

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 20, 2006

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, Wind, and Ziemba, Police Corp. Wilson, Finance Director Volkening, and Clerk Olson. Trustees Getz and Prigge were absent.

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

MINUTES:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2005. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. The Regional Planning Board is looking for volunteers to establish a citizens advisory committee. The application is available from President Pickett, which must be submitted by April 1st.
2. At the recent meeting of the cable committee, substantial progress was made on the Comcast agreement and a draft should be available for review in May. President Pickett noted that there is a movement under way in Springfield and Washington to change franchise agreements and establish them with the state and federal governments, rather than the municipalities.
3. President Pickett spoke with a ComEd rep who can arrange a presentation to the Board on their tree trimming procedures. He also received copies of their proposed plans for tree trimming this spring.

CLERK:

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION:

President Pickett noted that the Commission had a meeting last Monday at which they reviewed and approved the sign for Cardinal Fitness. The Commission will be reviewing signs next month for a new hair salon and dry cleaners in Spring Hill Meadows.

ZONING COMMISSION:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. The proposed ordinance for alarm systems will be deferred to the next meeting since Trustee Ander did not yet discuss changes to the ordinance with Attorney Schuster.
2. The Board reviewed the Dundee Township Pre-Annexation Agreement and President Pickett noted several minor modifications that will be made to the Agreement. We must approve this Agreement and send to the Township for their approval. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 348 ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT WITH DUNDEE TOWNSHIP." MOTION PASSED.

ENGINEER:

1. The current projects update was received.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF MARCH 20, 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$94,414.10. AYE: ZIEMBA, ANDER, FINNEY, WIND. MOTION PASSED.
2. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 349, A RESOLUTION ADDING LASALLE BANK AS A VILLAGE DEPOSITORY. MOTION PASSED. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 350, A RESOLUTION ADDING THE ILLINOIS FUNDS PRIME FUND OF THE STATE TREASURER AS A VILLAGE DEPOSITORY FOR GENERAL AND WATER AND SEWER. MOTION PASSED.

8:00 P.M. Sue Bennett and Gary Swick of Friends of the Fox River gave a slide presentation on Sleepy Creek and Jelkes Creek. They noted that Jelkes Creek is in good condition while Sleepy Creek is not and explained some of the reasons why, including the chemicals from lawns. They also noted ways that the creeks can be restored and protected and Sue explained the project she undertook some years ago around Lake Sharon. Board members then asked questions which Sue and Gary answered.

8:30 P.M. Claudia Kimse of Artistic Bits advised the Board that a mosaic totem pole was selected as the art to be created for display in the Village. This sculpture will be on display outside the Village Hall from May 1st through August 31st. The Board previously approved this project.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Michael Morse of Hilltop Lane stated his objection to the Board considering a tree ordinance for the Village.
2. Stan Hickrod of Sleepy Hollow Road expressed his displeasure with the newspaper article concerning the trees he cut down on his property, which he said was done to improve the look of the property, and for safety reasons. He apologized if trees on Village property were accidentally cut down.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

1. Trustee Ander explained the information received about the additive to the bulk rock salt and the Board consensus was that this would be a good addition. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE REQUISITION FOR BULK ROCK SALT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,000. AYE: WIND, ZIEMBA, ANDER, FINNEY. MOTION PASSED.
2. When plowing snow recently, a resident's mailbox was destroyed. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO APPROVE PAYMENT TO MR. VILLARS FOR MAILBOX REPLACEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$197.24. AYE: WIND, ANDER, FINNEY, PICKETT. NAY: ZIEMBA. MOTION PASSED.

FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 351 ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION FOR USE OF CERTAIN DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTION FUNDS DERIVED FROM THE 1993 TARGET STORES AGREEMENT." MOTION PASSED. The current fund balance of about \$210,000 will be designated for construction of a wastewater treatment facility in the Village.
2. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO AUTHORIZE BRIAN MUHICH TO ACT AS THE VILLAGE BROKER FOR LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE. MOTION PASSED. There is no cost for his services to obtain insurance quotes for the Village.
3. The Finance Committee had their first budget meeting last week. At their next budget meeting on March 28th, they will review the overtime in Public Works and the cost of the code enforcement officers for the Village.

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WATER & SEWER:

No report.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. Officer Gallagher was mistakenly hired at a lower rate than our standard salary for full time officers. ANDER MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO REVISE MICHAEL GALLAGHER'S SALARY TO \$16.26 PER HOUR, RETROACTIVE TO HIS DATE OF HIRE IN AUGUST, 2005. AYE: ANDER, ZIEMBA, FINNEY, WIND. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. We received three bids for the Village janitorial services, which range from about \$5,000 to \$11,000 per year. ANDER MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO ACCEPT THE BID OF \$7,771/YEAR FROM SERVICEMASTER BY THACKER FOR THREE YEARS. AYE: ANDER, WIND, FINNEY, ZIEMBA. MOTION PASSED.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

1. Trustee Finney has received calls from residents asking that the Board re-open discussion on allowing sheds in the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Ziemba questioned the condition of Jelkes Creek outside the Village Hall since there was discussion last year to move the creek to the west, partly due to the creek's poor condition, but tonight's report on the creeks indicated that it was in good condition. Trustee Ander noted the samples, which were the basis for Sue Bennett's report, were taken from the creek north of the parking lot, which is in better condition. He also noted that the run off from the parking lot is what contributes to the contamination of the creek.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A realtor who resides in the Village asked if a link to her real estate site could be added to the Village website. The Board discussed the need to establish a policy for links from the Village site. It was the general consensus though, that links to businesses outside the Village should not be permitted, although links to businesses located within the Village limits would be considered. The Board will consider this idea and discuss at a later date.

2. Trustee Ander felt the Board should again consider the issue of leaf burning in the Village.

3. Trustee Ander discussed the resident tree cutting on Sleepy Hollow Road. It was felt that if any trees were removed from Village property, they should be replaced by the homeowner. The Board then discussed the issue of property lines and easements along Sleepy Hollow Road, which vary house to house, and will probably require a review of each plat of survey. They also discussed planting high quality trees on the road and removing poor quality ones over time. ANDER MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO REVIEW THE PLAT OF THE HOMEOWNER TO DETERMINE WHAT PORTION IS ON VILLAGE PROPERTY, AND ALSO DETERMINE WHAT THE VILLAGE CAN DO FOR THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE ROAD TO VERIFY PROPERTY LINES. MOTION PASSED.

ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:32 P.M. MOTION PASSED.

Norine Olson
Respectfully submitted, Norine Olson, Village Clerk