

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

AUGUST 4, 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 Czerniawski, DeBolt, Merkel, Nemec, and Williams; Police Chief Montalbano; Treasurer Panning; Attorney Schuster; Engineer Naylor; and Clerk Olson. Trustee Harney was absent.

MINUTES:

NEMEC MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE JULY 21, 1997 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED WITH MERKEL ABSTAINING. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PRESIDENT:

No report.

CLERK:

1. Although the Upholsterer's Workshop has moved from their Sleepy Hollow location, they are still in business at a smaller location in Algonquin.
2. Clerk has a new Illinois Municipal League Handbook located on top of the low file cabinet in her office.
3. DEBOLT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 97-14 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-3-2 A. OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW BY ADDING ONE (1) ADDITIONAL STOP INTERECTION AT HILLTOP LANE AND HILLTOP COURT". AYE: DEBOLT, NEMEC, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. NO: CZERNIAWSKI.. MOTION PASSED.
4. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 97-15 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5-3-2 A. OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW BY ADDING THREE (3) ADDITIONAL STOP INTERECTIONS AT RIVER RIDGE DRIVE AND BROM COURT". AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL, DEBOLT, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED
5. The Clerk was given petitions by the police department signed by approximately 500 residents to put a question on the November ballot requesting adoption of the police pension fund by the residents.

PLAN COMMISSION:

Chairman Jim Markey said they will be having a meeting concerning the possible development of the property on Route 72 west of Locust.

ZONING BOARD:

1. Chairman Walt Heffron has been advised by Sterling Codifiers that there are some discrepancies between our current Code and the new zoning amendments. They will confirm these in writing to the Village for our further action.
2. There has been no further word on the development of the property on Willow Lane.
3. There is a Zoning Board meeting tomorrow to review plans from Insight Development for property along Route 72. All information will then be forwarded to the Plan Commission for their review.
4. There was a short discussion on impact fees and the inadequacy of the amount required by surrounding villages to support the large influx of children into the school district. Some time ago, we raised in our impact fees in the hope of encouraging other villages to do the same, but none followed our lead. Our Code indicates that we still have this increased fee on our records although it was questioned whether we intended to revert back to the old fee when no other villages followed our increase.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. Attorney Schuster has discussed the flood plain matter with Trustee Harney.
2. Still working on the agreement modifications with the Gaitsch brothers at Randy's Farm relative to our lease of a small portion of their property.
3. The excavation work on Crane Drive is still not scheduled.
4. CMT must inspect the punch list items in the Bluffs and sign off that all work is complete prior to our acceptance of the subdivision and reduction of their bond.
5. Attorney Schuster will prepare ordinances on the two ZBA variances approved at the last meeting.
6. Attorney Schuster will amend our current ordinance concerning water use during fires. Trustee Williams is to forward him information on this matter.

ENGINEER:

1. Engineer Naylor submitted a written report to the Board last week.
2. The MFT road work should begin this week.
3. We have not yet received any results from Elgin on our water testing.

TREASURER:

1. Add to the warrants \$105 for Security Link/Ameritech and hold a \$1,584 payment for a water analysis. Trustee DeBolt noted that the new \$15 fee we are charging for the rent-a-truck program allows us to just break even with our cost to the landfill. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,423.04. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL, DEBOLT, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. A draft audit should be delivered next week and the Finance Committee meeting will probably be rescheduled to August 21st.
3. We have received notification from ERM that we are eligible to close the underground storage tank matter with no further remediation, provided we add deed restrictions should the Village property ever be sold.
4. The wide area network set up is delayed by new lines that need to be installed.
5. We are reviewing several bids received for a new copy machine.
6. The fire alarm system is delayed by the necessary installation of new lines which should be done by the end of the month.
7. There is a meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday night with First American Bank regarding new banking services.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. The Bluffs have requested permission to block off Katrina for a block party. It was suggested they be advised that no alcohol should be served on Village property.
2. Relative to the ordinance on water use for fires, Trustee DeBolt asked how we should handle Village residents who are not on the water system at all and pay no money into the system. Do we charge these people for water use during a fire? This should also be addressed in the ordinance amendments.
3. Trustee DeBolt caught a young boy leaving Lake Sharon with a bullfrog and noted that we have an ordinance prohibiting the removal of frogs from our waterways. Village residents are also required to have a fishing card from the Village to fish in the ponds. Trustee DeBolt noted that a recently passed senate bill now makes municipalities liable for any accidents to people on Village property.
4. Trustee DeBolt asked whether the new mattress store coming to the Village had their sales tax directed to our Village. This can be verified when we receive a sales tax report from the State.

5. The clean up behind the Village Hall is moving slowly.
6. Trustee DeBolt is in contact with companies concerning the concrete pad for the salt storage bin.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER:

1. It has been discovered that a resident on Stevens Court has never received a water bill from the Village since he moved there in 1993. He will be billed for the last four years.
2. Engineering Enterprises has submitted proposals for two water projects. One is for a cross connection to the water main going in under Randall Road. The other is for a project to convert the metering system on Randall Road. Trustee Williams will discuss both proposals with President Shields.

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

(8:30 - 9:25 p.m.)

1. Several residents of Saddle Club Estates who back up to Randall Road were present to discuss concerns about the road widening and its impact on them and a recent letter advising them to remove their non-conforming fence at the back of their lots. Joanne Holcum and her husband objected to the letter they received from the Zoning Enforcement Officer. She and others felt this fence offered some protection from cars along Randall Road and prevented the construction people from encroaching further in their back yards. Don Pearce of 602 Arlington. and Kevin Jermyn of 606 Arlington also spoke. The residents felt we should approach the county on their behalf to try to have their concerns addressed. We told them we have no control over this project and they have not been receptive to any suggestions or requests we have made on this project. The residents said the project has changed the topography and water is sitting in their back yards and flowing down to the swales along Saratoga. The Board agreed to leave the fences for now, but that at some point they all need to be repaired or removed. Mary Mueller of Palamino stated that she has been unable to find replacement rails of the length needed for their fence. In answer to their question, the President assured them that the Saddle Club entrance would be re-landscaped when the road widening was complete. Some residents said that their fences have been knocked down when the grass is plowed west of the fences. The residents will submit a letter to President Shields with all the problems from this project, and the President will personally present this information to the appropriate County officials. The Board explained the ZBA process to get a new fence approved along their back yards.
2. Lorena Loni requested permission to block Katrina Lane for a block party in the Bluffs on August 24th from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. The Board approved but asked the residents not to drink alcohol on Village property. Public Works will deliver "horses" to block the road on the Friday prior to the party.

POLICE:

1. Received a letter from Jay Nollman, whose barn burned down recently, commending the actions and professionalism of Officer Chris Solesky, who was the first official at the scene.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. No new sewer pumps have needed replacement.
2. It was suggested we have Art Sunderlage cut down any dead trees throughout the Village before they can possibly fall down and injure someone. It was noted that the trees at Sleepy Hollow Road and Beau Brummel obstruct the view from oncoming cars.

BUILDING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

NEMEC MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:30 P.M.
AYE: NEMEC, DEBOLT, CZERNIAWSKI, MERKEL, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Norine Olson".

Norine Olson
Village Clerk