

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2009

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, Seiler, and Wind, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, and Clerk Olson. Trustees Getz and Ziemba were absent.

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Wind to approve the regular meeting minutes of October 5, 2009.
Motion passed.

PRESIDENT

No report.

CLERK

1. The city of St. Charles sent public notice of a hearing there on November 2 concerning a variance to site storage run-off requirements. The notice will be posted in the trustee office.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. Joy Lane is back open and the culvert work is complete. The contractors will start the culvert work on Sleepy Hollow Road next.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Wind moved with a second from Fudala to approve the accounts payable of October 19, 2009 in the amount of \$101,055.55. Aye: Wind, Fudala, Finney, Seiler. The payment for the Dial-A-Ride program is included in the payables and Dundee Township was advised that Sleepy Hollow will no longer participate in the program. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

No report.

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WATER AND SEWER

1. There has not yet been a response from the Village insurance company on the claim from the resident on Willow Lane.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Trustee Wind again noted that there is still a problem with the staffing levels and over-use of the part time officers in the Police Department. He suggested we lift the hiring freeze to hire more part time officers which would relieve some of the stress on the department. Chief Montalbano noted that there could be a problem with the union in changing the schedule per the Village Attorney. The Chief said his schedule is based on having 12 part time officers. We currently have 9 part time officers. Trustee Wind noted that with more officers there would be less overtime and with no benefits paid to part time officers, the cost to the Village would be reduced. Trustee Seiler felt we should go back to the old schedule of only one officer per shift and hire more part time officers, and the problem would be resolved. He suggested we take no vote until we have a full board present. Trustee Finney asked for the details on the hiring freeze.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. There is more interest in addressing the deer population and a culling of the overabundance of deer in the Village.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. There have been calls about multiple cars at a house on Darien Lane late at night.

OLD BUSINESS


1. Trustee Seiler distributed a listing from the North American Standard Industry Classification (NASIC) of types of business. The Board discussed what type of business they wish to include or exclude from development in the Village. The Village does not permit gasoline service stations and Trustee Wind suggested we allow gas stations for the potential revenue. It was suggested that we allow most items under the SIC 44-45. This list should be reviewed with Mark Schuster at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. A Carol Crest homeowner who no longer lives in the Village is disputing our bill for grass cutting. The house is in foreclosure proceedings and bank told the neighbor cutting the grass for homeowner they could not do so. The Village had the grass cut when it became too high. The Board felt the homeowner or bank should be responsible for this bill. It was not clear whether we could lien the property for this type of service. We should send this bill to the bank if possible.
2. The Board discussed possible repairs to the north end of Sleepy Hollow Road (west side) where there was an auto accident this summer and trees were taken down. It was asked if the insurance for the person who hit the tree would cover this damage to the property. We must first determine if this is Village property or if there is a prescriptive easement before we proceed further.

Wind moved with a second from Seiler to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Norine Olson
Village Clerk