

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

MARCH 3, 1997

) 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, Johnson, and Tennis; Police Chief Montalbano; Treasurer Panning; Attorney Schuster; Engineer Koenig; and Clerk Olson. Trustees Harney and Williams were absent.

MINUTES:

1. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 1997. MOTION PASSED WITH FUQUA ABSTAINING. The final drawings of the Randall Road widening are in the trustees' office.

PRESIDENT:

1. John Regan and/or Robert H. Anderson & Associates will be at the next meeting to get approval on their report concerning the property on Route 72. Trustee Tennis noted that the village population stated on page 4 of the report should be corrected to 3,300.
2. We received information on a KDK flood grant program which would be applicable to the flood plain area behind the village hall. KDK is responsible for the entire grant process and work and are paid directly from the grant. Our only responsibility is having a supervisor on duty when work is conducted to verify hours worked. Attorney Schuster has reviewed their draft agreement and found it acceptable. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO INITIATE THE PROCESS OF GETTING THE GRANT IN PLACE FOR THE KDK TRAINING EMPLOYMENT AND BUSINESS SERVICE FLOOD GRANT WORK SITE AGREEMENT. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.
3. President Shields discussed the village flooding with the last rainstorm. The bridge on Thorobred was unable to handle the flow of water and the fire department building flooded. Bullfrog Lane also overflowed. President Shields would like to contact state officials on possible funding to repair the bridge. Art Sunderlage has suggested a box culvert to increase the flow of water. The frozen ground also contributed to the flooding.
4. Little City Foundation would like to have "tag days" in Sleepy Hollow on October 16-18, 1997. This would take place at major intersections. The Board was agreeable as long as we receive insurance information from them along with the names of the solicitors.

CLERK:

Any changes or additions to the draft newsletter should be given to the clerk as soon as possible.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. The signed rider to the agreement for Dundee Properties has been picked up by Mr. Kolacny and forwarded to West Dundee.

2. We have made a claim with the insurance company on the Lenz Oil matter and are looking at a settlement agreement for our part of the contamination.
3. The disposition of the fence at Stevens Court will be decided at a court hearing in April since the owner of the property is in a nursing home.
4. Mrs. Grom was present concerning her question about clearing of outlots in the village which are by waterways and who has authority and maintenance of these areas. Several of these outlots are now owned by residents. Attorney Schuster noted that the laws of Sleepy Hollow, not Kane County, prevail on preservation, erosion control, etc. of these areas. He will need to discuss this further with Trustee Harney and do more research on old village records.

ENGINEER:

1. The MFT bid opening is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on March 27, 1997.
2. Engineer Koenig and Attorney Schuster will be contacting the attorney in Texas to discuss final completion of the water main connection project this spring.
3. A representative from the developer of the Bluffs was present to ask the village to accept the subdivision. CMT will need to do a final inspection to ensure all improvements have been made prior to releasing the bond of \$111,800. Once accepted, they would still need to give us a 12-15 month maintenance bond for a specified amount. We will also need reimbursement of over \$1,000 for street light repairs we made in the Bluffs.

TREASURER:

1. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM FUQUA TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,624.26. AYE: TENNIS, FUQUA, DEBOLT, JOHNSON. MOTION PASSED.
2. Audit firm bids will be opened this week and reviewed by the Finance Committee next week.
3. Discussed the Quad Com data communications proposal. Trustee Tennis has some questions about maintenance costs after installation and who is the network administrator. TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM FUQUA TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE TREASURER TO PROCEED WITH THE EXPENDITURE TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH QUAD COM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,178.00 TO BRADLEY D. CLEGHORN. This motion will be tabled until we can get these questions answered by Treasurer Panning.
4. The Finance Committee meeting will be next Monday along with the budget work session, at 7:30 p.m.

*****OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*****
(8:20 - 9:35 p.m.)

1. Dennis Nastali, Richard Ochal, and Tom Klein of the Bluffs presented the landscaping proposal for the entranceway on Boncosky Road. The Village would be responsible for maintenance of a small portion of this landscaped area (the right-of-way/easement areas), but the majority would be the responsibility of the Bluffs' homeowner's association. It should be verified that the landscaping will not block views of oncoming cars on Boncosky. The sign will be modified to include "The Village of Sleepy Hollow" as do other entryway signs in the village. The Board agreed to contribute money as they have for other entryways, approximately \$700, which will be included in our budget. This plan must be reviewed and approved by the Plan Commission before any work can start. The Bluffs' residents asked that this be approved as quickly as possible to allow spring planting.
2. Ron Knapik of Maria Court said they have a beaver problem which has caused the creek to rise and destroyed several trees. There is currently 4" pipe installed in the water which should be replaced with 8" pipe. Mr. Rork who owns a large part of this area has agreed to pay for this pipe and also "wiring" of the trees to prevent further destruction of them by the beaver(s). He is also willing to deed this land to the Village as long as it remains undeveloped. This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

