

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MARCH 18, 1996

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

MINUTES:

1. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR MINUTES OF MARCH 4, 1996 AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PRESIDENT:

1. President read a letter from resident David Walter of Karen Court complaining about the higher cost of vehicle stickers for vehicles with B plates (\$8 more). After discussion, the Board decided to review these costs at the budget meeting for possible price changes next year. President Shields will respond to the resident.
2. There was a Cable Commission meeting recently where it was stated that there would be an audit, in compliance with the terms of the agreement. Cost would be based on the number of cable accounts in each village.

CLERK:

1. The village safe was sold for \$1 to an individual who was able to remove it from the Public Works building.
2. We have received notice of an attorney's lien which will be forwarded to our insurance company.

PLAN COMMISSION:

President noted that all appointments to the Commission made at the last meeting are for a three year term.

ZONING BOARD:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

No report.

TREASURER:

1. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM FUQUA TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,121.93. AYE: TENNIS, FUQUA, DEBOLT, HARNEY, JOHNSON, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. There were no comments on the financial statements.
3. Treasurer will send another letter to the contractor of the project on Stevens Court which has still not been cleaned up. We are still withholding about \$1,390 to ensure this work is completed.
4. Another computer is needed in the building department for Joe Prang. All building information will be transferred into this PC from the building files. JOHNSON MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE AN EXPENDITURE UP TO \$2,300 FOR A PC FOR THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT. AYE: JOHNSON, HARNEY, DEBOLT, FUQUA, TENNIS, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

8:00 P.M.

Stephen Welter of Martin Design Partnership presented a complete landscape design for the entire village hall area, extending to Thorobred and Sleepy Hollow Road and behind the Public Works building. It incorporates shade and ornamental trees, a native plantings prairie, shrubs, perennials, and grassy areas, most of which are low maintenance and drought resistant. A covered bridge was suggested over the creek. Construction of this bridge has been discussed by Joe Prang and Art Sunderlage. The landscape project will cost about \$62,000 and will be completed in phases over the next few years.

*****OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*****
(8-8:30 p.m.)

1. Tim Morrey of 747 Hillcrest discussed the "waterfall" behind his property and the deteriorating condition of the dam. Since this is on private property, he requested that the village write a letter to the property owner, Gerald Rork, asking him to make appropriate repairs to avoid damage to several homes in that area if the dam breaks. Trustee Harney discussed possible ways to prevent further erosion of the banks along the creek. President Shields will write a letter to Mr. Rork asking him to correct the problems on his property.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. The Park District has again requested use of our soccer fields. Trustee Fuqua will respond.
2. An individual requested use of the soccer field on Sundays. Sundays were previously reserved for family use only.
3. Trustee Fuqua viewed John Kedzior's property. The catch basin is full again although Art cleaned it out last spring. He will again clean it out this year.
4. Trustee Harney noted that we need new soccer nets.

FINANCE:

1. The police budget meeting is March 21st.
2. Trustee Tennis noted that the initial budgets received to date are very "ambitious".

WATER:

1. There was a water main break on Walnut that was not repaired for approximately 18 days after it started, since it was under the surface and not noticed until it made it to ground level. It is estimated we may have lost about 100,000 gallons a day. Board discussed ways we could be monitoring the daily meter usages and comparing them to be aware of leaks and breaks that are not yet obvious to see.
2. Questioned whether we need the odd/even ban with our unlimited usage from Elgin and our second water connection in place. The Board felt we should leave it in effect.

POLICE:

1. Quad Com - The ILRB ruled that the employees could unionize. However, we were granted a temporary restraining order to prevent the employees from taking the vote on whether to unionize or not last week. This matter will continue in court. Also on Quad Com, it was noted that East Dundee has written a letter indicating that they will not support a salary increase to employees of more than 2.7%. We should send a similar letter to Quad Com and copy all villages.

2. Attended a Hickory Hollow meeting concerning the ravine erosion. It was insinuated to Trustee DeBolt that they may sue Sleepy Hollow for allegedly causing the problem, and that they have already established a legal fund, and suggested we may wish to contribute money to fix the problem now rather than possibly incur legal fees later. Trustee DeBolt should suggest they have a lawyer give them a case assessment and budget if they are considering this option.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. Trustee Harney received a report of possible illegal dumping at the gravel pit of debris from the nearby housing development. It has been reported to the EPA and they will have someone inspect the area.
2. The County has again stated that they have no jurisdiction over the Chateau buildings regarding demolition.
3. There is an open space public hearing on March 21 at the Township offices. President Shields and Trustee Harney discussed the manner in which property is purchased by the Township as "open space".

BUILDING:

1. Trustee Johnson had a meeting with Joel Kruse concerning violations, specifically those of fences and sheds. The Board authorized Mr. Kruse to start issuing violations for fences and sheds in all the newer subdivisions of the village and those that were installed elsewhere in the village after the ordinance prohibited them. He will also be ticketing abandoned vehicles and commercial vehicles parked in driveways. He is aware that we are looking for compliance, not fines.

JOHNSON MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 9:25 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING LITIGATION, PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, §2(C)(11). AYE: JOHNSON, TENNIS, DEBOLT, FUQUA, HARNEY, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

The regular meeting reconvened at 9:35 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

FUQUA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:35 P.M. AYE: FUQUA, TENNIS, DEBOLT, HARNEY, JOHNSON, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Olson

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Village Clerk

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EXECUTIVE MEETING
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The executive meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities started at 9:25 p.m. In attendance were President Shields; Trustees DeBolt, Fuqua, Harney, Johnson, Tennis, and Williams; and Clerk Olson.

President Shields has discussed the Chateau suit with Attorney Schuster. West Dundee still wants us to give up the one acre parcel to help Alper pay for demolition of the buildings. We still wish to provide water to the facilities. Mark Schuster does not believe West Dundee could petition to take the parcel away from us; we would have to de-annex for them to get the parcel.

Zoning Enforcement Officer Joel Kruse has indicated to Trustee Johnson that he believes he can get condemnation of the buildings because they are a public health and safety problem. He also said if we cite the buildings for violations, they cannot sell the buildings, as they have been, to another shell corporation. It was agreed Attorney Schuster and Joel Kruse should discuss his suggestions directly with each other.

JOHNSON MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 9:35 P.M. AYE: JOHNSON, HARNEY, DEBOLT, FUQUA, TENNIS, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

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