the years.
6. An unnamed resident said he will not read flyers on any issue which are unsigned.
7. Carrie Crawford of Jamestowne also discussed the police pension matter and asked questions on attracting and keeping experienced officers. Mrs. Crawford also talked about the "no left turn" at Sleepy Hollow Road, and feels that the new sign is not as visible as it should be to motorists.

CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:10 P.M. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk