

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 7, 2006

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:33 p.m. In attendance were President Pickett, Trustees Ander, Finney, Getz, Prigge, Wind, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, Village Attorney Schuster, Village Engineer Weiss, and Clerk Olson.

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

MINUTES:

1. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 17, 2006. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2006-19 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS, INC." AYE: WIND, GETZ, ANDER, FINNEY, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED.

2. President Pickett attended the recent District 300 quarterly meeting for municipalities where it was announced that enrollment at Sleepy Hollow Elementary for this fall is at 788 students (last year was 640). Portable units will be necessary. A new school in the district should reduce crowding for the following year.

3. Dundee Township will be using the Village Hall on September 9th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for public viewing of their proposed Jelkes Creek bird sanctuary habitat restoration plan.

CLERK:

1. The Bluffs Subdivision has requested permission to hold their annual block party. The Board said the entire subdivision should not be blocked from public access. ANDER MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE BLUFFS BLOCK PARTY. MOTION PASSED.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

1. Chairman Art Neil said the commission had a meeting last week and the Village Attorney has been given draft text to review on dog run fences and gas illuminated signs for businesses. (Trustee Ziemba arrived at 7:42 p.m.)

2. The Board has received a resignation from long time member Larry Jacox who is moving.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. The ordinance amending the pleasure drive regulations was discussed. At this time, the only change will be to allow trash trucks on the road to service the Hickory Hollow subdivision. This ordinance will be revisited again when the Lakeland development is annexed into the Village. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2006-20 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PLEASURE DRIVE REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO THE OPERATION OF VARIOUS 'COMMERCIAL VEHICLES' ON A PLEASURE DRIVEWAY IN THE VILLAGE." AYE: WIND, ZIEMBA, ANDER, FINNEY, GETZ, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED.

2. Mr. Schuster sent a letter to the owner of the Spring Hill Meadows subdivision addressing the Village's concerns on landscaping and other issues. Mr. Schuster and the owner will meet to discuss this matter, but the owner has stated that the project is not yet complete, there is still a letter of credit on file with the Village, and he will contact the maintenance company about the fence complaints.

ENGINEER:

1. GETZ MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT. MOTION PASSED. A few trees must be removed for this project. Public Works was going to do the removal, but they have recent fallen trees to remove at this time. Art Sunderlage should obtain quotes for removal of the trees necessary to proceed with the water system improvements.
2. Mr. Weiss reviewed the annual water reports and said the Village does not have a problem with copper content at this time.
3. Mr. Weiss has photographs of the Spring Hill Meadows development landscaping if anyone wishes to view them.
4. The Hickrod lot on Sleepy Hollow Road is 154.9' wide.
5. The bid opening for the 2006 road work program is August 14th.
6. The engineer is reviewing the Army Corps. permit for the dam repairs. He is also reviewing ideas for paving of the parking lot in an environmentally-sensitive manner and asked if this could be included in the Oslad grant for next year.
7. Mr. Weiss also reviewed the suggested geothermal system for the Village's next heating and cooling system and suggested the Village retain the services of a consultant who specializes in this area. The Village asked for referrals and he will obtain these names for the Village to contact directly.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF AUGUST 7, 2006 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$113,471.58. AYE: ZIEMBA, GETZ, ANDER, FINNEY, PRIGGE, WIND. MOTION PASSED.
2. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2006-21 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE/DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN PROPERTY OWED BY THE VILLAGE." AYE: ZIEMBA, WIND, ANDER, FINNEY, GETZ, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED. This is for the old office furniture that is being replaced.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Mona Auer of Sleepy Hollow Road noted that Sleepy Hollow Road needs regular litter pick ups. She read a statement regarding the increased traffic on Sleepy Hollow Road and the need to preserve the road and to enforce the pleasure drive ordinance regulations.
2. Don Youngen of Van Tassel said Public Works replaced his water meter and he now has excessive water pressure. He was told he needs a pressure reduction valve and asked the Village to fix this problem.
3. John Kola, a collectibles dealer in Streamwood, offered the Village the option of purchasing a 1949 framed print from a Disney movie featuring the headless horseman for \$800.
4. Gwen Tomic spoke on behalf of St. Catherine's School in West Dundee which is sponsoring a 10k run on September 9th and requested permission to include certain Sleepy Hollow roads as part of the run. The Police Chief expressed concern with safety of the runners and liability to the Village. The Board advised the spokesperson that a liability waiver will be required.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

1. A very large tree was uprooted on the north side of Lake Sharon during a recent storm. It must be accessed through private property. It was suggested we could leave a portion of the tree and not attempt to remove it. An arborist or other tree specialist could be consulted as to the best way to handle this.
2. Art in Public Works cut brush and added mulch to part of the pathway between the Village Hall and the Township property.

FINANCE:

1. The Finance Committee will meet at the end of this month.

WATER & SEWER:

1. The Board discussed the water pressure problem of the Van Tassel resident. This could be caused partly by the new, larger water main pipes in that area and also by the slope where this homeowner lives. (Trustee Getz leaves at 8:47 p.m.) The Board agreed to correct this problem for the homeowner and will direct Public Works to obtain quotes on this work and the Village will then decide whether the Village or an outside plumber will handle the job.
2. A resident requested that the Village write off a \$84.74 charge for Public Works to turn off their buffalo box on a Saturday. The resident called QuadCom and asked for the service. We are obligated to pay a minimum two hours overtime to Public Works staff for work outside normal hours. This was not an emergency. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO NOT WAIVE THE CHARGE. MOTION PASSED WITH PRIGGE VOTING NAY. A letter should be sent explaining why to the resident. A statement will be included in the next newsletter advising residents that they will be billed when they request any services from Public Works after normal working hours.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. The Board agreed that the old squad car may be used as a "drone."
2. PRIGGE MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO HIRE SHANE A. CHRISTENSON AS A FULL TIME OFFICER EFFECTIVE AUGUST 8, 2006 AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$35,173. MOTION PASSED. Officer Shane has been a part time officer in the Village since July, 2005.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. Trustee Ander will present, at the next meeting, a list of residents interested in participating on the environmental committee.
2. There have been complaints about the new home construction at 418 Rainbow that has been on-going for several months. They improperly added fill to the property (since removed) and neighbors have said they are pumping something from the property using Village equipment, although it is unknown if it is sewer waste. Trustee Ander suggested that the planned improvements to that road be delayed until construction is complete since they are using heavy equipment. The engineer will change the MFT road plans. Trustee Finney will discuss these complaints with the Village inspector.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Prigge described his meeting with Mr. Hickrod and his review of the property where the trees were cut. Trustee Prigge does not object to allowing a line of sight of 15' on each side of this driveway for safety in exiting onto Sleepy Hollow Road. He then met with Dundee Landscape to prepare a new bid which includes 15 trees plus 5 tree/shrubs. All trees quoted may not be available when the bid is accepted so some substitutions may be necessary. The quote contains a warranty of 100% replacement for 90 days, and 50% replacement up to one year from planting. Mr. Hickrod was present and said he has always intended to replace the cut trees. He also noted that lines of sight are part of county and state laws. He said his understanding from his meeting with Trustee Prigge was that the Board would accept a new proposal for 15 trees, which he agreed to, and he objected to this proposal with a total of 20 trees. Trustee Prigge explained that the 5 additional trees are understory trees, not large trees as the other 15 trees on the quote. After discussion, it was proposed that we eliminate two white pines, two viburnum and one serviceberry. FINNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO MODIFY THE DUNDEE LANDSCAPE PROPOSAL TO 15 TREES/SHRUBS TOTAL AS DISCUSSED. MOTION PASSED WITH ANDER AND PRIGGE VOTING NAY. The Board discussed the 50% replacement warranty (up to one year) and it was agreed that the Village and Mr. Hickrod will equally share the 50% cost if replacement is necessary. It was also agreed that Mr. Hickrod will water the trees one hour per week and the Village will additionally water as necessary. Mr. Schuster will prepare a letter of agreement to Mr. Hickrod outlining these terms. Mr. Hickrod also agreed to pay the Village the entire cost of the revised landscape plan this week so that the plan may be submitted to Dundee Landscape. FINNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO DIRECT THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A LETTER TO MR. HICKROD WITH THE TERMS AS DISCUSSED. MOTION PASSED.

2. President Pickett advised that there does not appear to be any entities interested in purchasing the Michalski property. The developer's contract for this property has lapsed but they are apparently in new discussions with the owners for a new contract. The County is not interested, nor is the Township, as they do not have the funds necessary to meet the owners' purchase price. Trustee Prigge would like the Village to do whatever it can to encourage the purchase of this property. The Kane County Forest Preserve may have the funds, although the owners do not appear willing to lower the purchase price and the Village is not aware that they have approached the Forest Preserve to purchase their property. FINNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO INSTRUCT THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE A RESOLUTION TO ENCOURAGE THE FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT TO PURCHASE THE PROPERTY. MOTION PASSED WITH ZIEMBA VOTING NAY.

3. Trustee Finney thanked the Board for its support in his son's recent Sleepy Hollow Road projects - Doug Finney was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

PRIGGE MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:10 P.M. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk