

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were President Pickett, Trustees Ander, Finney, Getz, Grom, Wind, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 3, 2003. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. The ordinance approved last meeting authorizing a referendum question on the 911 surcharge increase was missing a line of text that notes the applicable statute for the matter and should be added at the bottom of the first page. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENT LANGUAGE TO ORDINANCE NO. 2003-28. AYE: WIND, ZIEMBA, ANDER, FINNEY, GETZ, GROM. MOTION PASSED.

2. President Pickett received correspondence from resident Linda Nuneman concerning issues on Zoning Board meetings and he will meet with the Village Attorney and Chairman Neil to address her concerns. She also raised issues concerning the ZBA, which should be addressed with the completion of the procedures manual.

CLERK:

1. The Board reviewed several Comcast permit requests. GROM MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE COMCAST PERMIT REQUEST FAXED 11/17/03 AND PERMIT REQUEST NOS. PSH-023 THROUGH 030. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

2. Current Illinois Municipal League handbooks were ordered and distributed to the newest trustees. The Clerk also received a Zoning Handbook that will be stored in the Clerk's office for review.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

Chairman Art Neil reported that all text amendment issues were resolved at the recent public hearing. The hearing was continued until tomorrow for the issue of re-zoning the parcel on Route 72. They did not have the Plan Commission's report and recommendation on this matter before the hearing.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

1. The bi-monthly update report from the Engineer was reviewed.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GROM TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 17, 2003 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,204.98. AYE: ZIEMBA, GROM, ANDER, FINNEY, GETZ, WIND. MOTION PASSED.

2. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GROM TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THREE COMPUTERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,683.88. Dell computers were requested since they are compatible with the QuadCom system. AYE: ZIEMBA, GROM, ANDER, FINNEY, WIND. NAY: GETZ. MOTION PASSED.

3. The office staff has asked to close the office at noon on Christmas Eve day. This will be unpaid time to the employees unless they use vacation or holiday time. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE CLOSING THE VILLAGE HALL OFFICES AT NOON ON CHRISTMAS EVE. MOTION PASSED.

4. A street light pole broke in Saddle Club during the strong winds last week. It was not the pole scheduled for replacement. The Village insurance company has been notified.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Dan Gulinski of Beau Brummel discussed his concern with a possible tree ordinance that would restrict residents' ability to remove trees on their property. He lives on a very heavily wooded lot. Trustees responded with details on the proposed ordinance, explaining under what circumstances a resident can remove trees on private property, and noted that most restrictions in this ordinance are on developers.

2. Eydee Reese of Laurel Court attended the zoning public hearing and urged the board to consider how the proposed Route 72 development will affect those residents adjacent to the property, especially in relation to a restaurant open 24 hours with drive through facilities.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

No report.

FINANCE:

1. Comparing revenues from last year to this year, we are somewhat ahead right now, but our expenses are also higher than last year at this time. There is a Finance Committee meeting on November 24th.

WATER & SEWER:

No report.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. Trustee Grom noted that it will be necessary to transfer funds into the police professional services line item. This will be included in the next supplemental appropriations ordinance.

2. GROM MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF PART- TIME OFFICER MICHAEL QUIROZ, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 3, 2003. MOTION PASSED.

3. There have been no traffic accidents at the Route 72/Sleepy Hollow Road intersection since the improvements and stop light were completed. There will be no "pork chop" on the south side of the intersection unless the Village is willing to pay for the project since this property is outside the State's right of way and jurisdiction.

4. A deer has been seen in Sleepy Hollow with protruding arrows. There is *no* hunting allowed in Sleepy Hollow, including bow and arrow.

Trustee Ziemba noted that with the current financial problems of a neighboring village, it is a testament to our treasurer, staff, finance committee, etc. that we continue to have very good audit reports every year.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. Yard waste will continue to be picked up until the end of November.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

1. The Zoning Board is reviewing building height restrictions in R1. This should be the same as current R2 restrictions, which are 30', and it was suggested we simply approve and add this same language to the R1 height restrictions. This will be reviewed with the Village Attorney. The Board also noted that we should consider zoning parameters for possible future "tear downs" in the Village.
2. Trustee Finney does not feel the recent comments on the Zoning Enforcement Officer by the ZBA were justified and that the Zoning Enforcement Officer's decisions have been consistent.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The tree ordinance was discussed. Trustee Ander has discussed this draft ordinance with an individual at the Morton Arboretum, who said that trees do increase property resale values. This individual has expressed her willingness to be an adviser to the Village concerning tree preservation and has made some suggestions concerning the draft ordinance. Upon her complete review and additional recommendations, the ordinance will be sent to Attorney Schuster to incorporate into ordinance format for final approval. Residents in the audience generally spoke favorably about the proposed ordinance.
2. The re-drafted resolution approving the KDOT transportation improvement plan will be presented for approval at the next meeting.
3. Wetland Mitigation Bank. The land must dry out somewhat before it can be seeded. There has been recent vandalism of the property and the equipment of Land & Water Resources. There will be \$250,000 worth of seed planted and we need to better ensure that vandals do not further damage the property and equipment. We should look into posting signs in the area that motorized vehicles are prohibited and the property is not for public use.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Ander suggested that a representative from the State's Attorney's office meet with the village boards concerning meetings. President Pickett noted that upon completion of a draft procedures manual, a meeting would be scheduled with committee chairman to review these procedures prior to finalizing. Trustee Ander commented on public hearings and that residents are not always aware of the upcoming hearings. Board discussed other methods to advise residents of hearings, other than the required legal notice and publication on the front door of the Village Hall. It was suggested we add these hearing notices to the Village web site.
2. There is an upcoming DuKane technology seminar in Geneva that Trustee Grom or President Pickett may attend.
3. Kane County is requesting any corrections or updates to their bicycle/pedestrian map that was recently published.

ANDER MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:10 P.M. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk