

The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on February 17, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

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

Roll Call: Present: Lamb, Hamilton, Timmons, Victor, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the 2-3-09 and the 2-11-09 minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

Treasurer's Report:

A motion made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the January Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills as amended to include payments to Allie Victor, Taylor Teckenbrock, and Zach Till for the Park Board show on 2-14-09.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Lamb, Timmons, Hamilton, Spicer
Nays: none

Seneca Business Spotlight:

Mrs. Doreen Hall of Krystel's Gifts, Treats and More store gave a presentation to the Council relating to the store, products, accomplishments and business related goals.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Seneca Port District Agreement
2. Zoning Map Motion
3. Bridge Update
4. Website Announcement
5. Pentegra Systems Announcement

Communications:

Mrs. Rhonda Timmons gave a monthly beard fundraiser update. All monies collected for February have been deposited into the account of the Just Animals Shelter in Seneca. Total collected for the month of February was \$333.36, and she added the Commissioner who collected the most was Randy Timmons.

Mr. William Steep provided a press release regarding two items, the Flood Committee and Seneca Port District Agreement. He announced that the Flood Committee would be meeting on February 19, 2009 to discuss the need and corrective possibilities and financing of the project. This would include Crotty Creek and the drainage ditch on the East and South of Valley View subdivision. Mr. Steep also added that the Seneca Port District approved the disbursement of the remaining \$226,180.82 for the Phase I Route 170 storm sewer project. This will complete the payment of the agreement with the Village for the entire project.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor relating to the upgrading of the Seneca website made an announcement. He added that Rich Applebee of Applebee Computer Services would be working with Village Clerk Therese Russell to update, add additional information and change the format of the current Village website. An additional announcement will be made upon project completion.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb spoke of the need to pass the resolution relating to the 2009 Seneca Cruise Night which is set for July 10, 2009. Clerk instructed to send a letter to the Illinois Dept. of Transportation for the closure of IL Route 170 during the event.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopt resolution #459, a resolution to close IL 170 (Main Street) on Friday, July 10, 2009 for a Seneca Cruise night event.

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

Nays: none

Comm. Lamb stated that a question had arisen regarding why the steel used on the Seneca Bridge project is not pre-painted. He stated that the steel used contains alloy, which reacts to weather, therefore it is painted above the concrete to prevent staining to the concrete.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer invited Village residents, organizations and businesses to participate in the upcoming Census Committee meeting-taking place on February 23, 2009.

An announcement was made regarding a special meeting of the Seneca Plan Commission on February 18, 2009 for discussion on economic development.

Mayor Spicer reviewed the Port Authority Agreement regarding the IL 170 Storm Sewer project. The need to raise the amount of the original agreement from \$285,570.00 to \$300,000.00 was previously approved to include engineer's fees.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an amended motion to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Seneca Regional Port District for the Village to pay the Port District a total sum of \$300,000.00 for the cost of the sewer drainage project at two percent, amortized over 10 years at \$33,399.68 per year on January 30, 2010, and on January 30th of each successive year until January 30, 2020.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Timmons, Hamilton, Spicer
Nays: none
Abstain: Lamb

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor announced that he was working with Mr. Robert Hollenbeck on a price to build a podium to be used in the Council Chambers, also with Mr. Michael Bordeaux on updating the sound system for the chambers as well. He stated that a quote was produced by Pentegra systems for the installation of a dedicated audio feed line to the cable equipment.

Mayor thanked Mr. Bordeaux for working with Comm. Victor to rectify this problem.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb announced that shortly, the Dawn Company would be working on the IL 170 Storm Sewer project across Shipyard Road. Semi-traffic will be diverted from Shipyard Road to Union Street using the North entrance of Shipyard Road. He noted this would only be during working hours.

Public Health & Safety Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced that Clerk Therese Russell has the official resolution on file regarding the 2009 Shipyard Festival Committee. This will be an item to be passed at the next Council meeting.

The Seneca zoning map has been updated to include all properties annexed into the Village in the 2008 calendar year. Plan Commission has approved the changes and it was presented to the Council for approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the updates to the Seneca zoning map.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Victor, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Victor, Hamilton, Spicer
Nays: none

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Victor, Hamilton, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the February 17, 2009 Council meeting be adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

Village Clerk, Theresa L. Russell