

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 15, 1999

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were President Shields; Trustees Merkel, Morris, Nemec, and Pickett; Police Chief Montalbano; Treasurer Panning; and Clerk Olson. Trustees Czerniawski and Rzonca were absent.

MINUTES

1. The minutes should be amended on page 4, Health & Sanitation, #1: (a) (Trustee Morris *recused himself* and returned...); and (b) delete the word *substantially* from the last line of that paragraph. PICKETT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MORRIS TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 1999 AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PRESIDENT:

1. President Shields sent a letter to the City of Elgin regarding the engineering report on the discharge from the Wispark development into Sleepy Hollow (Deer Creek).
2. The ZBA is modifying its presentation of its rulings to the Village Board by also reading the actual the ordinance relating to each particular variance requested.
3. President Shields gave a brief history of the recent meetings with West Dundee and responded to correspondence sent to all Board members from Glen DeCosta regarding meetings between various Board members from each Village.

CLERK:

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION:

Chairman Markey said they did not have a quorum for their last meeting but are still working on the wetlands issue.

ZONING BOARD:

1. Chairman Neil said they will have their report on our wetlands ordinance in about a week.
2. He also said both he and the former Zoning Chairman were willing to answer any questions or offer their input when the Board is discussing any zoning issues.

ZBA:

Jay Cameron spoke on behalf of the ZBA concerning file #209 for a sign variance for Twin Oaks Baptist Church. They are requesting a 7' sign (ordinance limits to 6') and two signs (ordinance limits to one sign). Board discussed this matter and was concerned about setting a precedent. The ZBA interpreted the ordinance to allow 6' of wording. The 7' sign includes 1' above the wording that is decorative. The ZBA recommended approval on both variance requests. Trustee Morris stated that he would approve this based on the ZBA's interpretation that the 6' refers to the wording of the sign. He also asked Chairman Neil if the wording of the sign ordinance could be reviewed to make the restrictions more clear. MERKEL MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE THE VARIANCES FOR FILE NO. 209 AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ZBA. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

No report

TREASURER:

1. Add Premier Painting for \$3,025.00, contingent on final review and approval by Trustee Pickett. MORRIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE THE PAYABLES OF NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,125.26. AYE: MORRIS, MERKEL, NEMEC, PICKETT. MOTION PASSED.

2. The financial statements were presented. Treasurer Panning noted that Trustee Czerniawski is keeping a close watch on the line items as we will not have anticipated sales tax from HomeLife this year.
3. The credit application from Orange Crush will be reviewed by the Village Attorney.
4. The number of visitors to our web site increased dramatically during October. It was agreed that Village staff will make routine additions to the web site, such as the minutes, newsletters, etc. However, any changes will first be approved by the Board.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Mona Auer of Sleepy Hollow Road would like a flashing light on Route 72, west of Sleepy Hollow Road, to warn traffic of the upcoming intersection and said she has no knowledge of Sleepy Hollow offering to pay for the electric hook up. She noted that the flashing light can also operate on batteries. She said she is also in favor of a tree ordinance in the Village. Mona asked that residents to be advised of any meetings between Sleepy Hollow and West Dundee board members and be allowed to give input before any decisions are made. President Shields responded.
2. Jay Cameron of Willow Lane described an incident behind Willow Lane over the weekend where a resident dumped building debris and garbage and then burned it. The police were called and a citation issued.
3. Michelle Cameron of Willow Lane said this same resident has previously dumped on Village property. The Camerons may file a complaint against these neighbors for violating Village ordinances.
4. Dan Stroick of Deer Lane suggested the Board talk and listen to the residents, not West Dundee.
5. Lori Pepper of Stevens Court questioned what board members are on what committee and why Hey & Associates have not attended these meetings, and why these meetings are held at a restaurant. Also questioned why the Village has not received any notification of the petition to NIPC regarding the FPA issue. Trustee Merkel commented that he does not know everything that is going on regarding this matter. Trustee Nemecek asked residents to contact he or Trustee Pickett with any comments or information concerning their meetings on the Pulte development.
6. Walt Heffron of Van Tassel Road expressed concern that by permitting the tree house variance, we could be setting a precedent and also open the Village to potential liability by approving a variance on a structure made by a resident.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. The Village Hall exterior painting is complete and will be reviewed tomorrow for final approval.
2. PICKETT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$13,170 FOR ROCK SALT FOR THE WINTER OF 1999/2000. AYE: PICKETT, MERKEL, MORRIS, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.
3. The office staff obtained hourly rates on the heating/air conditioning vendors. Trustee Pickett feels we should contact a vendor semi-annually and request routine maintenance review of the system. The humidifier is not included in this check up.
4. The bike path along Boncosky up to the Bluffs will be completed next season. West Dundee has agreed to split the cost of the work, up to \$1,250.00.
5. The Service Club would like to create a Christmas tree at the flag pole site and the Board agreed. They are also interested in constructing a gazebo at Lake Sharon. The Board agreed with the idea, but would like a plan and more information.

6. A sample tree ordinance will be distributed to all board members. All information on becoming a certified local government and forming a historical committee will also be distributed.
7. Trustee Pickett will check a report that a curb cut was done along the east side of Locust, near the creek and will also call the Park District.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER:

No report.

POLICE:

1. There were 52 complaints of burning violations. Most received warnings as many residents are not aware of the new burning restrictions.
2. The Department passed a recent audit by LEEDS.
3. MORRIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PICKETT TO PURCHASE A RADAR UNIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,088.00. AYE: MORRIS, PICKETT, MERKEL, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED. This will be part of the capital improvements budget.
4. Chief Montalbano would like to start the search process for new officers. Trustee Morris will bring this up for discussion at the next meeting.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

No report.

BUILDING:

1. A map of Carrington Reserve is posted in the trustee office as well as a map of the last Sleepy Hollow Road/Route 72 intersection realignment proposal.
2. Two lots on Willow that are in the wetlands will not be issued permits by the Village until all requirements of the Army Corps and any other agencies have been satisfied.
3. It is the opinion of the Village Attorney that playhouses do not require permits from the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustees Nemec and Pickett discussed the items regarding the Pulte development they wish to discuss with West Dundee and distributed a list of these items. Members of the audience were encouraged to advise these trustees of any other items they wanted discussed on the development. Hey & Associates will not participate in this until an actual plan is submitted to West Dundee. There is a tentative meeting scheduled with West Dundee next week. We are not planning to allow any curb cuts from this development onto Sleepy Hollow Road. This working group will not discuss this issue with Pulte.
2. Resident Dan Stroick said he did not request special police protection at the recent Friends of the Fen fund raiser at Sabatino Park. The Board felt we should provide police protection at any event where large crowds gather in the Village as a safety precaution and not charge for this service. MORRIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO REMOVE THE CHARGE TO THE FRIENDS OF THE FEN FOR THE POLICE PROTECTION. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

NEW BUSINESS:

- West Dundee resident Glen DeCosta briefly responded to his correspondence given to all board members concerning meetings with West Dundee board members, which he believes are improper. He discussed West

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Dundee's proposal to realign the Sleepy Hollow Road intersection and their plans to provide sewer service to the parcel. He also described how he believes we can successfully challenge the FPA petition filed by West Dundee for the Galvin property. Mr. DeCosta has heard that Sleepy Hollow's jurisdiction over three corners of the Sleepy Hollow/Route 72 intersection has been questioned. President Shields commented and also allowed several members of the audience to ask questions and give their opinions on the entire Pulte development matter and all issues related to it.

MORRIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:15 P.M.  
MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk