

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 1, 2011

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:33 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, Joseph Nemec, Jeff Seiler, and Donald Ziemba. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Mark Reimers, Police Chief Jim Montalbano, and Finance Director Ellen Volkening.

MINUTES

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve the Public Hearing Minutes of July 18, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. President Pickett has not yet sent a note to the engineer at the Randall Road development in Elgin.

CLERK

1. The Board agreed to post information on the Village website regarding the Open Air Market at The Grove on Randall Road.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

1. Chairman Jim Kruger informed the Board that they are working with ICCI on a ham radio antenna request.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The engineer will be discussing problems with the contractor on the swale work done on Locust that was damaged during the recent storms and appears to involve the installation of the fabric by the contractor.
2. The recent digging/repair work on Jamestowne seems to have fixed the drainage problem and the water in the swales is running as it should. The engineer looked at the manhole during a recent storm and it was filled with water, which is normal. The pond on the west side is releasing water as agreed with the development's engineer. Overall, it appears the swales are operating as they should. The Board discussed restoration of the swales. Restoration and pipe replacement projects for the length of Jamestowne were previously estimated at over \$200,000. MFT funds can be used for these

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types of projects. There are areas of collapsed pipe on Jamestowne, but the engineer does not feel this is detrimental to the flow. Mr. Reimers will confirm the previous quotes and the scope of the project.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Ziemba moved with a second from Nemec to approve the accounts payable of August 1, 2011 in the amount of \$77,280.92. Aye: Ziemba, Nemec, Finney, Fudala, Getz, Seiler. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Tom Hokanson of Windcrest Court is very unhappy with the very poor condition of their street and noted that it was scheduled to be paved some years ago but has never been done. He submitted a petition signed by residents of the street asking that it be paved.
2. Scott Brewer of Windcrest Court also agreed with the poor condition of Windcrest. President Pickett stated that the amount of money the village receives from property taxes is a very small amount of each resident's tax bill and noted that the village no longer has extra funds for the road improvement program each year and strictly relies on MFT funds for the program.

Lowell Nabor of Boncosky Road is drilling for a new well on his property and asked if the Board would reverse its requirement that his other wells must be capped as a condition for approval of the new well. Mr. Nabor said he would like the old wells to remain uncapped in case something should happen with the new well, so he could go back to using the old wells. The main reason for capping is to prevent contamination of the water table. However, the two wells would not be open so that should not be a problem. The Board will look into this issue as they were not familiar with the issues related to uncapped wells, and told Mr. Nabor they should have a decision at the next meeting. Mr. Nabor also commented that there is a lot of littering on Boncosky Road from passing motorists.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. Jim Podbregar of Sycamore distributed photos and discussed the drainage and swale problems in his area. One problem appears to be from the shopping strip development where the drainage does not go to the detention pond, but instead drains to the property of area homes. There is also a broken drain tile that leaves property constantly wet. There are additional problems from a storm drain that runs continuously. Public Works has been out to work on the problem. A neighbor has also connected his sump pump directly into the culvert that then drains into the neighbors' yards. The engineer was asked to check on the discharge rate of the retention pond, and he, Trustee Getz, and Public Works should review all of these drainage matters together.
2. There was no update on the tree issue behind Jill Peak.
3. Getz moved with a second from Ziemba to approve Ordinance No. 2011-13, entitled "An Ordinance Authorizing the Sale/Disposal of Certain Property Owned by the Village." This is for the sale of a tractor and mower. Aye: Getz, Ziemba, Finney, Fudala, Nemec, Seiler. Motion passed.

FINANCE

No report.

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WATER AND SEWER

No report.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

1. Trustee Finney suggested the police car analysis be added to the September 19th agenda.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. Trustee Nemec will soon set a meeting of the Environmental Committee.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. The Board reviewed the issue of brick mailboxes in the village. There is apparently nothing in postage regulations against these structures. However, Trustee Finney feels these immovable structures are a hazard to vehicles. Seiler moved with a second from Getz to direct the Zoning Board to review the removal of these mailbox restrictions from village ordinance. Motion passed with Finney voting nay.
2. The fence is down along the back of a house on Randall Road. The Board was not certain whether the homeowner or the village has maintenance responsibility of the fence.
3. A resident on Hillcrest has asked the Village to remove dead tree limbs on the back of the property. The Village should determine if this is private or village property before any action is taken.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Pleasure Driveway sign was stolen from the north end of the Sleepy Hollow Road. The sign on fines is still posted so it is enforceable. The replacement cost is at least a couple hundred dollars. Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to not replace the stolen sign. Aye: Ziemba, Fudala, Getz, Seiler. Nay: Finney, Nemec. Motion passed.
2. When the Village Hall was closed during the power outage and employees were sent home, a full time employee was paid but two part time employees were not. However, one part time employee did take another day off. The Board agreed all should be treated the same and the other part time employee should be able to take time off.

Ziemba moved with a second from Getz to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk