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The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on

July 15, 2008 at the Seneca Village Hall.

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

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

Absent: none

A motion made by Comm. Rasch, and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the July 1, 2008 minutes as presented.

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

Nays: none

Treasurer's Report:

A motion made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Rasch that the Council approves the June Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills as amended to include \$1881.45 regarding four 911 Board bills.

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

Nays: none

Communications, Petition, Reports and Additional Agenda Item

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Noise Complaints
2. Commissioner Resignation
3. Executive Session, Personnel

Communications:

Mr. William Steep of the Seneca Flood Committee gave an update. He stated the Flood Committee met on 7-8-08 and they recommend to the Council to proceed with implementing Phase I of the Flood Control Program, which involves the SE Quadrant. Mr. Steep stated the Seneca Port District unanimously passed to allow the Council funding to proceed with a 10-year loan with annual payments. An agreement will be drawn up and presented at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Guy Christensen stated the Phase I flood relief project involves the storm sewer along Route 170, relocating and upgrading the size to handle extension to the Myer property across Route 170 to the Ellis property which will divert flow to the south to discharge into the river. By proceeding with this particular project now in conjunction with the Bridge improvements it will save the Village considerable money.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor stated the Village is prepared to present a check to the Seneca FFA Scholarship fund for their appreciation of several previous years help with the Village Clean Up Days. He had hoped to present the check tonight, but will contact a representative and present at the next Council Meeting.

Public Health & Safety Rasch:

Comm. Rasch praised the efforts of the various committees working toward a successful Prairie Shipyard Festival upon us this week. He asked that motorists make every effort to watch for pedestrian traffic.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb gave a brief bridge update. Ed Kramer & Sons Construction Company is currently assembling equipment for the bridge project. Due to a delay in processing the necessary permits the project has been delayed approximately 3-4 weeks.

New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor gave an overview of an agreement between the Seneca Township High School and the Seneca Park Board concerning the use of certain sports and recreation facilities. This agreement has been signed by both entities.

Public Health & Safety Rasch:

The Police Department has had various complaints regarding noise levels extending from a local tavern's band entertainment. Currently, there is no Ordinance in effect covering this issue and Comm. Rasch asked that Attorney Mason to research this matter.

Commissioner Rasch read a prepared statement regarding his resignation. His resignation will take effect as of 7P.M. on Tuesday, August 5, 2008.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer spoke of a vacancy on the Seneca Park Board created by the resignation of Board President, George Lambole. Currently there are five members remaining on a seven member Board and the Mayor entertained the idea to expand the Park Board to the original nine member Board. Mayor has had several people interested in the positions and will send a list of candidates to the Park Board and the Council for review. Mayor Spicer also stated he would like to make appointments at the next Council meeting.

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

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

Nays: none

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

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

Nays: none

Comm. Timmons asked the Council how the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Seneca High School and the Seneca Park Board could be signed by the entities and Mayor without the full Council

approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Rasch and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves and ratifies the intergovernmental agreement with the Park Board and the Seneca High School.

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

Nays: none

Comm. Timmons also asked the Council to review the process of new Seneca business owners. He added that State law prohibits sex offenders to work within a limited area of parks or schools and if the Village has rules set in place regarding this topic? Attorney Mason stated that the Village could not limit building permits for businesses due to a person being on the official sex offender list. Attorney Mason also said that because an offender is publicly listed, it is not illegal to post this information publicly. Comm. Timmons said he would follow up to the Seneca Business Association after checking with the Seneca Police on their current department rules concerning this matter.

A motion was made by Comm. Rasch and seconded by Comm. Victor that the July 15, 2008 Council meeting is adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

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

Nays: None

Village Clerk