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The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on January 20, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

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

Absent: Victor

A motion made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the January 6, 2009 minutes as presented.

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

Nays: none

Treasurer's Report:

A motion made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the payment of bills as amended to include payment to Meadow Equipment bill of \$25,310.00, Meadow Equipment bill of \$4350.00 and partial payment to Itaska Woodworking for \$400.00 and the December Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

Nays: none

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Downtown Development Committee Announcement
2. Sealed Bids for 1995 Police Vehicle Review
3. Park Board Event Announcements

Mrs. Rhonda Timmons reviewed the fundraising campaign "Pay to Shave" whereas the Village Councilmen were asked to grow a beard, collect donations and the person with the most collected each month is allowed to shave their beard. January totals were donated to the Seneca Food Pantry and the total was \$4019.33. First Councilman to collect the most donations for the month of January was Mayor Spicer.

Commissioner Victor arrived at 7:15PM.

Mr. William Steep of the Seneca Regional Port Authority gave an announcement regarding a TIF IV proposal regarding the Orica property. The Port Board unanimously decided to temporarily suspend any further action or expenditure of funds until such time as the annexation negotiations are considered by the Village and Orica, LLC that would meet the requirements for the creation of the proposed TIF District.

A press release on the above subject was released and a copy was put on file with the Village Clerk.

Mayor Spicer expressed the Council's appreciation to Mr. Steep for his years of dedication to the Village of Seneca, reviewed the multiple committees, boards and participation in various community related groups that he had been involved with over the years. An appreciation plaque was given to Mr. Steep.

Mayor Spicer reviewed a new agenda item that will allow any Seneca business owner to spotlight their business. One business will be allowed per Council meeting, the owners are asked to sign up prior by contacting Village Hall or Mrs. Timmons.

Seneca Business Spotlight:

Mr. John McVicker of Nicky's Restaurant gave an overview of the business, including various current discounts, business hours and menu items.

Old Business:**Public Property Victor:**

Comm. Victor reviewed the Red Flag Ordinance, which is an identity theft prevention program to protect Seneca residents that have water/sewer utility service. 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.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts ordinance # 09-04, an ordinance adopting the identity theft prevention program.

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

Nays: none

Public Health and Safety Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced that sealed bids are being accepted on the 1995 Ford Crown Victoria Police Car this will close at 2PM on January 23, 2009.

Accounts and Finance Timmons

Comm. Timmons reviewed the ordinance abating the 911 bonds as well as the ordinance abating A,B,C and partial D bonds for the 2008 tax year.

A motion was made by Comm Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council adopts Ordinance #09-05, an ordinance abating the 911 bonds for the 2008 tax year.

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

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council adopts ordinance #09-06, an ordinance abating A,B,C bonds and a partial abatement on D bond for the 2008 tax year.

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

Nays: none

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb referred to Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Associates for an overview of the Rt. 170 Storm Sewer Project. Mr. Christensen stated that the project is progressing, but due to weather and equipment issues the timeframe may need to be extended. Dawn Company is requesting a partial pay request, which amounts to approximately 1/3 the project total.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves a pay request from Dawn Company for \$73,319.18 in relation to the Rt. 170 Storm Sewer Extension Project.

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

Nays: none

Comm. Lamb gave a brief Seneca Bridge project update. Due to weather and equipment related problems, the process is slow. Steel erection is now due to start the end of February.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed the need for the Village to approve the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution, which he added, is a requirement of the Federal Emergency Management Association.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts Resolution #458, a Resolution of the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

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

Nays: none

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor commended Paul Rivett on the nomination of the Village of Seneca for a 2009 IEPA Wastewater Treatment Plant award.

Comm. Victor reviewed the upcoming Park Board events and stated that all event information can be found on the Seneca Village website.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed with the Council a request that was received from the American Disabled Veterans authorizing permission to solicit donations at various Seneca businesses in May of this year.

Mayor Spicer requested that any Council member wanting to participate in being the liaison for the Downtown Development Committee can attend the first meeting and report back to Council. It was decided that the duty would be split between Mayor Spicer and Commissioner Timmons.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel and the purchase or lease of real estate.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Victor, 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. Victor that the

January 20, 2009 Council meeting be adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

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

Nays: none

Village Clerk