

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 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, Harney, Nemec, and Williams; Police Chief Montalbano; Assistant Treasurer Volkening; Attorney Schuster; Engineer Naylor; and Clerk Olson. Trustee Merkel was absent.

MINUTES:

1. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 1997 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PRESIDENT:

1. The Executive meeting minutes will be approved in an executive session to be held upon the arrival of the village attorney.
2. Received letter from Daily Herald requesting a list of all regularly scheduled meetings for 1998.
3. Received a letter from residents John & Ellie Fiederowitz of Hazel Court regarding beaver damage and lake water erosion on their property. Trustee Nemec will contact these residents.

CLERK:

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

No report.

ZBA:

Trustee Harney believes no ZBA hearing has been set yet for the house at 1710 Hickory Drive that was sent back to the ZBA quite some time ago because of the set backs. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WILLIAMS THAT WE INSTRUCT THE ZBA TO SCHEDULE A HEARING ON THE HICKORY DRIVE PROPERTY AND TWO PENDING FENCE REQUESTS BEFORE IT BY THE END OF JANUARY. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

ATTORNEY:

1. Received letter from the law offices of Rita Thomas which will be referred to our attorney. Former trustee Dan Johnson should be familiar with this matter.
2. President Shields received a letter from a 17 year old village resident objecting to the proposed fines for minors caught smoking in the Village. He feels the parents will be the ones paying the fine (and punished) and that other ways would be more effective as punishment to the minor, including community service. The Board discussed the issue but noted that it would cost the Village to have an employee supervise a minor doing any service work. It was felt a judge would not impose a large fine on a minor for this type of offense or force the parents to pay if the minor was not able to do so. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 97-22 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN THE VILLAGE". AYE: WILLIAMS, DEBOLT, CZERNIAWSKI, HARNEY, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.

3. WILLIAMS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 97-23 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SLEEPY HOLLOW MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM FINE TO BE ASSESSED FOR VIOLATION OF THE VILLAGE CODE". AYE: WILLIAMS, DEBOLT, CZERNIAWSKI, HARNEY, NEMEC. MOTION PASSED.

ENGINEER:

1. Engineer Naylor does not yet have all the information to submit the cost proposal for the traffic study. This will be mailed to us as soon as it is ready.
2. The Engineer has received documentation from the natural resources office regarding the Bullfrog culvert with directions on what additional work they require. Engineer Naylor will summarize this information, including costs to the Village, and submit to the Board for their review.
3. The Engineer distributed a report on the Thorobred Road culvert replacement project. The Engineer is willing to make a presentation to the Board on this matter after we have reviewed this material.

TREASURER:

1. Warrants. Remove the payment (\$4,850) for the salt storage bin as it is not yet complete. Add \$1,097.33 for gasoline purchases. Trustee Harney felt we should give Village employees more than the \$25 each at Christmas. Other trustees did not agree. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,402.72. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, HARNEY, DEBOLT, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. Elgin is increasing our water rates by 8% effective in January. Treasurer Panning is working on an increase to our residents as a result.
3. Pension information is still being gathered.
4. The monthly financial statements were distributed.
5. We have received no response to our requests for payment of legal fees, engineering fees, and impact fees from the Bluffs, the Steffen property, and John Fahy. This should be reviewed monthly for status.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. The lights at the Saddle Club entrance are still not on. Trustee DeBolt will check.
2. Trustee Harney requested that Trustee DeBolt meet with Joel Kruse to prepare a building permit for the salt storage bin.
3. The seed has not yet been planted at the Village Hall. Trustee Harney said it could be laid on top of the snow but it will need protection from the geese.

FINANCE:

1. We are waiting for West Dundee's decision on impact fees for their village before the Finance Committee prepares final information on impact fees.
2. The proposed purchase order ordinance should be presented at the next meeting.

WATER:

1. We have received two bids back on the installation of the water filter program for homes affected by the water problems, which are both rather high. Trustee Williams will attempt to negotiate the cost down with Tessendorf, the lower of the two bids.

POLICE:

1. The monthly activity report was distributed. Questioned the accidents at Route 72/Sleepy Hollow Road and other incidents on the report. Chief Montalbano said that the response to the resident officer program has been positive from the apartment residents.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. NEMEC MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO SPEND \$796.75 TO PURCHASE A DRUM OF ACTIVATED CHARCOAL FOR THE SEWER SHED. AYE: NEMEC, HARNEY, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

BUILDING:

1. A report on the Municipal Legislative Committee will be distributed later.
2. Trustee Nemec noted that a vacant lot at the corner of Locust and Acorn has been staked out. Trustee Harney is not aware of any building permit for this area and will check.

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

(8:25 - 8:50 p.m.)

1. Susan Anderson-Khleig of 110 Thorobred Lane discussed the water problems she is having. She installed a water filtration system in her home and brought along filters after one month's use in her home as well as water samples to show the poor quality. She is also concerned about the flooding in the lower part of the Village and how it may be affecting the local environment. Mrs. Anderson-Khleig does not like the proposed cleaning of the pipes with chemicals and does not feel it may be safe for residents and feels we should raise taxes to completely replace the pipes at over one million dollars. She also does not feel the residents should have to wait two years to solve this problem and that the Village should make this project a priority. Our Village Engineer briefly explained the three options the Village had received for addressing the iron in the pipes and described the chemical process. Mrs. Khleig is quite upset about the entire matter and feels we should hold public meetings to inform those residents that will be affected by the Board's decisions in this matter and allow their input.

HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:55 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PENDING OR THREATENED LITIGATION AND TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 2c(11) AND 2c(21) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

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The regular meeting reconvened at 9:25 p.m. President Shields stated that Attorney Schuster was authorized to discuss the Geske matter further with Mr. Feeterer.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Nemec asked about various matters on the attorney's billing statement and it was suggested he telephone the Village Attorney directly with these questions.
2. Trustee Nemec also questioned communication among the Board when one board member handles a particular issue and whether all board members should be advised of every matter. It was felt that this should be handled on a case by case basis at each board member's discretion.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson, Village Clerk

EXECUTIVE MEETING  
MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 1997

Released  
7-20-98

The executive session of the Sleepy Hollow Board of Trustees was convened at 8:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending/threatened litigation and approval of executive minutes pursuant to Sections 2c(11) and 2c(21) of the Open Meetings Act. In attendance were President Shields; Trustees Czerniawski, DeBolt, Harney, Nemec, and Williams; Attorney Schuster; and Clerk Olson.

1. Village Attorney Mark Schuster distributed a memo and reviewed it concerning the Geske & Sons MFT project and the question of timeliness of their performance and our chances of winning this case if taken to court. The Board authorized Attorney Schuster to negotiate with the attorney for Geske & Sons to settle this matter for no less than \$3,000 to \$5,000.

2. In the Twin Sewer (second water connection) matter, Attorney Schuster will work out the details with Trustee Williams before contacting the attorney in Texas with our settlement position.

3. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 1997 AS PRESENTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

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