

VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW
VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The regular meeting of the Sleepy Hollow Corporate Authorities was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall. Board members in attendance were President Stephen Pickett, Trustees Scott Finney, Dennis Fudala, Russell Getz, and Jeff Seiler. Trustees Joseph Nemec and Donald Ziemba were absent. Also in attendance were Village Attorney Mark Schuster, Village Engineer Mark Reimers, Police Chief Jim Montalbano and Finance Director Ellen Volkening.

MINUTES

1. Seiler moved with a second from Fudala to approve the Village Board Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2011. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESIDENT

1. The Engineer submitted a memo regarding the request of Mr. Nabor to not be required to cap two of his wells. The county does not require capping but the well must remain operable. Village ordinance requires annual testing for any well within 100' of a public water source. The county is the final authority on the wells. Seiler moved with a second from Finney to permit the wells to remain uncapped, with the requirement that they remain operable and the Village receive proof of the wells being tested annually. Motion passed unanimously. This should be communicated in writing to the resident.

CLERK

1. The tractor was relisted at a lower price on Craigslist and one offer has been received for \$1,100. Seiler moved with a second from Finney to accept the offer of \$1,100. Aye: Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Pickett. Motion passed.
2. Information for the newsletter should be submitted before the end of the month.

PLAN COMMISSION

No report.

ZONING BOARD

No report.

ZBA

No report.

ATTORNEY

No report.

ENGINEER

1. The engineer submitted a payment estimate for Schroeder Asphalt Services. Finney moved with a second from Fudala to add to the accounts payable the \$2,561.75 payment number 2 for the 2011 street improvement program. Aye: Finney, Fudala, Seiler, Pickett. Motion passed.
2. The engineer submitted an engineering proposal for the Jamestowne swale project. The \$43,000+ project will include grading, seeding and turf reinforcement mat. It must go to IDOT for approval but we should be able to complete the project yet this year. Seiler moved with a second

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from Finney to approve the Jamestowne swale regrading project from the engineer in the amount of \$43,46971, send to IDOT for approval, and authorize the Village President to sign any necessary documents. Aye: Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Pickett. Motion passed.

3. The engineer submitted updated cost estimates for the 4 remaining water main improvement projects. The Windmoor Court loop would be time-consuming as resident easements will be necessary for the work. Gail Court is also a loop. Beau Brummel, Carol Crest, Front Range and Anne are all water main replacements. Beau Brummel, at \$475,000, could be split into two projects. The Board discussed possibly using the \$200,000 grant money (if awarded) for 1/2 of Beau Brummel. The grant application requires detailed specifics of the project which can be obtained from the engineer. The Board and engineer will review this over the next couple weeks and should make a decision at the next meeting. Public Works should be consulted to determine whether upper or lower Beau Brummel should be done first.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1. Seiler moved with a second from Finney to approve the accounts payable of September 6, 2011 in the amount of \$64,108.27. Aye: Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Pickett. Motion passed.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Walt Heffron of Van Tassel (former Zoning Board chairman) read a statement urging the Board to keep the restrictions against brick mailboxes in the Village, noting that this is a safety issue, and that the U. S. Postal Operations Manual is also opposed to these types of mailboxes.

2. Art Neil of Joy Lane (also a former Zoning Board chairman) agreed with Mr. Heffron, and felt these mailboxes cost the village in terms of damage to village snowplows if they hit the mailboxes. He also noted the expense of a public hearing if the ordinances are changed on this matter and said the Zoning Board originally recommended prohibiting these mailboxes after consulting with the U.S. Postal Service.

3. Jim Podbregar of Sycamore Lane reported on the 4 swale/culvert issues in his area. He regraded his own swale after consulting with the Village Engineer and Public Works picked up the extra dirt. There is still a problem with a broken drain tile, and a hole in the area that has been filled with dirt previously. This has been a problem since the commercial development was constructed several years ago. (Getz arrived at 8:20 p.m.) The other pending issues are the retention pond and the neighbors who bypass the culvert and direct sump pump water from their property onto the surrounding neighbors' properties.

PARKS, ROADS AND STREETS

1. The burn pile will open September 30 and close October 28.

FINANCE

No report.

WATER AND SEWER

1. There is a sink hole on Jamestowne from the broken storm drain. This is on public property. It was noted that the similar hole on Locust has been an issue for several years. Seiler moved with a

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second from Finney to approve the proposal from A&T Plumbing to repair the hole, not to exceed \$2,100 per day plus parts. Aye: Seiler, Finney, Fudala, Getz. Motion passed.

2. The most recent water efficiency was 88%, even with a water main break.
3. The homeowner at 1517 Laurel Court had a break in their water softener which caused the sewer meter to run for an extended period of time. The homeowner is requesting relief for the \$500 bill. The normal bill is about \$60/month. The Board agreed to charge the resident its sewer cost from West Dundee and set up a payment plan for three months.

POLICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

No report.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND ENVIRONMENTAL

1. A meeting of the Environmental Committee is scheduled for September 12.

BUILDING AND ZONING ENFORCEMENT

1. The sign on Route 72 in the Verlo parking lot meets code requirements.
2. Regarding the downed fence on Randall Road, the resident has the option of repairing the fence or simply removing the fence and not replacing it.

OLD BUSINESS

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

Finney moved with a second from Seiler to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Norine Olson
Village Clerk