

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MAY 4, 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, Merkel, Nemec, and Williams; Police Chief Montalbano; Treasurer Panning; Attorney Schuster; Engineer Naylor; and Clerk Olson. Trustees DeBolt and Harney were absent.

MINUTES:

The regular minutes of April 20, 1998 should be corrected on page 3, under Building, #2 to state that the permit has NOT expired. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE REGULAR MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 1998 AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PRESIDENT:

1. The President read a Proclamation designating the week of May 15th as National Police Week. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO PROCLAIM MAY 15TH NATIONAL POLICE WEEK. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
2. The President has received a letter from District 300 regarding education which has been sent to all villages in the District. The Board deferred action on this until it is discussed at the next meeting.
3. The President received a call from Steve Francois and another resident on Sharon regarding cars turning around in their driveways. Steve has put horses at the end of his driveway and people are now turning around on his grass. This is a result of the left turn ban at Sleepy Hollow Road and Route 72. The additional signs have not yet been put up along Sleepy Hollow Road that were suggested a few meetings back and this should be done as soon as possible. In the meantime, the police were asked to sit on Sharon at the time of day when most cars are turning around.
4. President Shields made the following appointments: Building Trustee: Sue Harney; Finance Trustee: Rich Czerniawski; Health & Sanitation Trustee: Joe Nemec; Police Trustee: Tom Merkel; Roads & Parks Trustee: Bob DeBolt; Water Trustee: Dave Williams; Treasurer and Director of Administrative Services: Ron Panning; Chief of Police: Jim Montalbano; Village Attorney: Mark Schuster of Meyers, Schuster, Flowers & Solano; Prosecuting Attorney: Bruce David; Village Engineer appointment is on hold until after a meeting with our current engineers. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENTS OF THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

CLERK:

1. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 98-10 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE". AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, NEMEC, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED. This is to sell a squad car.

PLAN COMMISSION:

Chairman Markey said there was a meeting between the Plan Commission and the Zoning Board regarding the wetlands ordinance. A report will be given to the Village Board by the next meeting.

ZONING BOARD:

Chairman Neil distributed information on the wetlands ordinance and requested that it be read prior to the next meeting when they plan to discuss this matter with the Village Board. He will also be contacting the Village Attorney concerning legal questions on this proposed ordinance.

ZBA:

Chairman Kedzior stated that ZBA File #189 on 1211 Carol Crest will require a new hearing before the ZBA as the resident has claimed that she did not receive notice of her hearing. This was a variance request for a decorative fence that was denied by the village board. A new hearing will be scheduled.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Schuster has had communication regarding the Bohanek matter and will have a report for the Board at a later date.
2. The Bluffs subdivision is almost complete and the developers should be attending a meeting soon regarding the letter of credit.
3. MERKEL MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 98-11 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE VARYING THE MAXIMUM AREA REQUIREMENT FOR A DOG RUN IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 42 KATRINA LANE IN THE VILLAGE". AYE: MERKEL, WILLIAMS, CZERNIAWSKI. ABSTAIN: NEMEC. MOTION PASSED. This variance was contingent on additional landscaping around the dog run by May 1st.
4. Attorney Schuster is preparing an agreement in connection with the impact fees ordinance which requires the recipient of the fees to defend any challenge to this impact fee structure.
5. The Twin Sewer matter is still waiting for resolution of the Crane culvert repair.

ENGINEER:

1. The IEPA has requested additional information concerning the water treatment program, but approval is still anticipated sometime this month.
2. The 1997 MFT program has not yet been closed.
3. The 1998 MFT program was discussed. The bid specs include work on Stevens Court and Sleepy Hollow Road. However, the specs did not include any swale work on Sleepy Hollow Road. The Board all agreed swale work is necessary before road improvements are made. Engineer Naylor said the linear foot cost for the road work is approximately \$20-21. The Board will delay this program until the they can discuss this with Trustee DeBolt.
4. KinderCare is slowly proceeding. The Zoning Board expects more information next week.
5. A response is ready to be sent to the IEPA concerning the findings listed in their inspection report. Public Works will be required to take daily chlorine and water use measurements which will be submitted to the IEPA on a monthly basis. We have responded to each item listed in the IEPA's report.
6. Engineer Naylor introduced Jim Michaels, the owner of Engineering Enterprises who accompanied him to the meeting.

TREASURER:

1. Add \$520 to the April 30th warrants for Fresh Start. Trustee Czerniawski requested that a total of \$7,231.00 be withheld from the Engineering Enterprises invoice payment. This total includes work on the Bullfrog and Thorobred culverts, the 1997 MFT program, and the Randall Road water main connection. These matters will be discussed with the engineers in a meeting to be held here on May 14th at 9:30 a.m. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE THE APRIL 30TH WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$28,755.47. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE THE MAY 1ST WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,832.83. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, NEMEC, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
3. The auditors, Mueller & Company, will begin audit work on June 8th. Pursuant to their previously approved engagement letter, this year's audit cost will be \$10,800.

4. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE THE SALARY AND HOURLY WAGE RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1999. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

5. The replacement of the MDT units will be placed in the five year capital improvement budget.

6. As of April 30th, the Village has sold 2,237 stickers, 656 animal tags, and 49 motorcycle stickers.

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

(8:25 - 9:15 p.m.)

1. Resident Phyllis Runge presented the Board with 443 responses she received to a flyer given to residents asking their opinion of the left turn ban at Sleepy Hollow Road and Route 72. There were 138 responses favorable to the ban and 304 against the ban. Phyllis asked about putting a question on the November ballot to get resident opinion on this matter and was advised that residents can have an advisory question added to the ballot.

2. Resident Ray Bullock asked if the trustees would change their vote on this intersection if a referendum question indicated the residents did not want the left turn ban. President Shields said he did not believe they would.

3. Resident Dave Noga asked about the traffic counters that were recently seen on village streets. Those were put on the roads by the County at the request of Don Rage. He noted that counters had been requested by residents prior to the left turn ban. Don distributed the results of the traffic counters. He also included copies of prior studies done in 1995 and 1997 which indicated the amount of traffic on Sleepy Hollow Road. Don said the county has other services and tools available to help with traffic studies in the Village. Trustee Nemec was the only trustee who said he might consider changing his vote on the left turn ban and that it would be based on studies and professional advice.

4. Don Rage noted that guard rails had been installed on Randall Road along Saddle Club. He said the county will soon be voting on Randall Road improvements which may adversely affect the Sleepy Hollow residents on that road. Any intersections which have traffic lights will be very strongly lit. He suggested the Village object on behalf of its residents at the May 12th meeting. Attorney Schuster suggested wording for a resolution which the clerk will prepare. President Shields will attend the county meeting and present the resolution. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION OPPOSING LIGHT POLLUTION (#266). AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

5. Don Rage asked about fences along Randall Road. The Board explained that they are willing to allow the residents along Randall to install fences but they will need to be uniform and approved in design by the Board. No resident along Randall has submitted to the Village a variance request for a fence. The Board and those residents should meet to discuss this issue. Phyllis Runge said the condition of the current fencing is an eyesore. The Board explained that they have allowed the residents to leave that fencing up until new fencing has been approved.

6. Domingo Hernandez of 716 Hillcrest is having problems with the drains on his property. He has excess water on his property, possibly from a neighbor, and would like assistance from the Village in correcting these drain problems. The lot next to him is undergoing construction of a new house. President Shields said the Village does not involve itself in disputes between neighbors or fix problems on personal property. He was not sure if the Village originally installed the drains and said that there have always been natural springs in that area.

7. Glen Wallenberg of the Service Club asked about the door of the back barn which is broken. When repaired, it may be enlarged to enable the Service Club equipment to fit inside. He also asked about 4th of July activities and requested dumpsters, port-a-potties, and permission to sell alcohol. MERKEL MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE THE SALE OF BEER AND WINE ON THE 4TH OF JULY FROM 11AM TO 4PM, CONTINGENT ON PROOF OF DRAM SHOP INSURANCE. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. The "dips" on Hillcrest have been repaired.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER:

1. The incorrect water filters for the resident installation program were an error by Builder's Square. They were returned and the correct filters were purchased at another store.

POLICE:

1. A cub scout troop will be doing a clean up in the Bluffs' retention area on May 13th and have requested permission to burn after 3:00 p.m. The police and board both approved.
2. Discussed the COPSFAST application which must be mailed tomorrow. There was discussion on the pros and cons of this program. President Shields was reluctant to approve this program because of cost and budget. Finance Trustee Czerniawski felt this would not be a problem in the budget and President Shields agreed to sign the application.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. A house on sewer which has been consistently late in paying its bills is now up for sale and the Treasurer would like to put a lien on the house. Although the account is current at this time, there is concern it will become delinquent and then uncollectible once the house has been sold. The Board said a warning letter should be sent as soon as the account becomes past due that a lien will be recorded on the property unless it is paid immediately.

BUILDING:

1. President Shields discussed the water/drain tile problems on Hillcrest. The residents at 718 and 716 Hillcrest are both expecting the Village to help correct this problem. President Shields reiterated that this is a problem between property owners on personal property.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:40 P.M.
AYE: WILLIAMS, NEMEC, CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk