

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW  
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 4, 2011

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:32 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Jeff Seiler, Steve Wind, and Donald Ziemba. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jim Montalbano, Finance Director Ellen Volkening, Village Attorney Mark Schuster and Village Engineer Mark Reimers.

MINUTES

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 21, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

No report.

CLERK

1. A revised newsletter was distributed for review by the Board.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Mr. Schuster reviewed the proposed ordinance to adopt a vehicle towing procedure in the Village. This will be done when the vehicle/driver are involved in certain statutory offenses. Ziemba moved with a second from Wind to approve Ordinance No. 2011-4 entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing Imposition and Collection of an Administrative Processing Fee for Towing and Impounding Motor Vehicles in the Village." If it is later determined that the vehicle was wrongly towed, no fees will be owed the Village. This could bring in over \$40,000 in additional annual revenue. Aye: Ziemba, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler, Wind. Motion passed.
2. An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting regarding the Identity Protection Act which requires all municipalities to adopt a policy to protect social security numbers.

ENGINEER

1. Mr. Reimers said the erosion problem on Deer Lane is on private property so the Village would not be responsible. The homeowner can protect the property from further erosion, but would need to work with the Army Corps as it is under their jurisdiction. The plat or land records should be reviewed by the homeowner to confirm the erosion is on her property and we should give her a name and telephone contact at the Army Corps.
2. Public Works is contracting with National Power Rod to jet out the 12" line on Jamestowne Court which should clear out the line and improve the flow from the development west of Randall Road. A camera will also be used to view the plastic pipe that was installed when the subdivision

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was first developed. The line is about 725' from Randall Road to the end of the cul de sac, and then continues down Jamestowne. Mr. Reimers reminded the Board of their proposals 2 years ago to correct these problems; one to replace 1,000' of underground line with a concrete line at a cost of \$266,000, and the other to keep the underground pipe as is and regrade and replace the driveway culverts at a cost of \$178,000, which would involve 8 homes. Regrading of the ditches only would be about \$42,000. The Board suggested we contact National Power Rod and discuss additional jetting on Jamestowne if the pipe does not clear after jetting the 725', and also possibly jetting some of the driveway drains that connect with the 725' pipe. There are also a couple drains in backyards that are plugged that should be cleared.

3. The engineers are waiting for IDOT to advise them on a necessary report regarding the grant-funded path to be done from the Village Hall to the Township property.

4. Mr. Reimers said the Locust sewer meter replacement could cost \$5-32,000, depending on the type of meter required. The Board suggested a meter with digital readings that could be read at the Village Hall. Inventron, who made the current meters, said that a replacement would cost about \$1,500. The Board asked Mr. Reimers to obtain more information on the meters along with his recommendations.

5. The bid opening for the 2011 road improvements is tomorrow morning.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziamba moved with a second from Getz to approve the accounts payable of April 4, 2010 in the amount of \$68,193.90. Aye: Ziamba, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Seiler, Wind. Motion passed.

2. Ziamba moved with a second from Getz to approve the vacation carryover time requests for Art Sunderlage and Ellen Volkening. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Amy Foote of Appaloosa Court spoke on behalf of a group of residents who wish to explore the possibility of installing a 12-15' wall on Randall Road to shield residents from increasing noise, lights, traffic, trash, and pollution. This is affecting property values for all residents. They are asking for the Board's support in their efforts to find funding.

2. Linda Kaszubowski of Belmont Parkway commented about the deterioration of the entranceways to the Village, notably Saddle Club. She also asked about the Saddle Club signs that were removed. Trustee Wind explained that landscape maintenance was part of the budget cuts but said that the Village hoped residents would be willing to "adopt" entryways for maintenance upkeep. President Pickett explained how the signs were removed when the intersection improvements were done. The Village has the signs and they could be reinstalled if there is sufficient village property for the installation.

3. Walter Heffron of Van Tassel Road read a statement objecting to the approval of the recent ordinance that "sabotages the wildlife sanctuary" by permitting the IDNR to kill deer and also questioned why Sleepy Hollow was the only area village where deer were killed by IDNR.

4. Deborah Vernon of Locust Drive also objected to the deer killing and asked for details on how many deer were killed and when results would be available (Trustee Finney responded). She also asked when the next meeting of the Environmental Committee would be held. She also hoped the revenue from new businesses in the village would help the village and police department.

5. Mary Kay Nellessen of Jamestowne Court said the water situation has become much worse over the past few years, with frequent standing water. She said she has made many calls to the

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Village on this matter and never received a return call. She believes it is a health problem and a danger to children. She feels the Village must address the water problems on Jamestowne Court.

6. Oktar Tosum of Jamestowne Court said the engineers of the Randall Road development met at the Village Hall several years ago and presented a plan for concrete pipes which was not done. He said the pond should be for detention, not recreation. He said there was an illegal gate at the detention pond releasing the water. He would like a permanent solution to the water problems, not a temporary one.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba briefly discussed the February financial statements, noting the improvement in both the water and sewer funds, with surplus going to the DI&E fund.

2. Three audit proposals were received. The Finance Committee recommends the Village remain with Lauterbach & Amen, our current auditors. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to accept the proposal from Lauterbach & Amen in the amount of \$36,600 for three years. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Wind. Motion passed.

3. The Finance Committee is recommending a \$57,000 deficit for next year's budget and is recommending a 2012 referendum to the residents to increase taxes. The State is four months behind in payments and the Village has about 4-1/2 months of liquidity. The status of the State's tax reductions to municipalities may still not be a settled issue. There will be a budget meeting of the Finance Committee and Village Board on April 11th at 7 p.m.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Domingo Conejo requested a permit for soccer practices and games in Sabatino Park for the DC Lions (under age 10). They are requesting use of the field for practices 2 days during the week and games on Saturdays and Sundays, April to mid-September. The Board clarified that there is a \$250 security deposit that will be used if the Village has to clean up after any use. If the Village must clean up, another \$250 security deposit will be required to continue use of the field. This permit request must also be coordinated with the Dundee Township schedule, which has priority use of the field. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve the permit request, subject to payment of the fees, and subject to availability of the park. Motion passed unanimously.

2. A resident contacted Trustee Getz to advise that beavers are building a dam.

WATER AND SEWER

1. The purchase order contract with National Power Rod was reviewed, which is proposing to televise 750 linear feet of pipe on Jamestowne, with 4 hours minimum time charged (\$1,460). The company is in Chicago. The length of feet may need to be increased, but we will not know if it is necessary until the 750' is done to see if it clears the pipe. Mr. Reimers will contact the company to see if this additional work can be done, if necessary, while they are here.

2. The water efficiency is up to 79% after fixing leaks. This is a bit higher than usual.

3. The Village was not billing enough for some of the commercial meters, so we will see an increase in fees received of about \$100 per month.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The Community Garden is proceeding and they are looking for business donations. Planting is tentatively scheduled for May 15th.
2. The Sleepy Hollow School students will receive saplings for Arbor Day on April 29th.
3. There will be a Sleepy Hollow Road clean up this weekend by the Environmental Committee.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. ICCI is working on the ordinance violations on Crane Drive.
2. There are dumpsters in driveways on Churchill and Saratoga with no apparent permits.

OLD BUSINESS

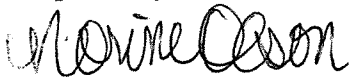
1. The Board reviewed the West Dundee proposals regarding the purchase and maintenance of sewer meters in Sleepy Hollow and discussed whether Sleepy Hollow or West Dundee should maintain the meters and have responsibility if the meter malfunctions. Trustee Seiler felt West Dundee's lack of billing for 30 months was unacceptable. The Board prefers that the Village handle the purchase of a new meter for Locust to control the choice and cost of the meter. The four village meters must be read daily by public works if we oversee maintenance. Also, there were objections to West Dundee using the highest average monthly reading if there was a meter malfunction. The Board would like to receive the information on meter options, especially ones with remote readings, before finalizing anything with West Dundee. President Pickett suggested an intergovernmental agreement be prepared with all details. He will advise West Dundee that we are looking into purchasing a meter for Locust.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Of the 800 tons of salt ordered last year, 775 tons have been used.

Finney moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk