

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 2, 2007

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, Prigge, Wind, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, Village Attorney Schuster, Village Engineer Weiss, and Clerk Olson. Trustee Getz was absent.

MINUTES:

1. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 18, 2006. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. Artistic Bits sent a description for this year's Garden Art Program for the area communities. Locally chosen artists will join landscape designers to create public gardens that could be permanent if the Villages wish to maintain their new gardens at the end of the season. Artistic Bits is asking for municipal contributions to the project. The Board liked the concept but would like to know the cost.

CLERK:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE COMCAST PERMIT REQUEST NO. PSH-037. MOTION PASSED.

2. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE COMED PERMIT REQUEST NO. 05895371. This request is to rebuild the electric line along Sleepy Hollow Road and will probably involve tree cutting. The Board would like ComEd reps to attend a board meeting to explain this work in more detail before the Village grants permit approval. President Pickett will contact ComEd. ZIEMBA AND WIND WITHDREW THEIR MOTION AND SECOND.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. The draft ordinance to modify the fee schedule for building permits was reviewed. The Board discussed adding the \$250 review fee to the permit fee of \$1,300 for one payment by the applicant. If the construction did not proceed after plan review, the permit fee could be refunded, less the review fee. The Board would like Mr. Schuster to review all fees with the building inspector and then include the entire list in the ordinance. There were also comments that the Village does not wish to charge residents a higher fee than is necessary to recoup the building inspector's wages on each task. A revised ordinance will be presented for the next meeting.

ENGINEER:

1. The Board discussed the response on the Spring Hill Meadows landscaping from the developer and his landscape architect. They feel the current plantings are sufficient and do not feel they are required to

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plant additional landscaping on this property. Trustee Prigge does not believe the current screening is adequate for the residents and feels larger trees should have been planted in certain areas. Trustee Finney noted that the design with smaller tree plantings was probably in anticipation of the final size of the trees, which would provide adequate screening when full grown. The Board considered asking another landscaper to give their opinion of the landscaping and if additional trees should be added to certain areas of the development. If additional planting is desired around the area of the proposed new store/café, that issue could possibly be addressed in the special use application. The Board questioned whether there was a maintenance bond for the project or possibly a letter of credit and will further discuss this at the next meeting.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF JANUARY 2, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,741.61. AYE: ZIEMBA, ANDER, FINNEY, PRIGGE, WIND. MOTION PASSED.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

No report.

FINANCE:

1. There will be a Finance Committee meeting the week of January 15th.
2. An annual report was received from Land and Water Resources on the wetland mitigation bank. The Village has received approximately \$115,000 on this project to date. The Board was not certain of the amount of property left to be "sold" and how much more money is anticipated to be received. Trustee Ziemba will follow up on this issue with Land and Water Resources.
3. The City of Elgin should be contacted regarding the sales tax due the Village pursuant to the agreement between Elgin and Sleepy Hollow.

WATER & SEWER:

No report.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. Seven police applicants remain after physical testing. The Police Committee will meet to choose 3-4 applicants to be hired and start the nine month state training program.
2. Kane County has not yet responded to Metro West regarding the new fee schedule that requires substantial annual payments by participating municipalities to subsidize the new animal facility. The pro-rated fee may be based on the number of municipalities that participate. President Pickett will advise Metro that Sleepy Hollow is not interested in signing the new agreement. The Village will need to find a new facility for any strays they pick up.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

No report.

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BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Board briefly discussed old zoning issues. There are some pending residential code violation issues that Trustee Finney will review with the code enforcement officer.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

ANDER MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:41 P.M.
MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk