

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 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 Finney, Getz, Prigge, Wind, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, and Clerk Olson. Trustee Fudala 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 GETZ TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2007. Under "Minutes", the motion to approve the minutes should be changed to Ziemba (not Wind). MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. The President suggested the Village revise its current right-of-way regulations in anticipation of AT&T's lightspeed project, which will allow installation of large "boxes" for video service to residents. We should also prepare an ordinance regarding provider fees to the Village. The IML is preparing model ordinances on these matters for municipal use. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO PREPARE ORDINANCES REGARDING THE RIGHT OF WAY AND CABLE AND VIDEO PROVIDER FEES. MOTION PASSED.

2. There will be a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. on November 5th regarding the T-Mobile proposed cell tower.

CLERK:

1. The certified reporter fee for transcription of the October 3 public hearing for the Brar property will be approximately \$600, which the applicant would have to pay. The Board will decide the necessity of a transcript after hearing the Zoning report.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

Chair Art Neil distributed a packet and gave a detailed report on the October 3 public hearing on the Brar property (consisting of three lots), where several members of the public were present and voiced their concerns about the development. Anticipated tenants will be the dental office and Verlo Mattress, with two unknown additional tenants in the future. The Commission noted their concerns about who the future tenants will be, and how they may affect the development. The Commission voted 6:0 to recommend approval of the re-zoning from R-1 residential to B-2 business with the stipulation that a fence be built around the detention ponds. Trustee Finney raised the question of the tax benefits of this development to the Village versus the negative impact and Trustee Prigge expressed concern about the removal of trees from the property. After hearing Mr. Neil's report, the Board did not feel it was necessary to require a hearing transcript. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO DRAFT THE NECESSARY ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING. MOTION PASSED.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

Jon Renner from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund distributed booklets and gave a presentation of the retirement and disability plans (long and short term) available through the IMRF. Employees receive retirement benefits for life once vested (8 years). The Village must choose whether employees will qualify for participation at 600 or 1,000 hours per year and if qualified, the employee must participate in the plan (4.5% contribution). Both employees and the Village contribute to the plan. Mr. Renner noted that once the Village joins the IMRF, they are in the plan forever. Mr. Renner also explained the employees option to "buy" their time to obtain the maximum benefit. For a \$600 fee (covering 12 employees), the IMRF can prepare a cost analysis to determine Village costs.

ENGINEER:

1. The projects update was reviewed. Trustee Prigge met with Dundee Township Supervisor Sue Harney regarding the trails. The Township is applying for three grants for the project, and none are expected to be received until next year. The Village will join in on the trails grant application, which can be up to an 80% match, and must be submitted by August, 2008. The Township grant writer can assist in preparing the Village grant application, and the Village should contact this writer next March. It was suggested we budget about \$25,000. The Township recommended that we discontinue use of mulch on the path and instead mow the path for easier maintenance.
2. Briefly discussed the Lake Sharon dam. A representative of the Army Corps should be here in November to review the dam.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF OCTOBER 15, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$117,673.54. AYE: ZIEMBA, WIND, FINNEY, GETZ, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

No report.

FINANCE:

1. Trustee Ziemba briefly reviewed the five month financial statements and noted that there will be a Finance Committee meeting in late November to discuss the annual tax levy.

WATER & SEWER:

There is a meeting this week with Public Works, the engineer, and the water department to review the bids received for the water meter replacement program.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. A summary of the three trash/recycling bid responses was reviewed. This matter should be finalized at the next meeting.
2. Nicor has viewed the dead tree(s) on Sleepy Hollow Road, but we have not received further communication from them.
3. Trustees Prigge and Finney will work together to contact area nurseries for special rates to encourage every resident to purchase a tree as part of the Village's 50th anniversary celebration.
4. A local boy scout troop may be interested in a Sleepy Hollow Road clean up next spring.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

1. Trustee Finney noted that many residents may not be aware of the new restrictions regarding leaf burning in the Village. This could be noted on a water bill, on the website, and should be included in the next few newsletters as a reminder. Trustee Wind suggested we also include a summary of common code violations on the website. Information on the November 5 special meeting will be posted on the fire station's outdoor sign.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Tree City U.S.A. ordinances should be prepared for approval at the next board meeting.
2. The clerk distributed a Special Notice to board members for the November 5th special meeting on the proposed cell tower.
3. The Board briefly discussed the water drainage complaint from the Glen Oaks resident. It is unknown whether the water issues are from area development over the years or if there may be swale/culvert problems in the area, which would be the responsibility of the homeowners. The Village will request a cost estimate from the Village Engineer to conduct a new survey/study of the area.
4. We are unable to jet out the culvert blockage on Sleepy Hollow Road until we are able to get the jetter from East Dundee.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Brar development should be discussed at the first meeting in December. Packets of information on this development will be given to board members to review in advance of the meeting.
2. A young adult was killed in another accident at the Route 72/Randall Road intersection. Board discussed the dangerousness of this intersection and how to reduce the accidents and fatalities. Elgin is considering the installation of cameras to record and ticket vehicles going through a red light at the intersection. The County is also looking at reducing the speed limit to 45 mph. President Pickett will send letters to Kane County, IDOT, and Elgin and West Dundee to express the Village's concern.

ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:35 P.M.
MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk