

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, Village Attorney Schuster, Village Engineer Heinz, and Clerk Olson.

President Pickett explained the rules for speaking under the public comments section of the meeting.

MINUTES:

1. GROM MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2004. MOTION PASSED. Trustee Ander requested a summary of the recent pre-concept conference with a potential developer.

PRESIDENT:

1. The Fox Valley Cable Consortium will be submitting a new cable contract to the members for their comments in the near future.

CLERK:

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

Chairman Neil noted they are awaiting the Board's vote on their recommendations from their public hearing. Mr. Schuster advised that the PUD ordinance will be presented in the next meeting or two. Mr. Neil said a new public hearing on the skateboard ramp issue is not yet scheduled.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. The Board reviewed the draft ordinance and added language to the end of paragraph 1B to clarify the 30' height limitation. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GROM TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2004-25 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN THE VILLAGE" AS MODIFIED. AYE: WIND, GROM, ANDER, FINNEY, PICKETT. MOTION PASSED.

ENGINEER:

1. The water improvement project main line is complete and the services portion of the project will start this week. Driveway paving may also be done this week, depending on the weather.
2. The street program is also complete. (Trustee Getz arrives at 7:50 p.m.)
3. A resolution must be passed for the 5 year street plan MFT funds. GROM MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 333 ENTITLED "RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE." MOTION PASSED.
4. There was no IDOT status report regarding the SpringHill Meadows development, but we do have a copy of the Army Corps. permit.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. GROM MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF DECEMBER 6, 2004 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$305,886.25. AYE: GROM, GETZ, ANDER, FINNEY, WIND. MOTION PASSED. The crack sealing program stopped due to wet pavement and will be completed in the spring when weather permits.
2. There was discussion on the employee holiday gifts, which must have taxes withheld if considered a cash gift. The Village will continue to give \$25 Jewel gift certificates.
3. Proposed changes to the personnel policy were discussed: (a) GROM MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE PAID HOLIDAY CHANGES OF ADDING PRESIDENTS DAY AND DROPPING LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY. MOTION PASSED WITH FINNEY VOTING NAY. (Ziemba arrives at 8:03 p.m.) (b) ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO ACCEPT THE CHANGES REGARDING WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION. MOTION PASSED. (c) ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE CHANGES REGARDING PUBLIC WORKS OVERTIME PAY. MOTION PASSED.

President Pickett introduced Carol Schoengart and asked that she be appointed to the Plan Commission as Chairman. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPOINT CAROL SCHOENGART TO THE PLAN COMMISSION AS CHAIRMAN. MOTION PASSED.

8:00 PM Randy Huisman and Rick Bulthuis of Arc Disposal requested that a temporary fuel surcharge be added to resident bills because of the increasing cost of fuel. The increase would start January 1st and be tied to the cost per gallon of fuel and dropped when fuel was less than \$1.70 per gallon. The cost increase to residents at this time would be about \$.25-.30 per home, per month. The Board agreed to this temporary surcharge, with a ceiling of \$.50 per home. An amendment to the trash contract will be necessary. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO DIRECT THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO SIGN. MOTION PASSED.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Mr. Mayland of Rainbow Drive asked the Board to issue a building permit so he can put in the pilings for a new home; he has received all other required permits except one. Trustee Finney will check with our building inspector and advise the resident.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

No report.

FINANCE:

1. There was a Finance Committee meeting last week where various items were discussed. The Committee would like Public Works to maintain a time log of projects and amount of time expended by each person. Trustee Wind will prepare a chart/schedule for review.

WATER & SEWER:

No report.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. The Police Dept. has a link on its website to a site promoting 25 mph on village streets to save children's lives. A sign with this message will also be affixed to the radar monitor sign.

Green Communities: Robert H. Anderson has completed their evaluation of the driveway bridge and recommend replacement in the next 3-5 years. A new bridge could be constructed west of the current location after which the creek could be re-routed for the demonstration project. We have no cost estimates on these projects. Board discussed the necessity of the bridge as a second means to reach Sleepy Hollow Road from the Village Hall.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

No report.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

1. We have a few candidates for the building inspector position, but no decision has been made. We do not yet have anyone to enforce the zoning ordinances in the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:


1. There was no update on the watershed project, business hours of operation, or affordable housing. We are waiting for a response from Elgin on the boundary agreement.
2. The numbering problem on Stevens Court and a few other village roads was brought up. This has caused delay in emergency vehicles finding the homes. The numbering system cannot be changed. The residents should ensure the house numbers are easily seen, the outside of the house well lit, and someone should wait outside if an emergency vehicle is called.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Service Club tree lighting is December 12th from 4 - 6 p.m. at Sabatino Park.

WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:02 P.M. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,


Norine Olson
Village Clerk