

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2008

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, Fudala, Getz, Prigge, Wind, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, Village Engineer Weiss, and Clerk Olson.

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

MINUTES:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2007. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. Arc Disposal will pick up receptacles on Thursday from those not participating in their program.

CLERK:

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

The attorney will be attending the January 21st board meeting.

ENGINEER:

1. The Engineer was authorized to prepare an agreement for the Hialeah Court drainage study.
2. The engineer requested direction on the Lake Sharon dam project. Trustee Prigge will meet with the Environment Committee to review this matter. The Village will be given permission to place 25 cubic yards of material in the water and will need to obtain a #4 permit from the IDNR. The cost of this project will be less than anticipated as it will be a different from what the engineers originally projected, per the meeting with the IDNR representative.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF JANUARY 7, 2008 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$133,865.50. AYE: ZIEMBA, WIND, FINNEY, FUDALA, GETZ, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED.

2. The Village has received four "e-pay" payments from residents through the Village website. This payment option for residents should be placed on the back of the water bills for the next several months if possible, and in the next newsletter.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

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PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

1. Trustee Getz said Public Works received two quotes for the removal of several dead trees in the Village. Art Sunderlage prefers the R&J quote as he has worked with them previously. This will be put on the next agenda for consideration by the Board. The trees are too large for Public Works to cut down.
2. Trustee Prigge asked if Public Works will be cleaning up Sleepy Hollow Road. The Village does not have the equipment to remove some of the large items. We should consider budgeting the proper equipment to do so. Trustee Getz should talk to Art about Public Works cleaning up what they can.
3. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the vehicle and animal stickers at the same price as last year. The stickers will include "50th anniversary" on them. If an increase is desired for next year, it should be considered by the Board at a much earlier date than January to allow sufficient time to debate the issue and print the documents for mailing. GETZ MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO KEEP THE VEHICLE AND ANIMAL STICKERS AT THE SAME RATE. MOTION PASSED WITH FINNEY VOTING NAY.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER & SEWER:

1. When all resident water meters are replaced in the new program this spring, there will probably be differences at many homes between the outside meter reading, which is used for billing, and the inside meter, which is more accurate. The Board discussed how to charge the resident for these differences in water usage. They noted that these leaks of water could have occurred over several years, at the different water rates that would have been in effect over the years. The Board discussed charging the resident for only a set percentage of the actual difference. It was noted that when a house is sold, the Village does get a final inside reading, and the seller is liable for any difference between the inside and outside readings. Ellen Volkening will obtain the results from homes sales over the past year to see how often this occurred. She will also give the Board a list of water rate changes over the past several years. The Board will discuss this further at the first meeting in February to reach agreement on the amount to charge residents for any discrepancy between the meters.
2. Trustee Ziemba and Ellen Volkening discussed the proposed water rate increase and explained the charts on anticipated income to the Village. The increase will raise the water rate to residents from \$5.47 to \$5.71 per thousand gallons and be effective starting in February. This should add approximately \$68,000 to the Village reserve fund for the year. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM FUDALA TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2008-1 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE CODE, SECTION 6-3-9B.1, TITLE - VILLAGE WATER AND SEWER OF THE VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW, KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS." AYE: ZIEMBA, FUDALA, FINNEY, GETZ, PRIGGE, WIND. MOTION PASSED.
3. Trustee Ziemba asked if the Village regularly calibrates the meters. It was not known if we do.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. Officer Jerry Nordan has been promoted to Senior Patrol Officer, effective immediately. He has been with the Village several years, and Chief Montalbano felt the promotion was well deserved.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

No report.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

1. The annual budget for the code enforcement officer/building inspector will be well over budget by fiscal year end. His hours may need to be limited to inspections only, and eliminate ordinance violation enforcement,

to keep him within the budget for next year. Trustee Finney does not intend to increase next year's budget for his amount of time. Trustee Ziemba expressed concern with tracking the code enforcement officer's hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Prigge suggested we ask the attorney to follow up on the dead tree issue with Nicor.
2. Trustee Finney hopes to present a final calendar for the 50th anniversary celebration at the next meeting for discussion. He suggested we may wish to solicit advertising for the back of the proposed calendar and include it with the next newsletter.
3. Trustee Wind noted the improvements to the website by Dave, including the email notification section where residents submit their email to the Village in order to receive important information. All board member email addresses should be added to the list so they are also advised of any important information as quickly as possible. The Village site also has a Village calendar on its front page, and an Elgin organization asked if we would add their events to our calendar. The Board discussed and felt that more Village information should be included in the calendar than currently is, but they were not adverse to adding location information that may be of interest to our residents.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. There was a water main break at Spring Hill Meadows of the connection pipe to loop the system which the developer is fixing at his expense.

WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:30 P.M. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk