

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Jeff Seiler, Steve Wind, and Donald Ziemba. Trustee Getz was absent. Also in attendance were Police Chief Jim Montalbano and Finance Director Ellen Volkening.

MINUTES

1. Wind moved with a second from Ziemba to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of March 7, 2011. Under the Engineer's report, the last line in paragraph 2 should be moved to paragraph 1. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

No report.

CLERK

1. Final information for the newsletter should be submitted before the end of the week.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The mid-month report was submitted. President Pickett will talk to the engineer about property on Deer Lane as far as responsibility for maintenance. Trustee Seiler would like to review the pond located west of Randall Road with the engineer.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve the accounts payable of March 21, 2010 in the amount of \$131,506.90. Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Wind. Motion passed. President Pickett noted we have settled the sewer dispute with West Dundee and the final payment of \$48,638.23 is in tonight's accounts payable.

2. Ziemba moved with a second from Seiler to approve Ordinance No. 2011-3 entitled "An Ordinance Making Supplemental Appropriation Transfers for Corporate Purposes for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2010 and Ending April 30, 2011." Aye: Ziemba, Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Wind. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Walter Heffron of 1056 Van Tassel Road read a statement objecting to the killing of the deer and forsaking the obligations of our wildlife sanctuary. He also hoped the killing was monitored by the Village and expressed concern with some of the recent actions of the Board.
2. Robert Jozefowicz of 747 Jamestown Court showed pictures of the running water in Deer Creek, which has not stopped flowing for weeks, and again asked the Board to address this problem.
3. Barbara Doporcyk of 745 Jamestowne Court also spoke about the water which has increased in depth and flow. She said the drains in her area appear to be plugged and they are unable to clear them. President Pickett said they are looking into this water situation with the Village Engineer.
4. Janet Paarlberg 1108 of Crane Drive asked about the police study and current status of hiring officers. She asked that the Board find the funds to keep a full police department and stated her strong support of the police. She also supports the wildlife sanctuary status of the Village.
5. Bill Paarlberg of 1108 Crane Drive stated his support of the police department. He also questioned whether the chronic wasting disease could be transferred to humans through eating the deer.
6. Oktay and Christine Tosun of 743 Jamestowne Court spoke about the water problems and said he has previously come to the Board about this problem. He questioned the gate releasing the water. He also said the development engineers of the property came to a meeting at the Village several years ago and discussed installing an underground pipe for the water and asked why this did not occur. Mrs. Tosun said the water problem has become much worse since the property was developed. President Pickett explained that the Village has discussed this matter with the City of Elgin, the developers, and removed the gate from the pond and explained that there is a system of ponds in the development.
7. James Young of 234 Jamestowne Court said the water flow when it rains is very strong and is very dangerous for a child. He asked if there was an agreement with Elgin for this development. He urged the Board to fix this problem as soon as possible.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

No report.

FINANCE

1. Trustee Ziemba presented a proposed five year capital improvements plan for all departments. The Board reviewed the proposal in detail regarding all departments. The Board also discussed the possibility of using "beet juice" with the salt. A question was raised about the current location of the Saddle Club entrance sign and if it could be put back at the front of the subdivision. The Board also discussed using resident volunteers to "adopt" entryways to maintain the landscaping. They also reviewed the plan for continuing the water main improvements which started several years ago. The largest and costliest portion of the remaining project will be the main replacements on Beau Brummel. Many fire hydrants also need to be replaced. The Finance Committee will review these capital improvement proposals at their next meeting.
2. It was agreed that the performance evaluation form was a good idea. This will be used for non-union employees. It was suggested the Village also set annual goals for employees as part of the evaluation.

WATER AND SEWER

1. President Pickett reviewed the discussions with West Dundee who have offered two options regarding purchase and maintenance of sewer meters, responsibility for faulty meter readings, and recalibration of the meters. West Dundee would like the oldest meter (on Locust) replaced. One option would be for the Village to purchase the meters but West Dundee would maintain them and be responsible for faulty meter readings. Another option would be that Sleepy Hollow maintain the meters, but there would be a large penalty for faulty meter readings. Faulty meter readings have been a problem in the past and caused some of the billing problems with West Dundee. Some board members felt a simple schedule of maintenance and agreement on what to do if a meter cannot be read was reasonable. The Board did not agree that West Dundee should charge at the previous highest billing month when there are reading issues. The Board noted that West Dundee did not send the Village a bill for 30 months. It was suggested that the Village could have a sewer meter agreement with West Dundee similar to the one we have with Elgin regarding maintenance of the water meters.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Wind moved with a second from Ziembra to hire Brian J. Smith as a part time officer at the standard rate. Aye: Wind, Ziembra, Finney, Fudala, Seiler. Motion passed. Brian was previously with another police department. He was given the oath of office by the clerk.
2. Wind moved with a second from Finney to accept with regret the resignation of full time officer Robert Zieman. Motion passed unanimously. A part time officer, Paul Shipley, has expressed interest in the full time opening.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. The IDNR has taken 17 deer from the Village and will finish this week. Testing results will probably not be available for a few months.
2. Dennis Maxwell updated the Board on the Community Garden which has held 5 meetings. He distributed a packet of information on the committee. They are working to obtain 501(c)(3) status as a not for profit organization. The first plot will be about 50'x50' and located behind the salt barn. Preparation of the plot will start in early April, with planting in mid-May. They expect to have help from the Service Club and scout troops.
3. There will be a clean up on Sleepy Hollow Road on April 9, 2011.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. Trustee Fudala has been unable to make contact with the residents on Crane that have multiple recreation and other vehicles in the driveway. If he is unable to do so, ICCI will be contacted.

OLD BUSINESS

1. President Pickett said northern Illinois was declared a federal disaster area from the snow blizzard. We will submit our costs of about \$10,000 for reimbursement.

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NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Finney moved with a second from Wind to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk