

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order on June 17, 1986 by President Peterson at 7:30 PM. Present were: Peterson, Cook, Harris, Shields, Thomas, Clerk Kalaway, Deputy Clerk McKeown, Engineer Whiston, Attorney Payne, Plan Commission Dan Wiedmeyer and Marietta Divan. There were also approximately 40 residents in attendance. Imhof absent.

Minutes from June 5 and May 20: Thomas moved to accept, Cook second, carried by voice.

ATTORNEY

Re: tax exemptions on land donated to the Village--County has approved, waiting for State approval.

Moser contract--Bill Payne to check with Knickerbocker.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 30 10 AM, MFT bids to be opened. Harris to attend.
July 8, 3 PM, sewer bids to be opened. Thomas to attend.
Parade, June 29, 2:00 PM Peterson to participate.

NIPC has sent revised projections.

A petition has been received from residents of Deer Lane objecting to issuance of a building permit for lot 12, 723 Deer. Notice has been received from Kane County re: petition from Parly McMahon to rezone lots in Hickory Hollow.

Shields moved to pass RESOLUTION #147 ascertaining the prevailing rate of wages in Kane County, second by Thomas, Shields moved to amend to include landscapers, second by Cook, carried by voice, main motion carried by voice.

Terri Jersky will be on vacation for two weeks in July. Shields moved to place an ad in the newspaper to hire someone at \$5 per hour for the time she is gone, second by Harris, roll call: all present aye.

ENGINEER

The amount for storm detention for Windsor's subdivision is inadequate, Whiston will make suggestion. Construction on sewers should begin six weeks after bids are opened.

TREASURER

Shields reported--audit has begun, sewer money will be invested. Thomas moved to pay the bills as presented, second by Cook, roll call: all present aye.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Brian Husted, Deer Lane, read a letter in support of Roberts.

appointment, M. Divari asked questions about timing of sewer project--should be complete by early next summer. Sue Harney and Ann Mountjoy made statements regarding appointment of Roberts-- approval. Beth Gniot read letter protesting building permit for lot on Deer Ln.--Harris responded, more tests will be made, permit will be issued. Bev Kotal, Harley and Betty Zhe discussed Rainbow Drive "trout pond", issue to be discussed later.

Cook moved to authorize the preparation of a "weed ordinance", second by Harris, carried by voice.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Dan Wiedmeyer, recommended the Preliminary Plat for Unit 20-- Burklow-Falese property south of Winmoor, along Locust--plat dated May 28, 1985, revised, be approved. Harris moved to approve such a plat, no second. Thomas moved to approve preliminary plat dated June 11, 1986, Unit 20, presented by Burklow, it is the original as court ordered, second by Shields, roll call: Cook, Harris no; Shields, Thomas, Peterson aye.

ZBA

The report of the ZBA meeting was read, Shields moved to pass Ordinance #4-53-2, granting a variance to lot #6, Unit 15, 522 Joy Lane, with stipulations, second by Harris, roll call: Cook, Harris, Shields aye, Thomas no.

Rainbow Dr. Creek was discussed. Dick Young of Kane County and the Soil and Water Conservation District will be asked for input. Harris moved to spend \$3200 for an Engineering study, to be done by CMT, including survey, soil borings, cost detail and preparation of any documents, second by Thomas, roll call: all present aye.

June 28--7--11:30 AM Clean Up by Village and Rugby Club.

Shields moved to install a "SLOW, Children Playing" sign on Deer Lane, second by Thomas, carried by voice.

Appropriations Ordinance, Shields moved to pass Ord. # 19-30-10 second by Cook, roll call: all present aye.

Thomas moved to abate the vehicle tax for 1987, second by Shields, roll call: Cook, Shields, Thomas, aye, Harris no.

Bids for squad car were opened: Terry Wessel bid \$650.00; Ralph Schroeder bid \$1200.50. Harris moved to reject the bids and retain the car, no second. Shields moved to accept the high bid of Mr. Schroeder of \$1200.50, with the stipulation that we use the car on July 4--agreed to by Ralph--second by Thomas, roll call: Cook, Shields, Thomas aye, Harris no.

Thomas moved to adjourn to executive session, second by Shields,

discuss personnel, adjourn, 10:50.

Reconvene 11:35--Shields, Cook, Harris, Thomas, Peterson present. Peterson appointed Ed Hoff to fill the unexpired term of Trustee Lloyd Treece, until the next election in April 1987, Shields moved to approve, Cook second, carried by voice, unanimously, Clerk swore Mr. Hoff in.

Marietta Divan is still on the Plan Commission, but not as Chairman. Peterson appointed Veta Cairns to the Plan Commission, to fill the unexpired term of Sue Harney, Shields moved to approve, Cook second, carried by voice. Peterson appointed Dan Wiedmeyer Chairman of the Planning Commission, Thomas moved to approve, Hoff second, carried by voice.

Cook moved to adjourn, second by Shields, adjourn 11:45 PM.

Bonnie Kalaway, Clerk.

NOTE: Bonnie has resigned as Village Clerk as of July 1, 1986. I have taken a full time job and cannot put in the time necessary. You have received a note from me--addressed to Theresa.

NOTE #2: Truth and Taxation Hearing, July 15, 7:15 PM, prior to next Board Meeting, Levy Ordinance will be presented--Pass in August. Notice should be in Free Press this week, please look for it.

from Beth Anist

June 17, 1986

To Sleepy Hollow Village President, Theresa Peterson,
and the Board of Trustees:

Re: Lot 12, 723 Deer Lane

During the past few weeks since our petition, several of the Sleepy Hollow officials have acted with urgency on our behalf. We are very grateful that we have received this response. However, as to date, we do not have any tests results which we requested on May 23, 1986, through the Freedom of Information Act. We do know soil boring tests have been done by an engineering firm. Rob Roberts has been so kind to promise to go over the results with us on these tests since we question some discrepancies which have occurred. We certainly hope the cooperation will continue concerning these discrepancies. It is also our hope that no action regarding a building permit for Lot 12 will be taken until we have had the opportunity to review the promised information. We do appreciate the cooperation we have had thus far.

The Village clerk and assistant, Bonnie Kalaway and Janet McKeown gathered up the necessary information regarding ordinances on lots with questionable soil conditions.

Mr. Shields, because he was a fellow trustee, knew when the best times were to make contact with Todd Harris. This made communication much easier for us.

Theresa Peterson held several meetings with Todd Harris, Rob Roberts and Ray Glass discussing the type of lot as well as the necessary tests for 723 Deer Lane. Mrs. Peterson has also remained in contact with us making sure that we were satisfied with the progress on Lot 12.

From the beginning, though acting unofficially, Rob Roberts has been one of our best resources. He has always made time for us and our many questions. Mr. Roberts, because of his knowledge of severe soil and septic systems was able to guide everyone to make the proper decision on Lot 12 Deer Lane.

In retrospect, Deer Lane seems to have helped bring into better focus Todd Harris' very difficult situation. Because of an unfortunate set of circumstances, he has been doing the job of three trustees. We are relieved that Theresa Peterson has had the insight to act on Todd's request to make Rob Roberts Building Officer. With the current trend of development, it is necessary to have a closely supervised set of building standards. Hopefully, Todd Harris and Rob Roberts with their mutual expertise and caring can make this happen.

Last of all, we wish to make it very clear that our intentions here are not political. However, as concerned citizens of Sleepy Hollow, we want to see our village grow and develop in the correct direction.

June 16, 1986

Mrs. Theresa Peterson
Village President
Sleepy Hollow, Illinois 60118

Dear Mrs. Peterson,

As Village President it is your responsibility to preside at the village board meetings and generally to oversee the village operations, and you have done an admirable job during your tenure. While other board members have their responsibilities, it is the President to whom we look for leadership and direction. A village administration is judged primarily on the performance of the Village President - it is your reputation that suffers if the village is not properly managed, and if necessary services are not performed.

I salute you and thank you for having the good common sense to appoint Rob Roberts as village building officer. I have personally known Rob Roberts for several years and know him to be of outstanding character and ability. His integrity with enforcing our village building codes and ordinances is certainly to his credit and our benefit as a village. With a record building boom going on in the village we need someone who already knows the construction business and is equipped to monitor building ordinance compliance. Mr. Todd Harris has performed very well, with little help and no support from other board members, but he does have a business to run and cannot be expected to shoulder this burden alone. The working relationship forged between Todd Harris and Rob Roberts can only enhance our efficiency as a village body.

I was surprised by the comments in the newspaper made by some of the trustees. If these trustees had a better idea they should have presented it months ago. The people of this village did not elect any trustees to shun qualified volunteers, who agree to serve with no pay, in such an important function as building code enforcement.

The people of this village elected you, Theresa, as Village President to do the best that you can for the people. You are doing a good job under very trying times. The appointment of Rob Roberts was prudent and warranted. I know that I speak for many of my neighbors in thanking you for selecting a knowledgeable person to fulfill this duty and protect our home values. I certainly hope that you will continue to use the same wise judgement that has helped you steer our village through the past few years.

Sincerely,



Brian Husted
701 Deer Lane
Dundee, Illinois

June 17, 1986

Madam President and members of the Board of Trustees:

For those of you who don't know me, I am Ann Mountjoy and I live at 1004 Beau Brummel Dr.

We've all been reading the papers lately--and I realize now that I've been remiss and so have all the other residents I've talked to over the past several weeks--and that has been quite a few. We haven't participated lately in village affairs, we haven't attended board meetings, and we haven't told the trustees who feel that they represent "the will of the people" what we want. And so, speaking for myself, but also echoing the sentiments I've heard from many others, I want to express another view of the will of the people.

We want ^{all of} our village board meetings to be conducted on a high level--the shouting and name calling is non-productive, is unworthy of this board, and tarnishes our village's reputation. There are much more appropriate ways to air grievances, and we should be able to expect all board members to set an example of how to handle differences effectively.

We want our president shown the respect she deserves. We are indeed lucky to have a president who is so dedicated to our village and is very highly respected both here and in surrounding communities--someone who was formerly elected president of the League of Women Voters--partly because of her fairness and impartiality, partly because of her thoroughness and willingness to work. Above all, she is always a lady--regardless of the situation--and deserves to be treated as such.

We do not want any board members degraded or humiliated. We do want all of them to feel good about their public service. After all, that is the only pay-back they can look forward to for doing a great deal of volunteer work for our community. We want being a board member to be rewarding enough that we can encourage good people to run in the future.

In this regard, it was inappropriate that board meetings had become so unpleasant that trustee Lloyd Treece, a respected Vice President of United Airlines, finally resigned in disgust as a form of protest.

It was inappropriate that Todd Harris, who has spent so much time and effort doing the work of several trustees, should be told by another board member that he should quit.

It was inappropriate that when Rob Roberts was appointed Building Officer, he was verbally attacked. How can any sitting trustee who is either unqualified or unwilling to assume the job himself say that Rob is unfit to serve the community simply because he lost an election? How many other residents have served our community so well? He ~~was~~ was a trustee for ten years and is the most knowledgeable and qualified person in our village to act as Building Officer due to his input into setting up our zoning, building, and septic codes and ordinances, and because of his years of experience in carrying them out. We are lucky that he is willing to do the job for us just now when so much building is being done and so much more is being planned.

But getting back to the main point: the will of the people. Although many different kinds of people live in Sleepy Hollow, most of us are, nevertheless, similar in how we view our village. Basically, Sleepy Hollow residents feel we have a special community, one that is unique and charming in many ways and one that we can all be proud of. People want it to stay that way. We want good things to continue happening here and we want to hear about productive contributions being made. We should be able to expect our elected officials to add to our positive feelings about the village and to set the highest standards possible.

Thank you.