

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MAY 18, 2009

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, Seiler, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, and Clerk Olson. Trustee Wind was absent.

MINUTES:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2009. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. The Service Club submitted an application for a liquor license for July 4<sup>th</sup>. The rain dates are listed as both the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 7<sup>th</sup> on different documents. Service Club members present at the meeting were asked to correct the rain date to the 5<sup>th</sup> on the certificates of insurance. Also, the fingerprinting section should be completed after review by the police department as to the date this was done.

CLERK:

1. Please submit any newsletter ideas to the clerk by the end of the month.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. Amendments to the Nicor agreement were submitted, including a 10 year term, reimbursement for engineering expenses, and a cash credit if the Village changes to a geothermal or other type of system. SEILER MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT AND FORWARD TO NICOR FOR THEIR REVIEW. MOTION PASSED. The ordinance will remain tabled until the next meeting.

ENGINEER:

1. Mr. Weiss briefly recapped the storm water report and the options available to the Village to address the water issues. Mr. Weiss sent a letter to the City of Elgin regarding the blockage of the low flow restrictor, who in turn forwarded it to the developer of the Northwest Corporate Park. A city inspector subsequently asked the developer to remove the blockage. Mr. Weiss will advise us when this is done. Mr. Weiss noted that the less expensive option to correct the water problem would be the use of a type of turf reinforcement matting, which would become a reinforced grass swale. The Board discussed the issue of financial responsibility for this project; the Village or homeowners. Mr. Weiss explained the location of the blocked restrictor and answered questions from the Board regarding the project and the function of the low flow restrictor. It was suggested that the Village wait to see if there is improvement after the restrictor is unblocked before any further action is taken on the project. Trustee Seiler asked if smaller pipes could be installed at the Joy Lane location and just stabilize the erosion in that area. Mr. Weiss advised that the larger pipes would carry more water more easily, especially during heavy storms.

2. Mr. Weiss advised that if the Service Club adds fill to the infield of the ballfield of Sabatino Park, because of its flood plain status, a stormwater permit application to Kane County is necessary which will require a \$200 fee. The Service Club would like to add 25 tons of fill and regrade the infield. SEILER MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA THAT THE VILLAGE PAY THE PERMIT FEE TO THE COUNTY ON BEHALF OF THE SERVICE CLUB, NOT TO EXCEED \$200. AYE: SEILER, ZIEMBA, FUDALA, GETZ. NAY: FINNEY. MOTION PASSED. President Pickett noted that Mr. Simon of the Park District should be advised of these plans.

3. The MFT road patching proposal was distributed which totaled \$133,000; engineering would be additional. The Village budget is only \$93,000, with an additional \$15,000 for engineering. FINNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO APPROVE THE 2009 PATCHES PROGRAM, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE HILLCREST AND BEAU BRUMMEL AREAS, NOT TO EXCEED THE BUDGETED AMOUNT OF \$93,000, WITH ENGINEERING SEPARATE. AYE: FINNEY, ZIEMBA, FUDALA, GETZ, SEILER. MOTION PASSED. Mr. Weiss noted that the repairs on Boncosky are on the older portion of the road, not what was recently annexed into the Village.

4. Public Works has still not been able to close the valves to allow the Village to check for possible leaks through the wetland area and suggested that the Village simply cap off the ends. Mr. Weiss said another option would be for the Village to put new valves on both ends, and cap the line. There are two residents served by this line. The line runs from Crane, through the wetlands to Glen Oak. The new valves could then control the flow and enable the Village to shut off the lines if necessary. Public Works can do this work. Public Works should obtain a price to purchase new valves.

5. The water loss has improved 15% since the leaks were fixed. Trustee Seiler asked about areas in Deer Creek that are continually wet and may be leaks; one area is by a hydrant. A special tool was supposed to have been ordered by Public Works to check hydrants for leaks. The Board discussed having the leak detection service review the Village again for more leaks.

8:30 pm - Brian Mulhich of Insurance Plans Agency distributed and discussed a benefits renewal analysis for health insurance for Village employees. Premiums are increasing over 20% on the medical portion. Brian did an analysis of other providers and none are as competitive as BCBS. (Getz leaves at 8:40 pm) Brian explained that the Village can reduce the amount of the premium increase by reducing some of the plan benefits, including the amount of the annual deductible, prescription benefits, and the amount of the hospital co-pay. Dental will increase almost 9% and vision only 3%. If the maximum annual benefit is decreased to \$1,000 for dental claims, the premium will be reduced substantially, and Brian noted that the majority of people do not use more than \$1,000 in dental services per year. Trustee Seiler also asked for a cost quote if the benefit percentages for services are reduced. There is no change to the disability program. This matter will be discussed at the budget meeting on Wednesday.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM SEILER TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF MAY 18, 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$109,814.20. (Getz returned at 9 pm) AYE: ZIEMBA, SEILER, FINNEY, FUDALA, GETZ. MOTION PASSED.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

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PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

1. Jacob Ruschli has submitted a project for his Eagle Scout badge. He would like to rebuild the south entrance to the Village on Sleepy Hollow Road and submitted a written description and drawing of the plan. Trustee Finney questioned whether this project would qualify for the badge under the council's rules. It was suggested Jacob attend the next meeting to discuss his proposal with the Board.
2. Public Works would like to hire a part time employee for the summer. This decision will be deferred until after the budget meeting.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER & SEWER:

1. Trustee Seiler prepared an analysis of the Village sewer expenses fund showing the proposed increase to sewer residents that would be necessary to cover the operating expenses of the sewer fund. This will also be discussed at the budget meeting.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. Trustee Finney has had contact from residents concerned about the increasing deer population and resulting damage to landscaping, and culling the population in the Village. We could look into doing something but would need to raise funds to do so since the Village is unable to put this in the budget.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Brars are in default of their payment agreement for the Village's outstanding fees. No permit will be issued until this is resolved. ICCI has also been advised to do no further work on this development. The Village has not been advised of the current status of the purchase of the property by the Brars.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:30 P.M.  
MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk