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The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on January 6, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Victor, Lamb, Hamilton, Timmons, Spicer

Absent: none

A motion made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the December 16, 2008 minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Victor, Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

Treasurer's Report:

A motion made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the payment of bills as amended to include payment to Larry's Universal for \$1594.04.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Timmons, Lamb, Hamilton, Spicer

Nays: none

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Brochure Display Rack Announcement
2. Winter Hat/Gloves Donation Announcement

Mayor Spicer announced that the Village recently purchased a turn-style brochure display rack to be used for Seneca business brochures. Also, Exelon Company has donated winter hats and gloves for any needy children.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated the storm sewer upgrade project by Dawn Company is progressing. Company officials are working with school employees to insure that safety is top priority.

In addition, a Seneca bridge project update was given, Comm. Lamb stated Kramer & Sons company is currently waiting on specialized equipment and steel erection is scheduled to start the first of February.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that although the Council had previously approved the passage of the updated Comprehensive Plan by motion, it was necessary to formally adopt the plan by Ordinance.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts Ordinance # 09-01, an Ordinance adopting an update to the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Seneca.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

Discussion was held on the accessory building Ordinance, this was recommended previously by the Seneca Plan Commission. Comm. Timmons asked if a property owner with one of the old, historic type homes, requested to erect an accessory building similar to an old carriage house type, would that be acceptable? Comm. Hamilton replied that if the carriage house building did not fit the criteria stated in the accessory building Ordinance, that a variance could be requested to the Plan Commission as this would be a good example of how the variances should work. Commissioner Timmons also asked if construction of one "detached garage" would limit the number of outbuildings that could be established on a lot. Comm. Hamilton replied that any number of accessory buildings could be established such as tool sheds, storage sheds, etc. as long as they met current ordinance requirements, but that only one "detached garage" could be established as per this new ordinance. The ordinance was not meant to restrict the other building types, just garages.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #09-02, an Ordinance amending the Ordinance regulating accessory buildings.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Lamb, Timmons, Victor, Spicer

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer reviewed the previously discussed proposal to expand the current enterprise zone, which includes Seneca, Marseilles, Ottawa and the counties of LaSalle and Grundy.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #09-03, an Ordinance amending Ordinances which established and expanded an enterprise zone within the City of Ottawa, the County of LaSalle, the County of Grundy, the City of Marseilles and the Village of Seneca.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Timmons, Hamilton, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

With the passage of Ordinance #09-03 expanding the enterprise zone, Mayor Spicer asked the Council to approve him signing the agreement with Blackstone Wind Farm, LLC.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the Mayor signing an agreement with Blackstone Wind Farm, LLC relating to the Top Crop Wind Energy Project.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Lamb, Timmons, Hamilton, Spicer

Nays: none

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor commended the maintenance workers on their snow removal efforts.

Comm. Victor reviewed the need for the Village of Seneca to implement an Identity Theft Prevention Program pursuant to and in compliance with the Identify Theft Rules of the Federal Trade Commission. The program is intended to establish reasonable policies and procedures to facilitate the detection, prevention and mitigation of identity theft in connection with the opening of new covered accounts and activity on existing covered accounts.

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons deferred to Attorney Mason to discuss the 911 Bond Ordinance as well as the Abating ABCD Bond Ordinance. With a general obligation bond, the Village receives better terms and interest rates. It was explained that the 911 Bond utilizes the \$2.00 surcharge on each telephone bill, which helps to avoid a raise in resident taxes.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated that the Village snowplow had to be towed during the last ice storm due to the dangerous conditions. Comm. Lamb also stated that he would be purchasing tire chains for the prevention of future problems.

Public Health and Safety Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced a vacancy for the Emergency Management Assistant Coordinator position. Anyone interested is to contact Village Hall.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that a display cabinet is at Village Hall and any resident wanting to donate or loan items relating to the LST or Seneca may do so at any time.

Mayor Spicer referred to Comm. Hamilton on the North Central Illinois Council of Governments relating to the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Comm. Hamilton stated the plan has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and that since LaSalle and Bureau Counties are involved Seneca will need to pass the corresponding resolution.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Timmons, Lamb, Hamilton, Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council returns to regular session.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, Victor, Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the

January 6, 2009 Council meeting be adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Victor, Hamilton, Spicer

Nays: none

Village Clerk