

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

DECEMBER 2, 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; Attorney Schuster; Engineer Koenig; and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 18, 1996 REGULAR MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH FUQUA AND JOHNSON ABSTAINING.

PRESIDENT:

1. The fence and entrance sign at Locust and Route 72 were damaged by a motorist. We are pursuing the motorist through legal avenues to pay for repairs.

CLERK:

1. The Zoning Board will have their regular meeting this Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall.
2. Requested ratification of a phone vote taken by the clerk. FUQUA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE GROUP OF DON IHANDER TO SELL CHRISTMAS TREES AT THE UPHOLSTERER'S WORKSHOP PARKING LOT UNTIL DECEMBER 23, 1996. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

No report.

ZBA:

Chairman Kathy Jaskowiak presented the results of the recent hearing on ZBA variance #181, at 518 Stevens Court, for a variance to the lot size. The ZBA recommended approval of the variance. JOHNSON MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE ZBA VARIANCE #181 TO 518 STEVENS COURT. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ATTORNEY:

1. The fire district has signed an intergovernmental agreement which the president and clerk now need to sign allowing our police to enforce the no parking sign at the fire station. FUQUA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 255 ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF NO PARKING AREAS ON THE PROPERTY OF THE RUTLAND DUNDEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT". MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
2. Discussed the open burning ordinance and how to change the "sunny days" definition to make it more easily enforceable by the police and more likely to be upheld in court if challenged. It was decided to table this topic until a later date since burning is done for the year.

ENGINEER:

1. As required by Elgin, we have now installed a second water meter at the McLean Road station in Elgin.
2. Sebastian Contracting is completing punch list items for the second water main connection project. Engineer Koenig is meeting with

Sebastian and an Elgin official tomorrow to review the restoration work required at the meter station on McLean. Sod work is needed in certain areas but will be delayed until the spring. Mr. Nollman has not signed off on restoration work for his property. Chuck Behm of the Township has approved the work on township property and is to send written approval. Engineer Koenig is working with other residents who have punch list items on this project.

3. Engineer Koenig gave the village a copy of the sewer map drawings relative to a homeowner problem on the east side.

4. Engineer Koenig has not received any written documentation indicating our approval of the demolition of the two apartment buildings.

TREASURER:

1. Warrants. Trustee Fuqua does not believe we will have a problem from the crack sealing applied in below freezing temperatures. Discussed the payment to CMT for work done subsequent to the default by the contractor on the water main project. Since we have paid subsequent attorney's fees directly to the attorney, it was felt we should also pay CMT and submit this for reimbursement to the bonding company. Trustee Tennis noted that the payment listed to the Illinois Municipal League is our annual premium and that worker's comp claims and premiums are lower. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM FUQUA TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$79,963.44. AYE: TENNIS, FUQUA, DEBOLT, HARNEY, JOHNSON, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

2. Presented the annual tax levy which proposes a 4.1% increase, although the actual rate to residents will increase only 1%. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 96-21 ENTITLED "TAX LEVY ORDINANCE" AS PRESENTED BY THE VILLAGE TREASURER. AYE: TENNIS, HARNEY, DEBOLT, FUQUA, JOHNSON, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

3. A water rate increase of approximately 3.2% will be presented to the Board in January, after we have received our increase, if any, from the City of Elgin.

4. Relative to the employee 457 Plan Trust, the Finance Committee recommends approval of the trust and to not permit loans at this time due to insufficient savings in the trust. This trust will protect the employees' retirement plan no matter what may happen to village finances. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 256 ENTITLED "RESOLUTION FOR A LEGISLATIVE BODY RELATING TO AMENDING A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN". MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

5. Discussed the five bids received for the waste disposal contract. Waste Management included additional "free" items in their bid of three free leaf pick ups and free portable toilet service for Sabatino Park. Some trustees felt the cost of yard waste pick up should not be passed on in the cost to all residents as many residents did not require this service. Although Superior had the lowest monthly charge (with Waste Management second lowest), their stickers were the highest. There was concern that the high cost of stickers would encourage more dumping by residents. It was felt that the free leaf pick ups would reduce some of the burning in the fall. All factors considered, it was felt Waste Management had the best bid package for the village. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO ACCEPT THE BID PACKAGE OF WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR THE THREE YEAR CONTRACT. AYE: HARNEY, TENNIS, JOHNSON, WILLIAMS. NO: DEBOLT, FUQUA. MOTION PASSED.

6. We have received another quote for cleaning services at the Village Hall which is lower than our current cleaner. TENNIS MOVED

WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS TO ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM ONLY ONE CLEANING SERVICE OF \$35 PER BI-WEEKLY VISIT, SUBJECT TO A REFERENCE CHECK AND FOLLOWING A REFERENCE CHECK, THAT WE GIVE TWO WEEKS NOTICE TO OUR CURRENT CLEANER. AYE: TENNIS, WILLIAMS, DEBOLT, FUQUA, HARNEY, JOHNSON. MOTION PASSED.

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

There were no comments from the public.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. The roof of the back barn needs repairs. A type of heat shrink has been recommended by our zoning enforcement officer as a temporary fix until we can have a roofer make repairs.
2. The dump truck has another broken brake line. The Board was concerned since this is the second time this has happened. The truck should be thoroughly checked out when the repairs are made to determine if there may be another problem contributing to the break.
3. A resident in the Village, Mr. Roenna, is interested in part time work with the Village in the building department or public works. He will be told to submit an employment application. If he is qualified, we will need to follow usual procedure in hiring anyone working in public works, including a physical and drug testing.
4. Terry Heffron from Kane County requested that the Board approve the engineering plans for the Route 72/Sleepy Hollow Road intersection improvements so they can receive payment for their work. FUQUA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO CONSENT TO THE ENGINEERING DESIGN PLAN AS PRESENTED. President Shields has been told that IDOT will be paying for the improvements to that intersection. Fuqua and Tennis withdrew their motion and second after it was determined that this plan was previously rejected by the Board because of the northbound left turn lane on Sleepy Hollow Road. President Shields will advise Mr. Heffron of the Board's decision in this matter.

FINANCE:

A resident has given Trustee Tennis a resume and expressed interest in a position on the Finance Committee. President Shields will contact the candidate.

WATER:

1. There was a broken water main on Sunday.
2. We do not know if the flushing has been done on the east side yet.
3. In marking our water main for widening Randall Road, it was discovered that our water main may be located in the county's easement, and it may have to be moved, at our cost.

POLICE:

1. Officer Chris Solesky received a written thank you from West Dundee for his assistance during a recent accident in their jurisdiction.
2. The driveway repair work is complete on Crane Court. We received payment from the resident for one-half the cost and a signed waiver that we are not responsible for any future work or problems on this property.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. Art has been replacing broken sewers recently.

2. We are still unable to find the source of the odor at the sewer shed.
3. Trustee Harney believes the resident on Locust experiencing the odor in her home has problems in her internal plumbing, and that this is not caused by the village system, although the homeowner feels otherwise. Trustee Harney will send her a letter
4. The check valves at the shed are ten years old and may need to be replaced soon as we have had some problems with them.
5. Commonwealth Edison has advised a resident on the west side that they will be removing a very large dead tree at the property owner's expense and that the removal will probably affect the Com Ed lines and cause a power outage in the area.
6. There has still been no response from Randy's Farm on the lease of his farmland.
7. Trustee Harney has not had a response to her phone call to resident Tim Morrey regarding the beaver dam.
8. The DuKane Valley Council was looking for an endorsement from the Village on several issues to be lobbied in Springfield. The Board was not willing to endorse these issues. President Shields will advise the Council.

BUILDING:

1. The new house construction on Locust was reviewed by the building inspector who does not feel the added dirt is unusual while building a new home and that the swale engineering should not be affected. Trustee Harney expressed concern that the lot has been built up and will adversely affect the surrounding area with water drainage.
2. Joel Kruse inspected the demolished Metropolitan property and said the demolition of the buildings was performed correctly.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE TREASURER TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS TO PURCHASE GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR ALL VILLAGE EMPLOYEES. AYE: TENNIS, WILLIAMS, DEBOLT, FUQUA, HARNEY, JOHNSON. MOTION PASSED.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Olson

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Village Clerk