

REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 1998

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, Merkel, Nemec, and Williams; Police Chief Montalbano; Treasurer Panning; and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

1. The November 2, 1998 minutes should be amended as follows: Page 2, Roads & Parks, #1: The burn pile *will burn until it is gone*. Page 3, Building, #4, add: *Mr. Roehrig withdrew his request for a waiver of the permit fee.* MERKEL MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 1998 AS AMENDED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PRESIDENT:

1. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SHARON WARE TO THE PLAN COMMISSION. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

2. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM DEBOLT TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JOE FRATER TO THE ZONING BOARD. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

3. At the November 3, 1998 election, residents narrowly voted to remove the stop signs at Joy Lane (651-615) and the no left turn restriction at Sleepy Hollow Road & Route 72 (676-617). The Board did not wish to take any action on either of these advisory referendum questions. The signs on Joy Lane have already been removed as was required by the ordinance passed on the matter. The no left turn restriction remains in effect.

CLERK:

1. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 273, APPROVING SIGNATURE CARDS FOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF MARENGO. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

Member Richard Corbett reported on a recent meeting with the developers of the property at Route 72 and Locust Road. The Zoning Board later met to review the developer's rezoning application and variance requests. Most of the Zoning Board's questions and concerns have been addressed satisfactorily by the developers of the proposed Sears Homelife Furniture store. The public hearing is planned for December 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Williams asked about the water situation and the proposed water loop for the area. He will contact our engineers about this matter. Trustee Merkel was concerned about the detention pond and swales and whether water run off will be adequately handled. We should also discuss this with our engineers. Harney requested that the parking lot have a pedestrian access pathway.

ZBA:

No report.

8:00 P.M. Police Chief Montalbano introduced nine new police officers who were then sworn in by the clerk. They are Brian Aten, Brian Baird, Arturo Gracia, Brian Petersen, Christopher Pishotta, Steven Rodeback, Craig Rosenbaum, Robert Rycraft, and David Schaefer.

#### ATTORNEY:

The Board began discussing the proposed building ordinances. It was determined that there are many items that need to be discussed before passage of these ordinances and a work session is required. It will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 98-26, WHICH MODIFIES THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR PERMITS. After discussing this ordinance, it was decided this too would be discussed at the work session after finding that some sections were confusing or should be deleted from the proposed ordinance. TRUSTEES HARNEY AND CZERNIAWSKI WITHDREW THEIR MOTION AND SECOND. It was suggested that the Village Attorney also attend this meeting if possible. Joel Kruse may also be asked to attend.

#### ENGINEER:

No report.

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(8:35 - 9:15 p.m.)

1. Walt Heffron of Van Tassel noted that we currently have a penalty clause in the zoning ordinance for failure to obtain a building permit, under Section 8-1-13.
2. Resident Sue Bennett and Dave Gurwitz of the McGraw Foundation discussed their proposal for a restoration/stream bank stabilization project at Lake Sharon which would encompass the west side and about 200 ft. of the south side of the lake. They have already obtained two grants of \$500 each for this project and anticipate receiving free professional assistance from different sources along with some plant donations from the IDNR. The work would be done by volunteers and include Sleepy Hollow School students. They would like the Village's commitment to this project along with up to about \$3,000 in next year's budget. While the Board is not against the project overall, President Shields requested a written, detailed proposal for the project with specific costs to the Village, depending on the amount of plants donated. He would also like a plan prepared for the entire lake, rather than piecemeal and feels our engineers should be consulted on this project. Harney noted that we have had 4 or 5 engineering reports/opinions over the years on stream bank stabilization and these reports should be reviewed prior to authorizing additional engineering studies.

#### TREASURER:

1. Several additions were made to the warrants. Trustee Czerniawski noted that we may receive some money back from the engineers on their MFT bill. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM HARNEY TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> WARRANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,192.03. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, HARNEY, DEBOLT, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.
2. Trustee Czerniawski noted that the financial statements look good. Police overtime should be reduced with tonight's hiring of nine new officers, although police costs overall are still under budget.
3. The Finance Committee meeting will be rescheduled to November 24<sup>th</sup>.
4. The high winds last week caused a power outage at the Village Hall, resulting in the need to hire someone to re-program the phones. This happened previously during another outage. It was suggested we purchase additional power reserve to avoid this problem with future electrical outages.

#### ROADS & PARKS:

1. With last week's rain and wind storms, we discovered leaks in the roof and siding of the Village Hall in the police department area. We will need to determine what and how much needs to be replaced. We should also check to see if this is damage that may be covered by insurance.
2. Metracom sent us their model right of way use agreement. This will be given to the Zoning and Planning Boards as they are currently preparing an ordinance on this type of matter.
3. We have not had an offers for the culvert purchased for the Bullfrog project.

#### FINANCE:

1. Trustee Czerniawski is still working on the independent contractor agreements with Mark Schuster. Our attorney is reviewing our suggestion for additional insurance requirements from independent contractors.

WATER:

No report.

POLICE:

1. The monthly police activity report was submitted.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. The free leaf pick up this week went well.
2. Trustee Nemec submitted a memo outlining the hazards of smoke from burning and the history of burning in the village and suggested we amend our ordinance to restrict burning to only two days a week. The Board discussed this issue at length, with mixed opinion. HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO LIMIT BURNING TO SUNDAYS AND MONDAYS ONLY, FROM 9AM-3PM. AYE: HARNEY, CZERNIAWSKI, NEMEC. NAY: DEBOLT, MERKEL, WILLIAMS, SHIELDS. MOTION FAILED. A questionnaire/survey will be included with the next newsletter to obtain resident opinion on this matter.

BUILDING:

1. We have issued many more permits this year than average due to the storm damage to homes.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Merkel asked if the Zoning Board has the authorization to turn down potential commercial developers. It was agreed they know what development is permissible in the village and would therefore be qualified to decide this type of question without coming before the village board.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NEMEC MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL THAT WE AMEND OUR VILLAGE CODE TO PERMIT AN "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC" SESSION AT THE SECOND MEETING OF EACH MONTH ONLY. The Board discussed. Anyone who wishes to be heard at the first meeting of the month would still be able to do so by contacting the clerk to have their name put on the agenda. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH DEBOLT VOTING NO.

HARNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:55 P.M. AYE: HARNEY, CZERNIAWSKI, DEBOLT, MERKEL, NEMEC, WILLIAMS. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson  
Village Clerk