

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

DECEMBER 7, 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 DeBolt, Harney, Merkel, Nemec, and Williams; Police Sgt. Childs; Treasurer Panning; Attorney Schuster; Engineer Heinz; and Clerk Olson. Trustee Czerniawski was absent.

MINUTES:

1. The November 16<sup>th</sup> minutes should be amended as follows: Page 1, under President, #2, the new board appointee is Joe Fater. On page 2, under Open to the Public, #2, add to the end of the paragraph: *Trustee Harney noted that we have had 4 or 5 engineering reports/opinions over the years on stream bank stabilization and these reports should be reviewed prior to authorizing additional engineering studies.* DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 16, 1998 REGULAR MINUTES AS CORRECTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PRESIDENT:

1. The Board agreed that the Village Hall offices can close at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup>, but it will be unpaid.
2. President Shields reminded the Board that all work assignments should be given to Ellen Volkening for distribution to office employees.
3. President Shields suggested that Trustee Nemec present a different motion on leaf burning at a later date. It was noted that this issue will be in the next newsletter to residents.
4. President Shields received a letter from NiGas offering us the choice of continued free gas or a cash payment from them in lieu of this free gas program. This payment of \$3,734 would be based on our average gas costs of the last few years. The Board opted to retain the free gas program.

CLERK:

1. The Hafemans of Michigan are again selling Christmas trees at Randy's. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO GRANT THE VENDEE OF THE CHRISTMAS TREES AT RANDY'S THE SAME PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES AS IN PRIOR YEARS. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

Member Karen Hale said the Zoning Board met December 2<sup>nd</sup> concerning the Rubloff property at Route 72 and Locust. They did not post the correct sign so the public hearing scheduled for December 9<sup>th</sup> will be convened at that time and then continued to December 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>. Village Attorney Schuster said Rubloff posted the correct sign today. The ZBA hearing will be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> as originally scheduled. The Village Board will hold a special meeting on the Zoning and ZBA's recommendations on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Schuster transmitted revised building code ordinances to all trustees for review.
2. Attorney Schuster continues to work with Mr. Bohanek on his water problem.

3. The Bluffs is preparing their package for acceptance of the subdivision by the village. They have submitted a letter of credit for the maintenance bond, but would like to reduce the length of time for this bond. Attorney Schuster is discussing this matter with them and will ask them to attend an upcoming board meeting.

4. Attorney Schuster distributed a listing of village public property where he has reviewed the deeds, about half of which show restricted use to park purposes only. This list does not include all village public property however. Trustee Harney would like this list coordinated with the colored map of the Village prepared by Pat Heffron to indicate which parcels are restricted. Trustees also said the village owns substantial property along Sleepy Hollow Road. Portions of Sabatino Park do not have deed restrictions and have platted lots. The Board would like to make Sabatino Park and all village property restricted in use to park purposes only. Attorney Schuster will review the best way to accomplish these deed restrictions on those parcels that are not already restricted to park use only.

5. Metracom installs communication equipment on existing village structures for internet access. County and legal groups are reviewing Metracom's agreement at this time. According to the Telecommunications Act, we cannot prohibit them from installing these devices, but can place limitations on the installation. Attorney Schuster will report back to the Board at a later date. The Board suggested he discuss this with the Plan Commission who are currently drafting a telecommunications ordinance for our village.

8:00 P.M. Sue Bennett presented a proposal packet on the Lake Sharon restoration and beautification project which has been reduced to encompass only 50' of shoreline to make this a demonstration project for future projects. Lake Sharon was picked because of its popular location with residents. Maintenance will be the responsibility of the Village when the project is complete. The contribution from the village was reduced to \$1,000 with contributions from other sources totaling about \$2,500. Greg Raab of the Service Club presented a proposal in conjunction with the Lake Sharon project to install a new flagpole at Sabatino Park and install an octagon shaped brick area of 770 sq. ft. around this flagpole area. The entire project would be paid for by "selling" bricks to residents at \$100 each. The Service Club would like the Village to agree to cover one-half the project, or \$5,000, if they do not sell enough bricks.

1. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE THE USE OF VILLAGE PROPERTY TO RESTORE 50' OF SHORELINE ON LAKE SHARON WITH NATIVE VEGETATION TO CONTROL EROSION ALONG THE SOUTH SECTION OF THE LAKE TO CREATE AN EROSION CONTROL DEMONSTRATION AREA. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

2. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE VILLAGE RESPONSIBILITY TO REGRADE 50' OF SHORELINE ON THE SOUTH SHORE OF LAKE SHARON TO A 3:1 SLOPE TO 10' FROM LAKE TOE. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

3. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE A SLEEPY HOLLOW VILLAGE BUDGET COMMITMENT OF \$1,000 TO PURCHASE LANDSCAPE MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES. AYE: HARNEY, DEBOLT, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

4. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE INSTALLATION OF AN INFORMATIONAL KIOSK NEAR THE PROJECT SITE.

HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO AMEND THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THAT WE ARE APPROVING THE KIOSK IN CONCEPT AND THAT THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE DESIGN AND LOCATION WILL BE BY THE VILLAGE BOARD.

ON AMENDMENT: MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ON MAIN MOTION: MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

5. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS THAT THE VILLAGE BOARD SUPPORT THE SLEEPY HOLLOW SERVICE CLUB FLAGPOLE PROJECT AS OUTLINED IN THEIR WRITTEN PROPOSAL AND AGREE TO GUARANTY OR SUPPLEMENT UP TO \$5,000 OF THE COST OF THIS PROJECT IF THE SALE OF THE BRICKS IS NOT ADEQUATE TO FINANCE IT. AYE: HARNEY, WILLIAMS, DEBOLT, MERKEL, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.

President Shields opened the meeting to the public, although the Board recently approved a change in the Village Code to allow "open to the public" only at the second meeting of each month.

1. Resident Walt Heffron encouraged all board members to attend both the ZBA and Zoning Board public hearings on the proposed commercial development at the corner of Locust and Route 72.

ENGINEER:

No report.

TREASURER:

1. Add the City of Elgin to the warrants for water (\$27,130.63) and the cross connection fee (\$7,000.00). Treasurer Panning noted that our Risk Management invoice increased by only 3.26% from last year. Board questioned who signed the purchase order for the sewer shed carbons. The Board also wanted verification that we have received all equipment for the Saddle Club park repairs. If so, we should contact the company for installation of this equipment. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,076.96. AYE: DEBOLT, NEMEC, HARNEY, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. The MFT project received final approval from the engineers. The total cost for this year's project was \$147,123.07. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO PAY CURREN CONTRACTING THE AMOUNT OF \$124,301.07 FOR THE CONCLUSION OF MONIES DUE THEM ON THE 1998 MFT ROAD PROJECT. AYE: DEBOLT, HARNEY, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
3. The Tax Levy Ordinance will be passed at the next meeting when the Finance Trustee is here.
4. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 98-26 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 1998 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 1999. AYE: HARNEY, NEMEC, DEBOLT, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
5. Jewel certificates will be given to Village employees for Christmas.
6. Elgin is increasing our water rates 8% in January. We will also increase our own. Treasurer Panning would also like to increase the rates an additional percentage for non-residents.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. The Lake Sharon project will also include moving and/or repairing the grill and picnic table by the lake.
2. Joe Prang has conducted an extensive review and submitted an analysis of the Village Hall's needed outside repairs. He will be in charge of this project which will include repairs on the roof and siding of the building.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER:

No report.

POLICE:

1. The monthly police activity report was submitted.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

No report.

BUILDING:

The proposed building ordinances still need some revision and will be presented at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Shields has not contacted Kane County about the Joy Lane widening project. The Board discussed this further and it was decided to wait for Trustee Czerniawski and take a vote on whether we wish to agree to this widening. In the meantime, the engineers will contact the County to ask if it is already too late for this widening if we do approve it.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fermilab has donated two bags of prairie seed to the Village which should be planted yet this year. Trustees Nemec and Harney will handle.
2. Trustee Harney has talked to a ComEd representative concerning the recurring electrical outages in a portion of Saddle Club. They are to address the Board when they find the cause.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk