

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 2, 2009

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. In attendance were President Pickett, Trustees Finney, Fudala, Getz, Prigge, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, Village Attorney Schuster, Village Engineer Weiss, and Clerk Olson. Trustee Wind was absent.

MINUTES:

1. GETZ MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2009. MOTION PASSED WITH PRIGGE ABSTAINING.

PRESIDENT:

1. The Village received the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Dial-A-Ride program. The Village previously agreed to extend this agreement for one year and it will expire on December 31, at which time the Village will decide whether to continue its participation. FINNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO ENTER INTO THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR THE INTERIM DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE AND THE RIDE IN KANE PROGRAM FOR DUNDEE TOWNSHIP. AYE: FINNEY, GETZ, FUDALA, PRIGGE, ZIEMBA. MOTION PASSED.

2. We received a notice from the Insurance Service Office which completed a public protection classification survey of the Village and has revised the Village's classification rating from 7 to 4. This improvement could reduce homeowner insurance premiums for some residents.

CLERK:

No report.

PLAN COMMISSION:

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION:

No report.

ZBA:

No report.

ATTORNEY:

No report.

ENGINEER:

1. The Lake Sharon dam repair project was reviewed. Mr. Weiss asked the Board if they wished complete reconstruction of the dam or minor repairs and aesthetic improvements. It was noted that the Village has set aside \$50,000 in this year's budget for the project and anticipate budgeting an additional \$100,000 for the next annual budget. President Pickett felt the project be sufficient to eliminate the need for any future repairs. Trustee Prigge would like detailed specs from the engineer for complete reconstruction, but suggested there may be less costly alternatives that would also address the problems. He also suggested we look for grants for this project. Mr. Weiss said they would need soil borings to determine how deep pilings must go and design specs can then be prepared for the project. The Board asked that Mr. Weiss prepare a cost estimate for soil borings and specifications for the next meeting.

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM GETZ TO APPROVE THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$75,143.31. AYE: ZIEMBA, GETZ, FINNEY, FUDALA, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED.

2. Comcast is discontinuing its free internet service to the Village offices. We have quotes from Comcast and AT&T. Comcast requires a 3 year contract at \$90/month; AT&T is \$55/month and requires a one year commitment, but would require installation of new equipment for their system. The Board would to know if Comcast would accept a one year contract before making a final decision between the two.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

There were no comments from the public.

PARKS, ROADS & STREETS:

No report.

FINANCE:

No report.

WATER & SEWER:

1. There was a water main break and Trustee Finney had water samples from resident homes showing substantial sediment after the break. He suggested the Village set standards for residents as to how long they should let water run after breaks to ensure all sediment is removed.

2. The two bids received for water leak detection services were reviewed by the Board. There was a very large difference in the quotes. Engineer Weiss also reviewed the proposals which appeared fairly comparable in the work to be provided which involves the use of listening devices at fire hydrants and water main valves. FINNEY MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM ZIEMBA TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM WATER SERVICES FOR THE DETECTION OF WATER LEAKS IN THE VILLAGE AT THE RATE OF \$ 105 PER MILE. AYE: FINNEY, ZIEMBA, GETZ, FUDALA, PRIGGE. MOTION PASSED.

3. The water dept. requested board direction on resident requests to change the names on water billing, and to comply with the "red flag" rules regarding identity theft. Mr. Schuster did not object to the form prepared by staff to change a name. If the couple do not both agree in writing to the name change for billing purposes, however, the change should probably not be made. The Village probably does not have a concern with identity theft since they do not collect personal information from residents.

POLICE & PUBLIC SAFETY:

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & ENVIRONMENTAL:

1. Trustee Prigge suggested the Board declare that the annual Arbor Day designation for the Village will always coincide with National Arbor Day, which is the last Friday in April. The Board agreed.

2. The Environmental Committee recommends that the Village purchase 60 trees to sell to residents at the spring sale and add \$5 to the cost of each tree, which would be used to help fund the annual sapling give-away to the kindergarten students. The Committee has also found a vendor for rain barrels that would cost \$60 each if the Village purchases at least 24 barrels. Also, 100 tree saplings will be purchased for \$175 to give to the Sleepy Hollow kindergarten students. These items should all be included on the website and in the next newsletter.

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3. Trustee Prigge submitted a grant on behalf of the Village for the path from the Village Hall to the bird sanctuary. This is a shared federal grant of approximately \$91,000/\$22,000. The Village would not need to pay its entire share immediately should it be awarded the grant. The Village will be advised in November if they are awarded the grant.
4. Our code allows election signs to be displayed no more than 30 days prior to an election. There is a gap between the primary election in February and consolidated election in April where candidates would have to remove their signs and then put them up again about a week later.
5. President Pickett asked if the Village was interested in another shredding day for residents and suggested a Saturday in April. We should see if the same company is available that the Village used last year.

BUILDING & ZONING ENFORCEMENT:

No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. President Pickett asked the Board if they were concerned about the security of the information on the old computers sold to the highest bidder in an open auction. They were "wiped" by the Village IT person, but a skilled computer person could possibly recover information. The Board felt they could be sold in their present condition. (Trustee Getz left at 8:38 p.m.)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Schuster discussed his memo concerning vacating certain Village rights of way and possibly selling the property to the adjacent resident(s). There are two parcels that lead from Timber Drive to Hilltop Drive in Saddle Club. One of the parcels is part of a driveway on Timber. The Village could follow the procedure used with other Village parcels sold a few years ago and offer the parcels for sale to the adjacent homeowners. The Village may also wish to retain an easement on a portion of the parcel. Trustee Prigge suggested we consider using it as a path. It was suggested that Board members try to view this area and then discuss it further at the next meeting.

ZIEMBA MOVED WITH A SECOND FROM PRIGGE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:47 P.M.
MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk