

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 19, 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, Getz, Prigge, Wind, and Ziemba, Police Sgt. Wilson, Finance Director Volkening, and Clerk Olson.

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

MINUTES:

1. ANDER MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2007. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. President Pickett asked that any questions regarding the AT&T Project Lightspeed be directed to him so he could obtain answers by the next Board meeting. Trustee Wind noted that the proposed locations for the "boxes" are not in resident yards. Trustee Prigge is still concerned about the possible trenching to lay cable and wants clarification from AT&T on this issue. President Pickett is meeting with Comcast tomorrow at their request.

CLERK:

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. Trustee Finney met with Mr. Schuster and the Village inspector to discuss ordinance interpretation. It was suggested the language be changed to include car covers as a violation of the ordinance. There was also discussion of storing of items outside the house, such as equipment for sports, hobbies, etc. and it was suggested the Village review the entire section and modify these ordinances to make them more clear to residents, easier to enforce, and more consistent overall. It was the consensus of the Board to ask the Zoning Board to review this issue and report back to the Board.

ENGINEER:

1. The current projects update was submitted. The high cost estimate for repair of the Lake Sharon dam was noted.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS

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PAYABLE OF MARCH 19, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$86,806.43. AYE: ZIEMBA, GETZ, ANDER, FINNEY, PRIGGE, WIND. MOTION PASSED.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Beth Fudala of Rainbow Drive expressed her support for a ban on leaf burning and explained her family's respiratory difficulties, including an asthmatic child, when leaves are burned in the Village.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

1. No report.

FINANCE:

1. Trustee Ziemba briefly reviewed the ten month financial statements. The Finance Committee had their first budget meeting and discussed the request to add another full time police officer. Trustee Ziemba noted that the Village revenues are budgeted to decrease next fiscal year and an additional officer would add another \$65,000+ to the budget. However, we have not yet received any sales tax from Elgin's Randall Road development. Steak 'n Shake is not expected to break ground until late this year at the earliest, and the new strip mall has not resulted in a noticeable increase in sales tax revenue. It is believed that the Sears lease at the former Home Life store is up sometime this year. The next Finance Committee budget meeting is April 5th at 7:00 p.m. The Committee also discussed the engineer's estimate for paving the Village Hall and Public Works parking lots of about \$90,000. In addition, the Committee discussed the Dundee Township Historical Society request for a \$5,000 donation from each of the area villages for a new heating system, and additionally discussed the animal control agreement requested by Kane County.

WATER & SEWER:

1. There is an increasing problem of uncollectible delinquent water accounts when the residents move. The Village is unable to start collection procedures in a timely manner due to ordinance requirements. The Board discussed possible solutions and whether to have the Village Attorney review options, but because the annual write offs are only a few hundred dollars, the Board chose to take no action at this time.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. One of the Village headless horseman signs was damaged by a hit and run driver and will cost about \$3,000 to repair.
2. All employees have been briefly trained on use of the defibrillator, but are not certified. The Board expressed concern about liability for the Village. Staff will check with the Fire Department on this matter.
3. PRIGGE MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO PROMOTE OFFICER KURT HERMAN TO CORPORAL, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, AT AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$36,931. MOTION PASSED WITH ZIEMBA VOTING NAY.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. The Fire Dept. inspected the Village Hall and said that the back barn area adjacent to the meeting room needs some work. This contains mainly property of the Service Club. The main concern is that the room be hardwired to the main electrical system for the fire alarm. Staff will obtain quotes for this electrical work.

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BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Prigge reopened discussion on the issue of leaf burning and distributed several articles on the detrimental effects of leaf burning and listing alternatives to burning. He is not asking to restrict burning of other yard waste. Trustee Ander added that the Board has a responsibility to do the right thing for the Village as a whole and that this is a health issue. Trustee Ziemba noted that the residents have overwhelmingly told the Board in the past that they do not want leaf burning banned and President Pickett concurred. It was noted that the Village now offers free leaf pick up, which was not always offered to residents. The Board discussed various options to address leaf burning, including a large permit fee to burn leaves. It does not appear that educating the residents on the health risks has been effective in the past. The Board discussed a gradually increased restriction of leaf burning. FINNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO ALLOW LEAF BURNING ONLY DURING THE MONTHS OF SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER, DURING THE SECOND AND FOURTH WEEKENDS OF EACH MONTH. AYE: FINNEY, ANDER, GETZ, PRIGGE, WIND, ZIEMBA. MOTION PASSED. An ordinance should be prepared.
2. President Pickett informed the Board that Metro West is still negotiating with Kane County regarding the animal control facility and another meeting is scheduled in April. The County is requiring \$6,000 from the Village to help pay for their new facility as part of the agreement. In addition, each stray picked up would cost \$175, plus a \$17.50 daily fee to house the stray. The Village has averaged only 4-6 strays a year that require pick up from the Village. The Board would like to continue negotiations, but are not in favor of the current agreement. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO CONTACT ANDERSON ANIMAL SHELTER TO DISCUSS OPTIONS WITH THEM FOR TAKING STRAYS. MOTION PASSED.
3. The Board briefly discussed the expenses and long hours of the village inspector and possible ways to reduce or control it. One option would be for him to use an old squad car to drive around the village for ordinance violations, rather than using his personal vehicle. The Village would like a separation of his time between inspection work and ordinance enforcement.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:40 P.M. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk