

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 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, Getz, Prigge, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, Village Attorney Schuster, Village Engineer Weiss, and Clerk Olson. Trustee Wind was absent.

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

MINUTES:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2007. On page 3, #3, "two" fiscal years should be changed to "three" fiscal years. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DON PLASS TO THE ZONING COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED. (Finney arrives.)  
2. We have been asked to approve another extension to the Comcast cable agreement. (Getz arrives.)  
ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2007-20 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION TO THE CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH COMCAST OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS, INC." AYE: ZIEMBA, PRIGGE, FINNEY, FUDALA, GETZ. MOTION PASSED.

CLERK:

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

Chairman Art Neil noted that there is a public hearing October 3 on the Brar matter.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

1. IDOT will not approve the additional roads in this year's street improvements program so it was recommended the Village enter into a separate contract with Arrow Road for the three additional streets, Rainbow, Saddle Club, and Churchill. Arrow Road is also requesting a \$3,500 mobilization fee for the Rainbow Court work. The engineer said that mobilization fees are not uncommon. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE A CONTRACT FOR ROADWAY REPAIRS/RESTORATION WITH ARROW ROAD CONSTRUCTION FOR RAINBOW CT., SADDLE CLUB PKWY., AND CHURCHILL COURT AT THE SAME UNIT PRICES AND OTHER PROVISIONS AS ARROW ROAD IS PERFORMING UNDER THE 2007 MFT ROAD PROJECT AGREEMENT, NOT TO EXCEED A TOTAL COST OF \$66,500. AYE: ZIEMBA, GETZ, FINNEY, FUDALA, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED.

2. The Board discussed the proposed engineering agreement for the Lake Sharon dam. A new agreement will be prepared for estimated engineering fees only to obtain the permit. After the Village receives a permit and direction that the dam must be removed, replaced, or repaired, it can decide what, if any, further action to take. The engineer was also asked to find out how long the permit is good after receipt as the Village will need to budget substantial funds before any work can start. There may also be some grant money available.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF OCTOBER 1, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,574.40. AYE: ZIEMBA, GETZ, FINNEY, FUDALA, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED.

2. After reviewing the E-pay system, the Finance Committee recommended that the Village offer residents this service of on-line credit card payments for water and sewer bills. There is no cost to the Village, although residents will pay a fee to E-pay for the service. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 371 AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ILLINOIS E-PAY PROGRAM. MOTION PASSED.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

No report.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER & SEWER:

No report.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. Trustee Prigge has not yet been able to discuss the trail funding with Dundee Township Commissioner Sue Harney. He has received documents from other sources concerning this project, however, he has no idea of the potential cost to the Village to join in this project and what grant money is available. He will continue attempts to discuss this with Sue Harney, but he has also been advised that this project may not start for a couple years. This project will also be discussed at the next Environmental Committee meeting and Trustee Prigge will report back to the board at the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

No report.

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OLD BUSINESS:

1. Revised ordinances for Tree City USA were discussed. Trustee Prigge noted additional minor modifications and said the Environmental Committee will review these ordinances at their meeting Thursday and final recommendations can then be made and the ordinances presented for approval at the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Village can then complete and submit the application for certification.
2. President Pickett announced there will be a special public meeting before the November 5<sup>th</sup> board meeting at 7 p.m. where T-Mobile will make a brief presentation on their proposed cell tower and residents may comment on the matter. Mr. Schuster responded to a question concerning a phone company's right to construct a cell tower on Village property and noted that they do have certain rights under federal law.
3. The parking for the Sleepy Hollow School Fun Fair will not be a problem with the reduced student population at the school since the new schools opened in Gilberts and Pingree Grove.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The State has an internet auction/bidding site for municipalities to auction surplus property. There is a fee to sell items on this site. Ellen Volkening will obtain more information on the service.

ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:27 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 2(C)(1) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. MOTION PASSED.

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The regular meeting reconvened at 9:16 p.m.

PRIGGE MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:16 P.M. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 1, 2007

The executive session of the Sleepy Hollow Board of Trustees was convened at 8:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel pursuant to §2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act. In attendance were President Pickett; Trustees Getz, Finney, Fudala, Prigge, and Ziemba; Attorney Schuster, and Clerk Olson. Trustee Wind was absent.

President Pickett stated that the purpose of the executive session was to discuss the police chief's retirement agreement and employment issues in the police department.

12/17/12  
1. Chief Jim Montalbano has asked that the Village turn over to him the contents of the retirement account established in 2000, which is in the name of the Village. The account was established through an Agreement dated March 20, 2000 where the Village annually contributed \$17,700 per year to the account, with the final payment made this year. The Chief makes all decisions concerning the investments in this account. Per the Agreement, should a pension be established for the police in which the Chief was a participant, this retirement account would become the property of the Village. The Finance Committee does not feel these funds should be turned over to the Police Chief. Should a police or other pension plan be established after these funds were given to the Chief, the Village could ask for the funds back, but if the Chief refused, it would need to be taken to court. It was noted that upon retirement, he is immediately entitled to the fund if another plan has not been established by the Village. The Board questioned if the Chief wanted these funds because he needed them. It was the consensus that they would prefer not to turn these funds over to the Chief at this time.

Released  
6-16-08  
2. Several full and part-time officers have applied for positions at the newly formed village of Campton Hills which offers full benefits, a police pension, and a salary substantially higher than that of Sleepy Hollow. The Board discussed the continuing loss of officers because of the Village's low pay and lack of a police pension plan and disability plan. The IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) offers pension and disability plans for municipalities which is an alternate option for the Village. The IMRF plans would also allow all full time employees to participate, not just the police, as is the case with the police pension. The Board also discussed increasing police salaries in an effort to retain personnel. Trustee Ziemba will obtain more information about an employment agency that has retired police officers looking for work.

12-21-09  
3. A letter has been sent to Nicor regarding the dead trees by the bridge on Sleepy Hollow Road and they have acknowledged receipt of the letter.

ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION  
AT 9:16 P.M. MOTION PASSED.

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