

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MARCH 1, 1993

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order on March 1, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were President Peterson; Trustees Harney, Johnson, Shields, Tennis, and Williams; Police Chief Montalbano; Treasurer Panning; and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

1. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 1993 AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE.

2. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM SHIELDS TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 1993 AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE.

PRESIDENT:

1. Attended the QuadCom meeting.
2. Plan Commission meeting is March 10, 1993.
3. An employee questioned the sick leave benefits. This covers the employee only, and not time to care for sick family members.
4. Received three calls questioning the plans for the Elmhurst-Chicago Stone property.
5. The Municipal League is sponsoring financial management workshops at various locations.
6. Received request from NIPC for \$177. Will pass on to treasurer.
7. Received information on emergency shelter grant programs.
8. We have been asked to pass an income tax surcharge resolution and forward to state reps. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE INCOME TAX SURCHARGE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. AYE: TENNIS-HARNEY-JOHNSON-WILLIAMS. NO: SHIELDS. MOTION PASSED.

9. ZBA Chairman Dirk Fuqua has recommended extending the terms of some members of the ZBA. SHIELDS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO EXTEND THE TERM OF JOSEPH KELLY TO 1994, AND TO EXTEND THE TERMS OF MICHAEL DAFT, WILLIAM GAUTHIER, AND JILL GROTH TO 1995. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE.

10. To save on engineering costs, the President has requested our engineer to attend only one board meeting per month, the same one as our village attorney attends. Our engineer has received a reply from the IEPA with approval to make the corrections on the Bohanek water problems we requested. The mini hydrant previously purchased can be returned for a refund.

CLERK:

1. The Cardunal Chamber of Commerce general membership meeting is on March 10th at Floyds at 11:30 a.m.
2. We would like to apply for a credit card at the new Office Max. The board is reluctant to have a charge account and would like to know if Office Max would agree to some type of system using purchase orders. The Clerk will contact Office Max and report back.

8:00 P.M.

Larry Laughlin, the Director of the Illinois Police Pension Fund Association, discussed the details of the police pension fund. Several police officers were present for the discussion. The fund provides disability coverage of 65% for on duty injuries and 50% coverage for off duty injuries. Our current disability is covered through Workman's Comp. and benefits are for a limited period of time. After 20 years of service and 50 years of age, officers may retire with 50% of current salary. Officers may work ten more years and earn an additional 2% of salary per year, or 70% of salary after 30 years of service. For the next five years, they can earn an additional 1% of salary per year, or a maximum pension benefit of 75% of salary for 35 years of service. The officers contribute 9% of their before taxes, base salary, per year to the fund. They do not have to participate in the fund; they would have three months after the start of the program to decide. However, should they decline to join, they cannot join at a later date. The funds of the pension fund are invested by the trustees of the funds and the municipality has no control over the investments. The interest rate for invested funds has averaged 7.9% over the past two years. The higher the rate of return, the less likely the Village would have to contribute more money to the fund to meet its financial obligations. The State of Illinois' actuarial as of December 31, 1992 indicates a start up cost of over \$646,000 and a minimum yearly contribution of over \$72,000 by the Village. The possibility of having an annual levy on current revenue to make up the difference contributed by the officers each year was brought up. This would be in lieu of the yearly unfunded pension liability of \$72,000 and should be a lower cost.

*****OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*****

Police Chief Jim Montalbano wanted the board to know that neither he nor any member of the police department was aware of the petition that was being circulated to residents concerning the police pension fund prior to its filing with the Clerk.

Officer Fleck said that disability benefits are a major concern to police officers, noting the many diseases that can be contracted and spread to an officer's family that were not as common in previous years as they are today.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

No report.

TREASURER:

TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM SHIELDS TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,626.24. AYE: TENNIS-SHIELDS-HARNEY-JOHNSON-WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. Trustee Harney read a letter from a resident who wants to close off main arteries in the village to non-resident traffic. It was suggested the concerned resident be asked to form a committee to study the issue and submit a detailed proposal on how the Village could accomplish these goals.
2. The crack sealing of the roads is complete.
3. Smith Electric will finish the Saddle Club work as soon as weather permits.
4. The damage repair of the homeowner's swale on Locust from run off will be included in the Roads & Parks budget.
5. The new back hoe is here.

FINANCE:

Trustee Tennis commented on the nine month financial statements. Chief Montalbano stated that we can no longer legally use the state schedule for truck fines. The board said we should discuss the set up on a new fine schedule with our attorney as soon as possible.

WATER:

1. The IEPA has accepted our modified plan for the Bohanek water problem where we would disconnect from the hydrant area and reconnect further down the line. This will be much less expensive than constructing the new main as originally suggested.
2. Elgin has not discussed the water and boundary agreements because they were not submitted in time to be put on their agenda. However, Trustee Tennis talked to people at Elgin and there doesn't seem to be any problem with the contracts themselves.
3. We have seen an increase in water write offs. The last year we wrote off close to \$800. It was felt we may be able to avoid some of these write offs by requiring a \$50 deposit for all new hook ups. This would require a change in the ordinance. There are other communities that have this requirement. The board questioned if the work involved would be worth the savings. Art would be required to turn the water off and then back on when the deposit is paid. We would also need to collect the deposits through the computer program. It was decided to give this idea more thought.
4. It was agreed the water rates ordinance should not be changed until the contracts are finalized with Elgin.

POLICE:

1. President Peterson discussed the QuadCom meeting she attended. Carpentersville Fire District did pay the money previously owed when they pulled out. It was a settlement. Director Kathy Nelson wants to hire a Deputy Director at \$35,000 per year. It was felt this position could be filled with a different title for a lot less money. The next meeting is March 25th. Neither Shields or Tennis can attend.

2. JOHNSON MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A PANASONIC KX-P2123 PRINTER AT A COST OF \$239.99.
AYE: JOHNSON-TENNIS-HARNEY-SHIELDS-WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

3. The Chief signed an agreement with Central Baptist Family Services of Elgin concerning abused/neglected children. The board requested that any future agreements be approved by them before they are signed by any departments in the Village. The Chief said this agreement has been signed in previous years.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

No report.

BUILDING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clerk will draft newsletter and deliver to trustees as soon as possible for comments. Newsletter must go out by week of March 15th. There is no money in post office account for the mailing. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM SHIELDS TO APPROVE A DEPOSIT IN THE POST OFFICE ACCOUNT UP TO \$150.

TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM SHIELDS TO AMEND THE MOTION TO MAKE THE AMOUNT UP TO \$175.

ON AMENDMENT: MOTION PASSED BY VOICE.

ON MAIN MOTION: AYE: TENNIS-SHIELDS-HARNEY-JOHNSON-WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

2. President received a letter from the cable company concerning their new pricing structure.

HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM JOHNSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:25 P.M. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Olson

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Village Clerk