

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:33 p.m. In attendance were President Pickett, Trustees Finney, Fudala, Getz, Seiler, Wind, and Ziemba, Police Chief Montalbano, Finance Director Volkening, and Clerk Olson.

MINUTES

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 2, 2009. Motion passed.

PRESIDENT

1. Comcast has not yet responded to the Village's modifications to the franchise agreement.
2. The Board is not interested in continued intergovernmental participation in the Ride in Kane program. Our participation in the program will end December 31, 2009.
3. The Village has issued a liquor license to The Thirsty Vine, who submitted a request to the Board to hold a wine festival June 25-27, 2010 in the parking lot just east of the cafe building on Route 72. Bo and Annie Kaser of The Thirsty Vine discussed their plans for the fest, which would include entertainment for the children during the day, live entertainment at night, and would have local vendors and retail booths at the festival. They have had previous festivals elsewhere that were quite successful and would do extensive promotion for the festival. They will carefully monitor participation in the festival with wrist bands and restricted entry to the fest area. President Pickett will review any liquor license requirements for this event with the Village Attorney but the Board agreed they could move forward with their plans for the festival.

CLERK

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to authorize Hafeman's Evergreens to sell Christmas trees at Randy's from November 27 through December 24, 2009. Motion passed.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING COMMISSION

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

1. Wind moved with a second from Finney to approve the School District 300 reciprocal reporting agreement. We have not received any response from District 300 to Mr. Schuster's requested modifications to the agreement. Wind moved with a second from Seiler to amend to the motion to make it contingent on District 300 approval of the changes. Trustee Finney noted that we were not required to enter into this agreement and expressed his concerns about releasing the type of information that is part of this agreement. It was noted that a resolution will also be necessary to authorize the signing of this agreement. The Board felt this matter should be deferred to the next meeting when Mr. Schuster will be present. All motions and seconds were withdrawn.

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ENGINEER

1. There was an issue regarding the driveway entrances for the new development on Lot 1 of Spring Hill Meadows. However, the engineer advised Mr. Pickett late today that the issue has apparently been worked out to their satisfaction. The entrance will be redesigned and widened to accommodate two vehicles to address some safety concerns for vehicles entering and exiting the parking lot for the development.
2. The Brar development has not yet requested a building permit.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziembra moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of November 16, 2009 in the amount of \$96,617.30. Aye: Ziembra, Seiler, Getz, Finney, Fudala, Wind. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Phil Dietrich of Carol Crest Court said the deer are destroying the landscaping in his backyard. He asked permission to put up a temporary snow fence during the winter months around certain bushes; the "fence" would be removed in the spring. Linda Jones and Fred Fogelin of Carol Crest Court, next door neighbors to Mr. Dietrich, said they have the same deer problem and would like to wrap groups of bushes with burlap during the winter to also prevent deer from destroying their landscaping. Ken Haas of Timber Drive noted that the deer are starving and looking for food wherever they can find it, and said that many residents are having problems with the deer destroying their landscaping. The Board discussed this problem and agreed that residents can put up temporary barriers around landscaping to discourage the deer. They do not consider this fencing, as long as it is not around the perimeter of the property, and is not permanent.
2. Todd Prigge of Hilltop Lane said that the Village was awarded the CMAQ (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program) grant that the Environmental Committee applied for early this year. This is a 3 for 1 grant and has been approved for a total federal amount of \$91,200 over the years 2010-2014. There is a mandatory meeting next week that he and Carol Grom will attend to obtain more information on the grant. Ken Hass stated that this grant money will be used to create trails on Village property, one from the Village Hall area to the bird sanctuary, and another one possibly to the pool and school areas. He also noted that there is an easement that could be used as a trail from Saddle Club to lower Sleepy Hollow, where people could then easily connect to the new trails. Trustee Ziembra said there is \$12,000 in this year's budget for this project.
3. Carol Grom of Hilltop Lane thanked Todd Prigge for all his work in preparing the grant application and noted this was a great opportunity for the Village to take advantage of this 3 to 1 grant and make the Village a more walk-able community.
4. Mike Ander of Sharon Drive also thanked Todd Prigge for his work on this grant and encouraged the Board to match the funds for this grant. Mr. Ander also noted that leaf burning continues and the ordinance is not enforced. He urged the Village Board to ban leaf burning for the detrimental health issues involved.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Trustee Getz was unable to contact the Beau Brummel resident regarding the engineering invoice. He was advised of another number for the resident and will attempt to call him again.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziembra distributed financial statements and reviewed the water and sewer funds. The water fund still shows a deficit but is improving and is better than last year at this time. The water fund has paid back \$40,000 to the general fund this year. Fixing the leaks has helped substantially. The sewer fund has also improved this year and is also better than last year. If the improvement continues, another increase to residents may not be necessary. There is a Finance Committee meeting next Tuesday on levy and other matters.

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WATER AND SEWER

1. President Pickett said there was a newspaper article that Elgin is considering a 9% increase in water rates. On questioning by board members of other sources for water, he noted that the Village looked at a well in Saddle Club several years ago, but the quality was poor and the cost to fix the problem was prohibitive. He also discussed the water problems that will become more prevalent in northern Illinois in the future.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. The Village insurance determined that the damaged squad car would be repaired at a cost of over \$12,000. The repairs should be completed this week.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. There has been no further word from the Cub Scout den on planting a tree in the Village.
2. Trustee Finney noted that the 3 to 1 grant is a great opportunity for the Village to establish trails.
3. Trustee Finney also noted the problems associated with the increasing deer population and the issues with trying to cull the deer, including the cost. The Board briefly discussed this matter but there were no answers to the problem.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. Trustee Fudala said that ICCI is reviewing and updating the Village Code in relation to the BOCA codes. There was some concern that the Village should be advised of this work and make decisions on any updates to the Village code.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Wind moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting 8:50 at p.m. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk