

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:35 p.m. In attendance were President Pickett, Trustees Ander, Finney, Getz, Grom, Wind, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, Village Attorney Schuster, Village Engineer Heinz, and Clerk Olson.

President Pickett explained the rules for speaking under the public comments section of the meeting.

MINUTES:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ANDER TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2004. The minutes should be changed on page 3 under New Business: (2) "the Chairman" should be changed to "a member"; and the Chamber seminar will be offered free to "local municipalities". MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. No report.

CLERK:

1. Candidate packets for the 2005 local election are available in the Clerk's office.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

Chairman Neil gave a detailed report of the October 19th public hearing where three issues were considered: Planned Unit Developments, modifications of play structures, play ramps, and swing sets, and establishing residential building heights. A zoning addition of PUDs was approved with little discussion. Modifications to increase the size of play structures/swing sets and the addition of trampolines were also approved with little comment. There was lengthy discussion at the hearing on the size of play/skateboard ramps, but the zoning board could not reach agreement on the size of ramps. This issue will be discussed in a meeting on November 4th and a new public hearing will be set on this matter only. The trustees asked Mr. Neil various questions concerning the public hearing and discussed the ramp size issue. The Zoning board has suggested a maximum 50 sq. ft. ramp. The trustees also discussed the draft ordinances prepared on the zoning matters that were approved at the hearing. The establishment of residential building heights were also reviewed at the public hearing and the trustees discussed the suggested height restriction of 30'. Construction on open lots would be restricted to no more than 2' taller than the highest conforming house within 1,000 ft.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. A former police officer who still owes money per the reimbursement agreement has not paid the balance as requested by the attorney. GROM MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY TO FILE SUIT AGAINST THE FORMER OFFICER. MOTION PASSED.
2. The draft ordinance on building heights will have minor changes made and will be presented at the next meeting.
3. The draft ordinance on play structures will be held until a decision is made on skateboard ramps.
4. The draft PUD ordinance was reviewed in some detail and several modifications will be made and the revised ordinance presented at the next meeting.

ENGINEER:

1. The water project will start November 15th and be completed by December 3rd. Three residents are interested in hooking up to the village water system, at a cost of \$3200 each. One of these residents has requested a payment plan through the Village. After discussion, the Board agreed to offer all three residents the option of a interest-free 12 month payment plan. This "loan" would be contingent on a signed agreement with the Village, the first month's payment, and a lien placed on their home until the loan is paid in full. The road crossing work will be done with an auger. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO OFFER 12 MONTH FINANCING TO RESIDENTS TO HOOK UP TO THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM. MOTION PASSED. During the course of this project, the contractor can also run "b-boxes" to the other houses on the block at a total cost of about \$23,000. This would be done in anticipation of future hook-ups to the Village system. After discussion, the Board agreed they did not wish to expend the money at this time.
2. The 2004 MFT road work project is under way at this time.
3. The engineers were asked about the Stevens Court collapsed culvert pipe, who said the Village could change the culvert to an open swale, but they do not know why it was set up as a culvert originally. The Board discussed water flow and drainage of a new swale. Public Works can remove the bad culvert pipe, grade a new swale, and seed the area. A new culvert pipe can be installed if it becomes necessary at a later date.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

1. John Barsanti introduced himself as a candidate for Kane County State's Attorney in tomorrow's election.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT TO SIGN THE LETTER TO IDOT REGARDING COMPLETION OF THE JELKES BRIDGE WORK. MOTION PASSED. The bridge caps have been delivered and will be stained for uniformity in color.
2. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF NOVEMBER 1, 2004 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,845.34. AYE: ZIEMBA, GETZ, ANDER, FINNEY, GROM, WIND. MOTION PASSED.
3. Ellen Volkening will not be at the next board meeting as she will be attending the treasurer's institute.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

1. The Dundee Rotary Club has submitted a proposed sign for Saddle Club Park in conjunction with the improvements they have offered to make and maintain in a portion of the park. They wish to temporarily install this sign and take a picture for publicity purposes. The sign appears to rename the park however, and the board did not approve a change of name from Saddle Club to Rotary Park, and do not wish a picture taken of this sign. Trustee Wind will call the Rotary Club contact and express the Board's concerns and suggestions for a modification to the sign.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER & SEWER:

No report.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. Trustee Ander submitted an application to the IDNR to apply for funds for a tree survey.
2. A resident sent a letter objecting to leaf burning and Trustee Ander feels this is an issue that should be discussed again in the future.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

1. The lot on Rainbow has issues to be addressed in its plans to construct a house on the property.
2. A resident may be interested in assuming the duties of enforcing village zoning ordinances; however, there is no replacement yet for the code inspection work. President Pickett is obtaining a list of individuals who may be interested in this position. Joe Kruse will continue some work until we have a replacement. An outside code inspection company is handling work on the commercial development on Route 72.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. There are no updates on the Jelkes/Sleepy Creek watershed project, business hours of operation, or Affordable Housing Act.
2. The Board discussed the new Elgin boundary agreement and Elgin's counter proposal. The Board does not wish the payment period to begin until a certain amount of the project has been developed, or to set a date in the future for the payment period to begin to ensure there is tax revenue. Attorney Schuster will meet with the Elgin village attorney to discuss this matter further and work out the details.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. West Dundee has sent a letter that Sleepy Hollow is in violation of the Target agreement by allowing truck traffic to Homemakers via Locust Drive. West Dundee wants the same Locust truck access to Target and to eliminate the Locust turning restrictions for vehicle traffic in and out of Target on Locust. Truck traffic will still be restricted south of Target on Locust. If these conditions are not granted, West Dundee will not give wastewater capacity to the new commercial development on Route 72. The Board agreed to these requests which will require an amendment to the agreement.

GROM MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:40 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL AND EXECUTIVE MINUTES PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 2(C)(1) AND 2(C)(21) OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. MOTION PASSED.

The regular meeting resumed at 10:51 p.m.

The Board discussed the inappropriate comments from a member of the Finance Committee regarding the police chief/budget. FINNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO REMOVE JEFF SEILER FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. MOTION PASSED WITH ZIEMBA VOTING NAY.

FINNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 11:00 P.M. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,


Norine Olson, Village Clerk

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EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 1, 2004

The executive session of the Sleepy Hollow Board of Trustees was convened at 10:40 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel and executive minutes pursuant to §2(c)(1) and 2(c)(21) of the Open Meetings Act. In attendance were President Pickett; Trustees Ander, Getz, Grom, Finney, Wind, and Ziemba; Village Attorney Schuster; Police Chief Montalbano; and Clerk Olson.

1. Police Chief Montalbano requested this session to address several e-mails since June from a member of the Finance Committee which had been sent to all trustees and questioned the Chief's performance and ability to handle the police budget. The Chief wanted to present documentation to support his position.

Mr. Schuster asked who made the complaints and was advised that it was Jeff Seiler, a member of the Finance Committee. The Board has not filed any complaints about the Chief's performance. Mr. Schuster felt this was something to be discussed in open session since no board members have complained about the Police Chief. This information has not been requested from the Finance Committee, only from the individual. Mr. Schuster noted that these are budget questions, not personnel questions, and should be answered in public session.

2. GROM MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2004. MOTION PASSED.

3. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2004. MOTION PASSED.

WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO ADJOURN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:51 P.M. MOTION PASSED BY VOICE VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk