

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 6, 2007

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

MINUTES:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2007. MOTION PASSED.

PRESIDENT:

1. We received an interim agreement for the Pace dial-a-ride program until the state budget problems are resolved. This expires December 31, 2007 and the monetary contribution has not changed. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO APPROVE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR INTERIM DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICES FOR DUNDEE TOWNSHIP. MOTION PASSED.
2. A resolution was presented regarding the telecommunications lawsuit which resulted in the Village returning funds received, with those funds to be given to 911 communications centers. The Village must obtain the funds through a grant and then distribute to QuadCom. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 369 ENTITLED "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A GRANT UNDER THE INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE FEE LITIGATION CY PRES COMMITTEE'S GENERAL AUTHORITY TO MAKE SUCH GRANTS. MOTION PASSED.
3. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning is seeking public comments through August 28th on their 2008 air quality improvement program at their website: www.chicagoareapanning.org/cmag/.

CLERK:

1. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO APPROVE RANDY'S VEGETABLES ANNUAL FALL FEST TO BE HELD THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. MOTION PASSED.
2. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO APPROVE THE BLUFFS SUBDIVISION REQUEST FOR THEIR ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY. MOTION PASSED. Barricades will be set up.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

Chairman Art Neil distributed the agenda, minutes, and findings of fact from the public hearing held July 24th on the Brar and Naber properties and discussed the hearing in detail. The Brar hearing was continued to August 15th since the petitioner did not meet certain requirements for the hearing. The Zoning Board recommended approval, 4:0, of the Naber petition for re-zoning one parcel to farming. The owners have asked that the entire property be annexed to Sleepy Hollow although it will be divided into three parcels. The other two parcels would automatically come to the Village as residential property when annexed. The owners have installed a fence around the entire property.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

1. Mr. Schuster stated we have a draft annexation agreement for the Naber property and the Board must

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vote on a date for a public hearing on this annexation. Trustee Finney asked about establishing the two parcels as estate rather than residential zoning due to their large size but that would require another petition to rezone by the applicants. It was not felt there would be a safety issue with a home substantially set back from the road as is the case with the Naber property. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO SET THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2007 AT 7:30 P.M. MOTION PASSED.

2. Mr. Schuster distributed a memo on the Bright property. Thomas Gledhill of Gledhill Properties, who was present at the meeting, is interested in annexing the western portion to Elgin and commercially developing the property adjacent to Randall Point Office Park. The development should not affect the ravine on the property. If the Village agrees to deannex, it would require an amendment of the Boundary Agreement with Elgin. It was the consensus of the Board that the Village President and Village Attorney enter into discussion with the City of Elgin on this matter.

ENGINEER:

1. Mr. Weiss explained the invoice to Montemayor Construction, the water improvements contractor, for \$1,982, for work Public Works did on a clogged water main at a resident's home, which broke and resulted in a flooded basement on Hemlock. Montemayor's contract states that they were to be contacted for any problems and are refusing to pay the bill. They offered \$250. Most of the Board felt we should accept the offer since the Village did not follow the contract provision. Montemayor will make about \$200,000 on this project. Trustee Finney did not agree and felt the Village needed to act immediately on the problem, rather than wait for the contractor to handle the problem. GETZ MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM WIND TO ACCEPT THE OFFER FROM MONTEMAYOR. MOTION PASSED WITH FINNEY VOTING NAY. Public Works should be made aware of these type of contract provisions to call the contractor when there is a problem.

2. The water meter replacement bid specs were reviewed and a few changes were made. The memory of the hand-held interrogator should be increased to 2,000 reads. The Village insurance carrier should be contacted about liability issues with this project. The engineer will send the bid specs to the 5-6 companies that are in this line of work. The Board wants to include language in the contract on who to contact if there is a problem at any residence. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE BID PROPOSAL SPECS. MOTION PASSED.

3. There is a drainage issue on Willow. This matter is being handled at the county level and we are waiting to hear back from the county. The resident has changed the drainage and possibly filled in a flood plain area.

4. There has been no further contact from the resident on Jamestowne concerning water problems since he attended a board meeting a few months back.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF AUGUST 6, 2007 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$99,001.08. AYE; ZIEMBA, GETZ, FINNEY, FUDALA, WIND. MOTION PASSED.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

1. Residents have requested trimming for safety of the flower planters in the middle of Crane Drive, and also around the guard rails on lower Crane. Callers have also complained about an overgrown lot on Crane Court where dumping is also occurring. Public Works should be advised to work on these projects.

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FINANCE:

1. There will be a Finance Committee meeting on August 23, 2007 at 7 p.m. to review the audit and other matters.

WATER & SEWER:

No report.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

1. The two officers currently in the state training program worked for the Village two days during the July 4th week, under the supervision of other officers, and Chief Montalbano asked that they be paid. However, they are not officially hired. WIND MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO HIRE BRIAN MILLER AND ROBERT ZIEMAN AS PART TIME EMPLOYEES, UNTIL THEY COMPLETE THEIR TRAINING, AT \$11/HOUR. MOTION PASSED.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

No report.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

1. The issues at the home on Willow were further discussed. The County is to give the Village its recommendation concerning the stormwater drainage issue. The filled in wetland area is also an issue. A swale had been covered by the resident
2. The issue of the number of hours worked by the code enforcement officer is still under discussion. The Village President and Village Attorney are working on this issue. There are concerns about the amount of time spent on enforcement of code violations and the cost to the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:


1. Two draft ordinances were discussed on the Tree City USA program. One creates a committee on tree management and care, which will be changed to make these duties part of the Public Building and Environment Committee, rather than a new committee. The second ordinance is for the care and management regulations of trees on public property. It was suggested that ash trees be removed from and elm trees added to the list of acceptable trees. The revised ordinances will be presented at the next meeting.
2. Mr. Schuster reviewed a memo on the proposed T-Mobile lease for the cell tower. T-Mobile should construct the access road to the tower. After discussion, the Board agreed to take no action until we have heard back from T-Mobile on our request to move the location of the tower to the tree line.
3. We have not yet received certain information from Mona Auer on the dead tree, but she has stated she will not contribute to legal fees that may be incurred in any claim against Nicor.

NEW BUSINESS:

No report.

ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:15 P.M.
MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,


Norine Olson, Village Clerk