

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
November 13, 1967

A special meeting of the Village Board was called to order by Mr. Falese at 7:45 PM. Roll call was taken and answered as follows:

Mr. Shields - present	Mr. Baugh - present
Mr. Hills - present	Mr. Fischer - present
Mr. Quaine - present	Mr. Knott - present
Mr. Falese - present	

A notice was mailed to all members of the Board and Village Officials informing them of this meeting and the reason it was called.

Before Mr. Hills could request permission to use a tape recorder for this meeting, Mr. Baugh made a motion not to have the tape recorder. Mr. Quaine seconded. Roll call:

Mr. Knott - aye	Mr. Quaine - aye
Mr. Shields - nay	Mr. Baugh - aye
Mr. Hills - nay	Mr. Fischer - nay
Mr. Falese - aye	

Clerk announced the results of the voting. Motion passed.

Mr. Rakow from the Engineering Firm was introduced by Mr. Quaine to answer questions regarding the water company. Floor opened for discussion.

Mr. Rakow answered many questions regarding the engineering and the value of the Sleepy Hollow Water Co. versus surrounding villages and their water systems. He also indicated a need for a surface-level foundation on high ground about 1970 which would cost between \$20,000 to \$25,000 to increase the pressure for homes in the general area of Hilltop. At present there are 192 users in the village and by 1970 there should be 262 users.

"Trustee Shields took the floor to clarify his statements regarding a possible conflict of interest between Mayor Falese and the Sleepy Hollow Water Company.

He said that since he was elected in April he had been asked to attend only one meeting on the water company and at this meeting there was no financial information given out.

He stated that he then began investigating into the background of the company and during the course of his looking over the financial statements at the offices of the Illinois Commerce Commission, he came across the F.R. Joint Account in the 1966 annual report. By going back to letters attached to the 1963 annual report, he was able to identify the ownership of the account. Because no additional information had been made available to him, he assumed that the ownership of the F.R. Joint Account hadn't changed.

After the regular November Board Meeting at which Trustee Shields read his report, he stated that he contacted the Village Attorney and in the interest of all parties concerned, offered to meet with

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anyone who had any additional information.

Several days later, Attorney Strass advised Trustee Shields that there was additional information available. As a result of seeing these documents, Trustee Shields stated that he is now convinced that as of January 1966 any conflict of interest that might have existed has been eliminated as Mayor Falese sold his stock and assigned his interest in the F.R. Joint Account to Mr. Getzleman.

He concluded by stating that he is still opposed to the purchase of the water company because of incomplete information and price."

Well users were assured by various members of the Board they would not have to tie into the system. It was noted the possibility might exist in the far future. It was stated that all homes would be metered and new subdivisions would tie into the system at the expense of the subdivider.

Mayor Falese noted that at the present time the board could do nothing regarding the complaints of the water users, and with the village owning the company, the people could ask the board to correct these complaints.

Mr. Shields stated that although he and Mr. Quigley had talked with Mr. Kessler regarding the unpaid utility tax and had been assured they would have a check in the mail for \$400, the village still hasn't received it.

One resident, Mr. Forsythe, reported he had contacted Citizens Utility regarding their interest in the company. They stated they haven't had any interest in its purchase for 5 years.

Other committee reports were given and they all agreed to buy the water company, but there was some question of the selling price. The asking price is \$250,000. A bond for \$275,000 would be floated with the extra \$25,000 to be used for operating capital, as stated in the engineering report:

Acquisition Cost	\$250,000.00
Capital interest (6Mo.)	7,562.50
Legal Opinion, Printing and Fiscal Fees	5,500.00
Engineering and Legal	7,500.00
Working Capital	<u>4,437.50</u>
Total	\$275,000.00

It was noted that revenue bonds would be used which would be for 40 years at 5 3/4% interest to be repaid from operating income by users. Mr. Quaine made a motion to adopt Ordinance 67-13. Mr. Baugh seconded: Roll call:

Mr. Knott - aye	Mr. Quaine - aye
Mr. Shields - nay	Mr. Baugh - aye
Mr. Hills - nay	Mr. Fischer - aye

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Mr. Fischer stated that the Chateau Louise was not responsible for any road maintenance on Willow Lane due to a prior agreement between the Chateau and Mr. Falese. As soon as the shopping plaza was finished the road would be fixed by the other property owners -- Mr. Falese, Mr. Malahn, and Sinclair Oil.

Mr. Baugh made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Fischer seconded. Time: 10:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LaVerne Koshman

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Village Clerk

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