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The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on August 19, 2008 at the Seneca Village Hall.

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

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

Absent: none

A motion made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the August 5, 2008 minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Victor, Hamilton, 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 and the July Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

Nays: none

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Items

1. Resolution # 454
2. School Announcement

Mrs. Samantha Bruce of the Summer Festival Committee gave a brief update of this year's festival activities. A thank you was expressed to the many volunteers involved with the various events. Mrs. Bruce indicated there was approximately \$3,000.00 remaining in the festival fund, which is to be used for next year's festival.

Mr. William Steep of the Seneca Flood Committee read a prepared announcement regarding the flood projects. Phase II, the Crotty Creek channel diversion has an estimated project cost of \$313,700.00 which would give the Village a possible annual payment of \$36,777.00. He added that the Seneca Port District met 8-18-08 and is open to consideration in participation with the aiding of the Village with financing. The Flood Committee will study all aspects and present results to the Council. Mr. Steep also spoke of a water conservation project in which he would like to present to the Seneca Business Association to consider regarding rain barrels.

Commissioner Randy Timmons presented the Council with a donation check for the Crotty Park fund to continue care and upkeep of the shelter on behalf of the Timmons family Reunion.

Mayor Spicer announced the gratitude the Village has for Mr. Joe Hoelscher in regards to the years of service he gave on the Seneca Ambulance as well as the Seneca 911 Board.

Old Business:

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons spoke of a utility savings program in which our community would network with other communities to provide savings. He

is working with a representative and will report his findings back to the Council at a later date.

**Streets Lamb:**

Comm. Lamb reported that the Seneca Bridge project Corp of Engineers permits through the State of Illinois is in the final stages. The project will proceed with setting steel toward the winter months.

**Mayor Spicer:**

Mayor Spicer indicated that at the prior Council meeting an agreement was passed regarding the Seneca Regional Port District loaning the Village of Seneca \$285,570.00 in regards to the Phase I Flood plan. Due to the absence of Comm. Victor on August 5<sup>th</sup> and the vacancy of the Public Health & Safety Commissioner position, the motion was passed including Comm. John Lamb who also serves on the Port District. Because of a possible conflict of interest, the Council members brought the same motion up for re-vote with Comm. Lamb abstaining his vote.

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

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

**Nays: none**

**Abstain: Lamb**

Mayor Spicer noted the Park Board increased at the previous Council meeting to nine members. Four vacancies were created with that increase.

A motion made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council appoints Lenore Erickson on the Seneca Park Board to fill a vacancy with term expiring on 04-2010.

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

**Nays: none**

A motion made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council appoints Jean Robinson on the Seneca Park Board to fill a vacancy with term expiring 05-2011.

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

**Nays: none**

A motion made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council appoints John McVicker on the Seneca Park Board with term expiring 08-2012.

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

**Nays: none**

A motion made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council appoints Tamira Bols on the Seneca Park Board with term expiring 08-2012.

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

**Nays: none**

Mayor Spicer added that Mr. David Blome was also added as a non-voting alternate on the Seneca Park Board.

Mayor Spicer asked Attorney Mason to overview Resolution #454, which is in relation to the extension of the enterprise zone and allows for future sites of wind towers.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopt Resolution #454, a Resolution authorizing the acceptance of a payment agreement with Grand Ridge energy.

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

Nays: none

**Commissioner's Report and New Business:**

**Public Property Victor:**

Comm. Victor gave a brief update of the water tower project. He said that the media removal process lingered longer than expected which delayed the project. Contractor Vanguard expects to be completed by next week.

Comm. Victor gave the Council a pool summary report compiled by manager Chris Maier. In addition, he added the pool would be closed as of Labor Day weekend.

**Streets Lamb:**

Comm. Lamb shared his appreciation on behalf of the Council for the volunteers who supported the Seneca banner project on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Health & Safety Hamilton:**

Comm. Hamilton reminded the residents that school is in session this week, speed zones need to be observed as well as keeping a watchful eye out for children.

**Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:**

Mayor Spicer announced a vacancy on the Seneca Plan Commission, if any residents would like to be considered they are to contact Village Hall or the Mayor directly.

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

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

Nays: none

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

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

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the council approves the release of executive session minutes.

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

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Victor that the council approves the promotion of Officer Harry Kusters to Police Lieutenant retroactive to August 4, 2008.

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

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the August 19, 2008 Council meeting be adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

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

Nays: none

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Village Clerk

