

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SLEEPY HOLLOW

December 15, 1969

The following are the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of the Village of Sleepy Hollow, December 15, 1969. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Falese at 7:40 PM at the Township Garage.

Roll call was taken and answered as follows:

D. Rogers - present	J. Quaine - present
H. McGowan - (arrived 7:50 PM)	J. Baugh - present
J. Vesely - present	E. Houlberg - present
F. Falese - present	
D. Quigley - present	T. Chase - (arrived 9:10)

Mayor Falese suggested that all new proposals be submitted to the Mayor and Trustees one month in advance so everyone can have a chance to study the documents before board discussion.

Trustee Rogers asked for a point of order regarding Mr. Houlberg's status on the board. He then preceeded to read a letter from the Illinois Municipal League which stated in their opinion Mr. Houlberg's appointment was not valid. It was also noted that Attorney Chase had received a letter from the Attorney General's office which stated they could not offer an opinion on the appointment.

Mayor Falese stated he had written the Attorney General's office and was waiting for a reply to his letter before making any decision.

Trustee Quaine motioned to wait until the Mayor received an answer from the Attorney General's office regarding the appointment. Mr.

Baugh seconded. Roll call: Mr. Rogers - nay, Mr. Vesely - nay, Mr. McGowan - absent, Mr. Quaine - ~~aye~~, Mr. Baugh aye, Mr. Houlberg - abstained, Mr. Falese - aye.

Mr. McGowan arrived.

Mr. Rogers moved that the <sup>above</sup> motion be reconsidered since Mr. McGowan

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was not present at the time. Mr. McGowan seconded. No roll call. Mr. Baugh moved to table the motion until the next meeting. Mr. Quaine seconded. No roll call.

Mr. Rogers read a resolution regarding officer de facto in regard to Mr. Houlberg and his legal status on the board.

Mr. Rogers moved the resolution be adopted as read. Mr. Vesely seconded. No roll call.

Mr. Baugh motioned to table the motion. Mr. Quaine seconded. No roll call. *Objection by trustee Rogers to manner of tabeling without a vote. Objection overruled by chair.*

It was noted the October minutes were not accepted due to a tie vote. among the trustees. Mayor Falese voted aye for acceptance of the October minutes.

The clerk read the minutes of the November meeting. Board discussion followed. Several changes and additions were made to the minutes. Mr. Vesely motioned to accept the minutes as amended. Mr. Rogers seconded. Roll call 5-0, 1 abstention.

Mr. McGowan questioned the veto by Mayor Falese of the investigation by the Attorney General's office of the village officials -- since he had been the person to request it in the first place.

Mr. Quaine motioned that all the board members be investigated by the Attorney General's office. Mr. McGowan seconded. Roll call: 5-0, 1 abstention.

Mayor Falese stated he would handle the matter of the Attorney General's investigation of the board members.

Mr. Quigley read the audit report and the current bills for board approval.

Mr. Rogers moved to pay the bills as presented by the treasurer.

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Mr. Quaine seconded. Roll call: 5-0, 1 abstention.

Mr. Quaine read the police report for November. Mr. Vesely moved to accept the report as read. Mr. Baugh seconded.

It was noted that bids were sent out for a new squad car and no replies were received.

Mr. Vesely read the building report -- 1 remodeling permit was issued.

Mr. McGowan read a resolution concerning 1st add to Unit 12. Board discussion followed. Mayor Falese showed a master plan that was adopted by the board as Ord. 65-6 which gives him the right to bring in the land as sub-divider when he chooses; he also stated that maps of all the plats and farms should be in the clerk's files. Mrs. Koshman denied ever having seen them or having duplicates in the files.

Mr. Quaine motioned to table the resolution. Mr. Baugh seconded. No roll call.

Mr. Quaine motioned to purchase the copying machine as recommended by Mr. Quigley. Mr. Rogers seconded. Board discussion. Roll call: Mr. McGowan - abstained, Mr. Rogers - aye, Mr. Vesely - aye, Mr. Quaine - aye, Mr. Baugh - aye, Mr. Houlberg - abstained. Purchase price is \$600.

Mr. McGowan read a resolution concerning Units 15 and 16. Mr. Quaine moved to table the resolution. Mr. Baugh seconded. No roll call.

Mr. McGowan read an article that appeared <sup>in</sup> the Courier on March 4, 1969, regarding the deeding of 7 parcels of land to the village.

He also noted that Attorney Strass and Mayor Falese had stated that

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everything was in order as they had checked the documents themselves before they presented them for board approval. In fact Mr. Falese had gone to Geneva 3 times to make sure everything was all right. Mr. McGowan stated everything was not in order as land is being sold for back taxes and he bought one of the parks and lakes and will sell it back to the village to be used as it was intended -- for lakes and parks -- for exactly what he paid for it when the matter gets straighten out. Mr. Rogers also noted he purchased

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land that was supposed to be a park when it was listed as an outlot in Geneva. He also stated that other people were buying land in the village for back taxes. The land in question was listed as parks on sales literature by the sub-divider.

Mr. Rogers presented several ideas for board discussion; new road standards, performance bonds, reduction of the vehicle stickers, and a donation to the library of \$432 to be taken from the State Income Tax. The library has requested a donation from all the towns in the area -- the amount asked for is based on the population figure. Board discussion followed.

The subject of hiring a village employee was brought up for discussion again. Chief Sabatino stated he had only two applications for the position and suggested several other methods of how the problem of snow removal could be handled. More discussion followed.

Mr. Baugh motioned to pay a village employee \$600 per month. Mr. Rogers seconded. Roll call:

Mr. McGowan - aye, Mr. Rogers - aye, Mr. Vesely - aye, Mr.

Quaine - aye, Mr. Baugh - aye, Mr. Houlberg - abstained.

Mr. Rogers read a resolution on 2nd Add to Unit 7. Mr. Rogers

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moved to adopt the resolution as read. Mr. McGowan seconded. No roll call. Mr. Baugh moved to table the resolution. Mr. Quaine seconded. No roll call.

Mr. Vesely noted the fact the building permits have lapsed on lots 15, 16, 17, and 18 in Unit 7, and the builder would like a refund. Board discussion followed. Mr. Quaine motioned that the \$740 building fee be refunded. Mr. Baugh seconded. Roll call 5-0, 1 abstention.

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Chief Sabatino took the floor to state the handicap the Village has been working under with only one squad car available. Board discussion followed. Mr. Baugh motioned to buy a new squad and fix up the station wagon at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Mr. Vesely seconded. Roll call: 5-0, 1 abstention.

Attorney Chase presented the dog ordinance for board approval. Mr. Quaine moved to dispense with the reading of the dog ordinance (number to be obtained later.) Mr. Baugh seconded. Board discussion followed. Mr. Quaine moved the ordinance on dogs be accepted as presented, and said ordinance should be published. Mr. McGowan seconded. Roll call: Mr. McGowan - aye, Mr. Rogers - abstained, Mr. Vesely - abstained, Mr. Quaine - aye, Mr. Baugh - aye, Mr. Houlberg - abstained, Mayor Falese - aye.

Attorney Chase read the correspondence he received from the Attorney General's office and the House Counsel of the Illinois Municipal League regarding Mr. Houlberg's appointment. He then stated as Village Counsel and based on the other legal opinions, the appointment by Mayor Falese of Mr. Houlberg was void.

Mr. Quaine stated thought should be given to increasing the policemen's

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salary.

Mr. McGowan asked Mr. Chase if the 5 day notice had been served on the people on Willow Lane due to the open sewage problem. Mr. Baugh offered to talk to the people in order to solve the problem. Mr. Chase also reported on the property south of Willow Lane recently annexed by West Dundee. The property in question was first annexed by Sleepy Hollow in 1960, and by West Dundee September 23, 1968, and a revision of the 1968 ordinance was filed on October 28, 1969, by West Dundee.

He also stated when he approached the States Attorney in regard to this matter, he was informed by Mr. Ketcham he was also the attorney for the Chateau Louise which had purchased the property in question. And if the village filed an injunction to stop the annexation, Mr. Ketcham would request a \$500,000 bond to be posted by Sleepy Hollow. Mr. Chase desired further instructions from the board on how he should proceed in this matter. Board discussion followed. Mayor Falese stated he was the <sup>original</sup> owner of the property in question and had petitioned West Dundee to annex the land. No action was taken.

Mr. McGowan read a statement denying the charges made against him by Mr. Glaser of criminal conspiracy at the October meeting and also stated Mr. Glaser was out of order in all of his remarks. Mr. Quaine moved to adjourn. Mr. Baugh seconded. Roll call: 5-0, 1 abstention.

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