3. Resident Dan McCarthy expressed concern about the drainage problems along Locust. It was suggested that a possible contributor to the problem may be the field behind Target which may not be draining properly. President Shields said we hope to work out some type of flood control answer. We should ask Trustee Harney to present this flood problem to the new county flood committee to which she was recently appointed.
4. Frank Loni presented a petition signed by 27 homes in the Bluffs requesting a solution to the speeding and increased traffic problems in the subdivision. He thanked the police for monitoring the area, but asked for a permanent solution. Their ideal solution would be to close the subdivision to traffic at the entrance into Surrey Ridge by gating it, to which President Shields indicated that was not a possibility. Other suggestions made were speed bumps, reducing the speed limit, additional stop signs, closing the subdivision to traffic at the Boncosky entrance, and a bike strip alongside the road. President Shields suggested we put up some type of "children playing" signs for now. Trustee DeBolt said a traffic study will be done there as soon as there is no chance of additional snow.
5. Ann Schnaitman objected to her real estate lead-in signs being removed by the zoning enforcement officer. She finds no reference to real estate signs for open houses in the ordinance material she was given. There is also no reference to garage sale signs in the ordinance. She feels residents should be aware of these restrictions. Trustee Johnson will review the ordinances and respond to Ann directly.
6. Lori Newcomb of 206 Crane Court has a very steep driveway and parks her three vehicles in the street all winter. She has received calls from the police to move the vehicles, especially when we are snowplowing. She asked if she could somehow park in the easement along the edge of the property. President Shields suggested possibly issuing a special permit for a hardship case to allow parking on the street in this situation. Trustee Johnson suggested she give the board her plat of survey for review to see if her property line would allow a paved parking area off the street.
7. A resident has had problems with snowmobilers using the bridle path behind Willow, which is not allowed per village ordinance. A reminder of these restrictions will be included in the newsletter. The Board also suggested we include information on ATV use in the village, which is prohibited, in the newsletter.
8. Mrs. Pacchini was concerned about the two recent burglaries in the village, which Chief Montalbano stated were in the local newspapers. President Shields assured her that we do not have a problem in the village and that this was unusual. The neighborhood crime watch program had become rather inactive but there has been more interest recently. It was suggested we include information on starting a watch group in the newsletter.
9. Lou Roenna presented a petition signed by the residents of Laurel Court asking for a "no outlet" sign at the entrance to their cul de sac due to an increase in traffic. The Board felt they should view the area before making a decision at the next meeting.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. The "no outlet" sign was put up on Sharon Drive.
2. The Dundee Township Park District has submitted their schedule for use of the soccer field this season. Trustee Fuqua will respond.
3. Trustee Fuqua will not be able to attend the MFT bid opening on March 27 at 2:30 p.m. and attendance by a board member is necessary.
4. After the last board meeting, Trustee Fuqua received several comments questioning whether we have qualified snowplow drivers. The Board assured him that the discussion of last meeting was that we needed additional drivers, who are as qualified as our current employees; there was no question of the ability and qualifications of our current snowplow drivers. Trustee Fuqua also noted that if we hire outside drivers, we will still need to have Art here to supervise those drivers.

FINANCE:

1. Trustee Tennis brought up the issue discussed earlier concerning the Quad Com data communications proposal to ask Treasurer Panning about the questions raised then. After installation, the village will be responsible for our end of the system, and Quad Com for their end, although Quad Com handles maintenance of our system as part of the Quad Com package at no extra cost. Tennis suggested we untangle the motion and vote. The motion was: TENNIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM FUQUA TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE TREASURER TO PROCEED WITH THE EXPENDITURE TO IMPROVE COMMUNICATIONS WITH QUAD COM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,178.00 TO BRADLEY D. CLEGHORN. AYE: TENNIS, FUQUA, DEBOLT, JOHNSON. MOTION PASSED.

2. As this will be Trustee Tennis' last meeting before the election, he had a few parting words. He thanked Ron Panning and Ellen Volkening for providing quality financial services to the residents for the past eight years, making his job as trustee nearly effortless, and thanked the trustees and village president for maintaining a team spirit. He also encouraged talented residents to consider the open trustee position. President Shields thanked him for his service. Trustee Tennis also encouraged the village to consider instituting in the near future a telecommunications ordinance which would involve a maintenance fee to the village.

WATER:

No report.

POLICE:

No report.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

No report.

BUILDING:

Trustee Johnson requested that we give Zoning Enforcement Officer Joel Kruse a key to the building as he needs to come in after office business hours at times. The board agreed this was acceptable.

OLD BUSINESS:


No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is an advertising sign in the parking lot of the Upholsterer's Workshop which is in violation of village ordinance and has never been approved. It is for a sign business. We should have the zoning enforcement officer check this out.

FUQUA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM TENNIS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:00 P.M. AYE: FUQUA, TENNIS, DEBOLT, JOHNSON. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk