

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 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, Harney, Tennis, and Williams; Treasurer Panning; Police Chief Montalbano; and Clerk Olson. Trustees Fuqua and Johnson were absent.

MINUTES:

The regular minutes should be amended on page 2 under Water, #2, by adding the following sentence: Trustee Harney believes there may already be a hydrant flushing program in place. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 4, 1996 REGULAR MINUTES AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

No report.

CLERK:

1. Received revised Metropolitan contracts to be signed. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND VILLAGE CLERK TO EXECUTE THE SETTLEMENT CONTRACTS REGARDING THE METROPOLITAN/SLEEPY HOLLOW PROPERTY. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
2. Mr. Shafernich, who owns an acre south of the village hall, claims his property is also being farmed and requested a portion of the yearly rental we receive from Wayne Kaschub and a statement that it is being farmed. The Board said this is between him and Mr. Kaschub, who farms the village owned property adjacent to his. Clerk will advise Mr. Shafernich.

PLAN COMMISSION:

A member stated they are trying to get things started again with this board.

ZONING BOARD:

Chairman Heffron said there is a Zoning Board meeting on Wednesday. He also noted that our ordinance provides that property that has been re-zoned may be reverted back to the original zoning if the property is not used for the rezoned designation within a certain period of time. The property on the south side of Route 72, west of Locust, was rezoned B2 seven years ago, and still has not been sold. The Board was not enthusiastic about taking any steps to rezone this back to residential. President Shields will contact John Regan to inquire about the status of this property.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

No report.

TREASURER:

1. Warrants. Add \$105 for Natural Areas Association. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE MODIFIED AMOUNT OF \$48,144.15. AYE: TENNIS, HARNEY, DEBOLT, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. There were no comments on the six month financial statements.
3. We received a bid from another cleaning service which was much higher than our current cleaners. We should continue looking for new office cleaners.
4. Ellen Voelkening will be out of the office for two weeks due to knee surgery.
5. The finance committee will meet 11/25/96 to discuss several items, including a water rate increase, and the 457 employee plan.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. The resident at the end of Glen Oak Drive has requested a "no outlet" sign since people turn around in her driveway. The Board said we have a policy of not putting up these signs in the village. They also felt the end of this street was more obvious to see than a sign would be.
2. Trustee Harney noted that the new house being built on Locust is adding a substantial amount of dirt to the yard which must be stopped as it will cause flooding to the surrounding area.
3. President Shields noted that there are two piles of dirt in the swales on the south end of Locust. This was left by NIGas after working in the area. Our zoning enforcement officer should be instructed to contact NIGas to remove this dirt.

FINANCE:

Presented ordinance incorporating the suggestions that the auditors made during their yearly audit report last month. Should modify slightly by adding the word "payroll" in paragraph number 2. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 96-20 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF VILLAGE TREASURER". AYE: TENNIS, HARNEY, DEBOLT, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

WATER:

1. The rusty water problem continues. Although the west side of the village was flushed, the east side, where the problem exists, has not yet been flushed. Elgin said the problem is not coming from them. Trustee Williams is looking for a water consultant to help us determine where the problem is coming from if flushing does not help.
2. Trustee Williams met with Art, Ron, and a representative from Elgin who gave information on our system indicating that we may have large leaks on the west side of the Village. Also, Saddle Club Estates has PVC pipes, where leaks are more difficult to detect. We could also test water in the storm drains for chlorine which would indicate leaks.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. Need to purchase ten more pumps. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF TEN ADDITIONAL SEWER PUMPS. AYE: TENNIS, HARNEY, DEBOLT, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. The "no dumping" sign will be put back on the village burn pile.

3. Have still not heard from Randy Gatliesh. Trustee Harney attended a soil erosion clinic where she learned we could pass a law concerning this type of matter which may help in this situation. She has briefly discussed with Trustee Johnson and given an ordinance received at the clinic on the subject to our engineer.
4. The mosquito abatement company should have a cost estimate to us this month which we should consider for next summer.
5. There is still an odor at the sewer shed. A professional will use a detector at the area to try to determine the cause.
6. Attended the DuKane Valley Council meeting concerning legislative issues. Will bring written information to the next meeting.
7. The waste hauler bid opening is on Thursday.

POLICE

1. Quad Com has a meeting this Thursday.
2. The "sunny day" definition in the burning ordinance is unenforceable. Trustee Debolt suggested changing it to "when an object casts a distinct visible shadow." This will be reviewed with the Chief and our village attorney. (Trustee Harney leaves meeting)
3. We have received a signed agreement back from the resident on Crane Court along with a check for one-half the cost of the driveway repair work. The contractor for the job will do the work as soon as weather permits.
4. Trustee Tennis asked about the continual increase in assists to other police departments. Chief Montalbano said the increase in warrants from other departments has caused a lot of this increase. Trustee Tennis also noted that there were no fines listed for the month of July.
5. President Shields asked if the monthly police report could separate the sewer calls received after office hours.

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

Resident Lou Roenna of 1517 Laurel Court thanked the board for the permit to build his large garage to store his antique automobiles.

BUILDING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Williams watched the crack sealers laying tar when the temperature was below 20 degrees. The IDOT specifications indicate it must be at least 40 degrees outside when this work is done. We now question whether this work will last. We need to review the contract this company should have signed when hired. We have not yet paid them. Trustee Williams will also talk to our village attorney on this matter.

DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:40 P.M. AYE: DEBOLT, TENNIS, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Olson

Norine Olson, Village Clerk