

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 20, 2007

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were President Pickett, Trustees Finney, Fudala, Prigge, Wind, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, Village Engineer Weiss, and Clerk Olson. Trustee Getz was absent.

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

MINUTES:

1. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 6, 2007. MOTION PASSED WITH PRIGGE ABSTAINING.

PRESIDENT:

No report.

CLERK:

1. Newsletter articles should be submitted to the clerk by September 21<sup>st</sup>. Trustee Wind proposed that we permit advertising in the newsletter by Village businesses only and suggested fees based on the size of the ad. This will help defray the increasing cost of the newsletter. He will check other villages to see what they charge advertisers. Trustee Finney did not feel advertising was appropriate for resident newsletter. After further discussion, the Board agreed advertising would be more acceptable if it were on a separate insert.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

Member Richard Corbett summarized the Brar property public hearing on August 15<sup>th</sup>, which had been reconvened from a prior hearing. The Brar representative again did not have the required information and the public hearing was continued to August 29 at 7:30 p.m.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

1. There were two bids for the MFT road program, both which came in substantially below the engineer's estimate. Engineer Weiss spoke with the low bidder who is willing to do additional work above the contract amount. The engineer will suggest other roads to be added back into the project. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE BID OF ARROW ROAD CONSTRUCTION AS OF AUGUST 24, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$384,556.35, AND AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT AND CLERK TO SIGN DOCUMENTS. AYE: ZIEMBA, WIND, FINNEY, FUDALA, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED.

2. The current projects update report was reviewed: The bid opening for the water meter replacement program is on September 17 and several companies have expressed interest; an agreement is being prepared for the Lake Sharon dam repairs; next year is the last phase of the water main improvements project; the engineer met with the County concerning the water issues at 936 Willow and all matters have been settled--the Board asked that the engineer obtain a written summary from the County on the agreement reached with the resident.

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Dundee Township has proceeded forward on the bike/walking trail and related grant application without Sleepy Hollow; President Pickett will contact Township Supervisor Sue Harney to discuss this matter.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLES OF AUGUST 20, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$130,421.72. AYE: ZIEMBA, WIND, FINNEY, FUDALA, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED.
2. Information was reviewed on the employee deferred compensation plan. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE 2007 PENSION PROTECTION 457 PLAN AND LEAVE ALL DEFAULTS AS "YES." MOTION PASSED.
3. Certain fee increases were recommended during budget sessions and should be implemented. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS TO CHANGE FEES: DOG PICK UP FINE FROM \$15 TO \$25, POLICE REPORT FEE FROM \$5 TO \$10, SOLICITOR APPLICATION FEE FROM \$5 TO \$20, COPY FEE FROM \$.20 TO \$.25 AND COLOR COPY FEE OF \$.50. MOTION PASSED.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Tom Merkel of Thorobred Lane expressed concern about the proposed cell tower and the impact to residents and non-residents and asked the Board to advise the residents that this is under consideration.
2. Sal Eraci of Thorobred Lane also expressed concern about the cell tower in terms of safety issues and maintenance responsibility of the tower area.
3. Carrie Tonge of Sleepy Hollow Road said she was not in favor of a cell tower and asked that residents be given information about this tower prior to a decision.
4. Sandy Brennan of Jamestowne Road explained problems she had in returning the "no parking" signs from her garage sale. They were returned prior to the deadline under different circumstances than normal, but her deposit was not returned. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO AUTHORIZE THE RETURN OF MRS. BRENNAN'S \$15 DEPOSIT FOR THE SIGNS. MOTION PASSED. The procedures should be clarified with office staff.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

1. The Village landscapers quoted a fee of \$3,200 to clean out the Crane Court cul-de-sac. This area needs substantial work including the removal of dead trees & other landscaping. People have also been dumping inappropriate items that will need to be removed. Trustees Prigge viewed the area and said it is wooded and the ground is uneven. It was suggested an approximate 4' perimeter strip be cut out to allow for driving access around the area. The Board also felt this work should be done by Public Works rather than pay the landscape company. Trustee Prigge will discuss this with Trustee Getz.

FINANCE:

1. Trustee Ziemba distributed the three month financial statements and briefly discussed.

WATER & SEWER:

No report.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. The disposition of the old squad car was discussed. It will not be used by the code enforcement officer. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK TO START THE

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BIDDING PROCESS TO SELL THE CAR. MOTION PASSED WITH ZIEMBA VOTING NAY.

2. Recent police road checks added about \$1,200 to the Village treasury from residents without village vehicle stickers. Stickers that were purchased also included late penalties. There will be another road check in the near future.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. The bridge on Sleepy Hollow Road has been repaired at no cost to the Village.
2. We are still waiting for information from Mona Auer concerning the dead tree.
3. The tree cutting at 1998 Sleepy Hollow Road was discussed. In comparing the plantings required previously on another property on the road, Trustee Prigge felt three trees were appropriate here. The Board discussed and does not necessarily object to additional landscaping by the homeowner. They felt each property should be individually evaluated if there is an issue, but also discussed whether guidelines should be established. The Village Engineer has not reviewed the area as requested previously regarding water issues. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO REQUIRE THE HOMEOWNER TO PLANT THREE TREES ON THE VILLAGE PROPERTY. MOTION PASSED. Trustee Prigge will inform the homeowner of the decision.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

1. A letter has been drafted by the Village Attorney to be sent to the zoning enforcement officer concerning duties, limiting hours, car restrictions, etc. This should address the Board's budget and liability concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The revised draft ordinances on Tree City USA were reviewed. Trustee Prigge suggested several changes which he will discuss with the Village Attorney, including the addition of more permitted trees.
2. We have received no further word from T-Mobile regarding the Village request to move the location of the tower and nothing further will be discussed until we have received a response. The Board discussed a cell company's right to install a tower and restrictions that the Village could impose. It was also noted that the Boncosky Road homeowners requesting annexation into the Village have a cell tower on their property which may need to be addressed as part of the annexation.
3. The house on Beau Brummel that was renting rooms is now vacant.
4. AT&T Lightspeed project - the legislation was approved in Springfield and the state will take over control of franchise agreements.
5. The Board authorized the Village website webmaster to delete the old email addresses for the board members since we now have new addresses with the new site.
6. Trustee Finney discussed the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee work on the celebration and detailed several ideas including a commemoration of founder Floyd Falese, timeline for the celebration, resident/school involvement including tree planting, and possible Village events over several months. The Board discussed preparing a brochure which could be downloadable on the web site, with a limited number of copies printed.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:43 P.M.  
MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,  
Norine Olson, Village Clerk

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