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The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on August 5, 2008 at the Seneca Village Hall.

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

Roll Call: Present: Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Absent: Victor

A motion made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the July 15, 2008 minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

Treasurer's Report:

A motion made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the payment of bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Mr. Gary Hamilton of the Seneca Flood Committee asked Mr. Guy Christensen of Chamlin and Associates to give an overview of the current Flood Committee plans. Mr. Christensen stated that currently, the Village has the opportunity to upsize the storm sewer along Route 170 in conjunction with the Seneca Bridge improvements. This will not only save the Village considerable money but also alleviate flooding by redirecting flow to the South to discharge into the river.

Mrs. Rhonda Timmons of the Seneca Cruise Night Committee spoke regarding the Cruise night that took place on July 18, 2008. There were 220 various vehicle entries, 100 dash plaques were given as well as 8 trophies. Due to the event success, the committee would like to make this an annual event. Mrs. Timmons thanked everyone involved in this group effort. Mrs. Timmons also gave a brief update of the Seneca Business Association as well. The SBA banner project has been completed and the banners will be hung in the Village on August 9, 2008.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Due to Comm. Victor's absence, Mayor Spicer presented a representative from the Seneca FFA with a donation check from their participation in the previous years Seneca clean up days.

Mayor Spicer also spoke on Comm. Victor's behalf regarding a request that was presented to the Council to expand the Park Board from seven members to nine due to an abundance of volunteers interested in the positions and also the amount of increased activity the Park Board has incurred.

A motion made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the increase of Park Board members from 7 to 9 members.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb reported that the status of the Seneca Bridge project is progressing slowly due to the permit process with the Corp of Engineers through the State of Illinois.

Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed the offer from the Seneca Port Authority to cover the funds to proceed with the Phase 1 flood relief project for the SE quadrant of the Village. This project ties in with the Seneca Bridge project and is to upsize the storm sewer redirecting the flow of floodwater to the river.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the Mayor to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Seneca Regional Port District and the Village of Seneca whereby the Port District would lend the Village a sum of \$285,570.00 at an interest rate of 2%.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons referred to Attorney Mason regarding the Vezzetti Agreement. Attorney Mason stated that currently, a notification was received regarding Mr. Michael Vezzetti, Village investment advisor, becoming an independent contractor. Mr. Vezzetti provides the Village with investment of funds service at a discounted rate.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Mayor to sign an agreement with Vezzetti Capital Management, LLC.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb congratulated employee Scott Holman on his achievement in passing the Class 4 wastewater certification. Also commended were temporary employees Brian Holman as well as Justin Zink for their dedicated work this summer.

Mr. Guy Christensen reviewed the Illinois Department of Transportation agreement regarding the upsizing of the storm sewer in conjunction with the Seneca Bridge project. Also reviewed was the need for a Resolution by IDOT regarding the appropriation of funding for this project by the Village.

A motion was made by Comm Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Mayor signing an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the upsizing of storm sewer added to the Illinois River Bridge project.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Resolution #453, a Resolution authorizing the appropriation of funds for upsizing of storm sewer along Illinois 170 in Seneca, IL.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer publicly thanked everyone involved with the 2008 Shipyard Festival as well as the Seneca Cruise Night.

Mayor Spicer referred to Attorney Mason regarding a request for the Mayor to sign a conflict resolution. Attorney Mason stated that due to the fact that Village appointed bond counsel Christopher Knight regarding the Seneca I-80 Railport Project, and he is employed by Foley & Lardner who also represents a company relative to the project a signature is required on a conflict resolution.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the Mayor to sign a conflict resolution regarding Foley and Lardner representing the Village of Seneca on the 2008 TIF bonds with the Seneca I-80 Railport Project.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer met previously with Chief Ray Meglan regarding the proposed noise Ordinance. Comm. Timmons posed a question regarding what the definition of excessive noise is within the Ordinance? How will police officers enforce this if it is not defined?

Mayor Spicer stated that individual police officers are to determine what each situation brings making this Ordinance easier to enforce. Attorney Mason added that there are 12 factors listed within the Ordinance that helps to clarify the parameters.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves Ordinance #08-21 an Ordinance regulating excessive noise in the Village of Seneca.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

Discussion was held by Council regarding the donation request by North Central Illinois Council of Governments. This donation would be put toward an annual planning grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce for the Economic Development Administration.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves a donation of \$1000.00 to the North Central Illinois Council of Governments in regards to the Annual Planning Grant.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer spoke of the vacancy in the Public Health and Safety department due to Paul Rasch's resignation. His recommendation to the Council was Mr. Gary Hamilton. This appointment will expire April 2009.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council appoints Gary Hamilton as Commissioner of Public Health and Safety to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the increase in wage to \$19.50 per hour for Village Clerk Therese Russell as of 8-5-08 as well as vacation time based on 40 hour work week.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

None: none

Mr. Gary Hamilton presented Council with his official resignation from the Plan Commission to accept position of Commissioner of Public Health and Safety.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the August 5, 2008 Council meeting be adjourned at 9:21 P.M.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

Village Clerk