

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2000

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, Merkel, Morris, Nemec, Pickett and Rzonca; Police Chief Montalbano; Treasurer Panning; Attorney Schuster; and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES:

1. MORRIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF JANUARY 3, 2000 AS SUBMITTED. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE WITH CZERNIAWSKI ABSTAINING.

PRESIDENT:

No report.

CLERK:

1. Newsletter suggestions should be given to the Clerk as soon as possible.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING BOARD:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. Upon examination of John Bohanek's house, there does not appear to be a problem inside the house causing the poor water quality. The Village Attorney prepared a draft agreement allowing Mr. Bohanek to flush his pipes and receive a monthly credit on his water bill not to exceed 10,000 gallons. MORRIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO AUTHORIZE TRUSTEE NEMEC TO PRESENT THE DRAFT AGREEMENT TO JOHN BOHANEK FOR HIS APPROVAL. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE. We have received suggestions from our engineers on how to correct his water problem which will be addressed at another meeting.

2. A revised draft response to West Dundee's FPA application was submitted to the Board for review. The Village Attorney expects to make additional minor changes.

ENGINEER:

No report.

TREASURER:

1. CZERNIAWSKI MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PICKETT TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF JANUARY 14, 2000 IN THE REVISED AMOUNT OF \$69,189.94. AYE: CZERNIAWSKI, PICKETT, MERKEL, MORRIS, NEMEC, RZONCA. MOTION PASSED.

2. There were no comments on the eight month financial statements.

3. The office staff is making some updates to the village web site. It was requested that we add a village map to our web site if there is not already a link to one. Also, the Village Hall address should be on the site.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. Dennis Gardynski, representing the Knights of Columbus, presented a \$1,200 check to Police Chief Montalbano for the Fox Valley area Special Olympics fund. Jack Trainer described his participation in this program and thanked the Chief and Board for their support of this event.
2. Dan Stroick of Deer Lane urged the Board and President to oppose the FPA application from West Dundee.
3. Carol Grom also urged the Board to oppose the FPA application. She also asked if the wetland summaries from the Zoning Board and Plan Commission were available to the public. The Board should review these summaries and discuss at the next meeting.

ROADS & PARKS:

1. Hey & Associates are working on the Sleepy Creek master plan and we should have a draft report by mid-February.
2. IDOT has requested and been sent information concerning the intersection of Sleepy Hollow Road and Route 72 in relation to the possible installation of a flashing warning light on Route 72.

FINANCE:

1. Trustee Czerniawski distributed financial projections for Sleepy Hollow for the next several years which indicate a financial shortage for the Village if we do not have additional sales tax revenue. He also distributed comparative cost estimates for various plans to bring sewer to the Village, which included our purchase directly from Elgin or obtaining it through West Dundee. These were explained in detail by Trustee Czerniawski and Board discussion followed.

WATER:

1. The capital improvement budget for water/sewer was discussed by Trustee Nemec which indicates some available funds to begin replacement of 4" pipes.
2. Mr. Evans submitted a written statement that he will no longer pay his water bills. Board discussed water problems. Our water does meet the IEPA guidelines. There are commercial strength filter systems that can be rented for \$30/month which may be more effective than those systems currently in use by residents. A program to replace the 4" mains would probably not start until next fall. Rather than give credits to residents with poor quality water, we will test this commercial filter in the Evan and Bohanek houses with the Village paying the rental cost. If this satisfactorily improves the water quality, we will consider a program to rent these systems for other residents. This rental would be in lieu of water credits given to residents and would be used until the problems can be corrected.

POLICE:

1. Trustee Morris suggested he and Trustee Pickett drive the area around Sleepy Hollow School to review the speed limits in that area. He would like Trustee Pickett to review the matter of emergency lighting in the booking room of the police department area.
2. A request for new mobile data terminals will be deferred to the next meeting.

HEALTH & SANITATION:

1. The Board agreed to mail to all residents with an upcoming newsletter refrigerator magnets containing all village emergency phone numbers. This would cost \$350. Board also agreed to send stickers to all sewer customers that would include the phone number to call if the sewer alarm goes off. The cost for these stickers would be approximately \$155.

BUILDING:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Rzonca said the Wispark developers are not interested in changing their engineering to help alleviate flooding problems in Deer Creek. Hey & Associates reviewed the storm water engineering report on the development and found errors in their calculations which have been directed to the City of Elgin. We expect to receive further word on this matter next week. Trustee Rzonca will obtain from Hey their cost estimate for this matter.
2. Trustee Rzonca questioned whether we should again ask the residents their opinion about leaf burning in a future newsletter. This will be discussed at another meeting.
3. Trustee Rzonca brought up Kane County's letter last fall concerning property in the flood plain they are willing to purchase. The Board questioned the parameters of this property purchase program. MORRIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM NEMEC DIRECTING THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO DRAFT A LETTER TO THE COUNTY.
4. Trustees Rzonca and Czerniawski attended a meeting with West Dundee's Larry Keller and Joe Cavalaro. West Dundee expects us to offer no challenge to the FPA change and to agree to the realignment of both the north and south legs of Sleepy Hollow Road if we wish to reach an agreement with them. Trustee Rzonca said West Dundee is open to alternative suggestions for the realignment of the south leg of Sleepy Hollow Road and a meeting will be scheduled with IDOT to discuss alternate plans. Trustee Rzonca also mentioned a boundary agreement between the two villages, noting that it should include the area south of the village limits. West Dundee would like to work out any issues regarding the aesthetics of Carrington as a separate matter. Other issues briefly discussed between the two villages included relief from the 50% mark up on sewer. Trustee Morris thanked Trustee Rzonca for his time and efforts in this matter on behalf of the Village.
5. Glen DeCosta of West Dundee discussed West Dundee's application regarding the FPA, our objection to same, and sewer to Carrington and properties in Sleepy Hollow and urged the Board to oppose the FPA change.

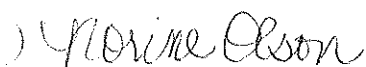
PICKETT MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM MERKEL TO DIRECT VILLAGE ATTORNEY MARK SCHUSTER TO FORWARD THE DRAFTED RESPONSE TO NIPC ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW. Board questioned our odds of prevailing with our objections to the change of the FPA. Mr. Schaffer of Hey & Associates felt we had a good chance of keeping the FPA.
AYE: PICKETT, MERKEL, MORRIS. NAY: CZERNIAWSKI, NEMEC, RZONCA, SHIELDS. MOTION DID NOT PASS. Trustee Merkel stated he felt we had done a great disservice to the people of Sleepy Hollow.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Trustee Rzonca suggested we create an e-mail distribution list of residents to use for emergency and general information from the Village Hall. Board agreed this was a good idea that we should pursue further although it may require that we change our internet provider.
2. Sleepy Hollow School would like to add more lighting to the parking lot and school grounds. They should work with the Building Dept. and our ordinance parameters on lighting.

MORRIS MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM CZERNIAWSKI TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:25 P.M. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson, Village Clerk