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The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on October 21, 2008 at the Seneca Village Hall.

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

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

Absent: none

A motion made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the October 7, 2008 minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Lamb, Timmons, Hamilton, 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 as presented.

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

Nays: none

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Items

1. Wastewater facility nomination
2. Musical announcement
3. Crotty Park/Boat launch vandalism
4. Grade school safety precautions
5. Police Department updates
6. Village announcements

Commissioner Hamilton presented retired police officer Robert Maddox a plaque in recognition of his 24 years of dedicated service from January, 1984 – August, 2008.

Jennifer Bilyeu of the Just Animals Shelter asked the Council's permission to allow volunteers to collect money at the corner of Route 6 and Route 170 on 11-22-08.

Jason Wiesbrock of SpaceCo, Inc. presented an update to the Council regarding the Seneca I-80 Railport Project. Several permits have been applied for and obtained from various agencies as well as survey studies and impact plans. The anticipated project construction start date is May 1, 2009.

Mr. William Steep of the Seneca Flood Committee gave an update of current events of the committee. Phase 1 bids were obtained on 10-17-08 and the low bid of \$270,000.00 came in from Dawn Company. The previously approved amount of \$285,000.00 from the Seneca Port District was unanimously increased to \$300,000.00 to include the engineering fees.

Engineer Guy Christensen reviewed the October 17th bid letting results regarding the Route 170 storm sewer extension project. He researched Dawn Co., and recommended their project bid to Council. The extension would expand the storm sewer to 24" size.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council award a contract to Dawn Company, the low

bidder on the 2008 storm sewer extension project bid in the amount of \$270,000.00.

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

Nays: none

Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Assoc. explained the permit procedure through the Illinois Dept. of Transportation on the Route 170 storm sewer extension project, which requires the passing of a resolution relating to the project guidelines.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Resolution #457, a Resolution allowing the construction of a storm sewer extension along Illinois 170 under the jurisdiction and control of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

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

Nays: none

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced that the Council is currently reviewing a proposed ambulance service agreement.

Halloween safety was mentioned as well as a proposed Seneca Food Pantry collection by High School students taking place on Halloween evening door-to-door.

The Council unanimously agreed to replace the position of EMA Coordinator and assistant coordinator by next Council meeting.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb gave a brief bridge update that included the work is progressing slowly due to existing ground rock density.

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor announced the nomination of the Village of Seneca wastewater facility for the award of "Best Operated Wastewater Treatment Works" for 2008 in Illinois.

An announcement was made regarding an upcoming musical at the Seneca High School.

Recent vandalism was discovered this week at the Seneca Boat Launch as well as Crotty Park. Police have been notified, Comm. Victor asked public to be aware and report any suspicious activity.

Accounts and Finances Timmons:

Comm. Timmons referred to Attorney Mason regarding an update of the upcoming Tax Levy set to be on agenda for November 4, 2008. Attorney Mason stated the increased equalized assessed valuation contributes to the Village's increased tax base, therefore it will be reflected on the tax levy. In addition, the ambulance levy figure is new and will be set at \$48,000.00. Public hearing will be set for November 4, 2008 to be passed at the November 18, 2008 Council meeting.

Public Health & Safety Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced the Seneca Rural Fire Protection District would be obtaining fire equipment updates to their rescue equipment by state mandate. The 15 rapid intervention team quick connect assemblies will be billed at a cost of \$650.00 each totaling \$9750.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the payment of \$9750.00 to the Seneca Rural Fire District for the update of rescue unit equipment.

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

Nays: none

Comm. Hamilton reviewed safety precaution measures regarding the re-routing of traffic during the bridge project at the Seneca middle school.

A new part-time police officer by the name of Douglas Pastirik has been hired. Regarding Police Department, Comm. Hamilton asked the Council to review the newly updated police policy book prior to next Council meeting. Also, after yearly equipment check, it was determined that the furnace located on the second floor of the Police Dept. was deemed faulty. This location is utilized as sleeping quarters for the Seneca ambulance crew provided by the Village.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the payment of \$1990.00 to Kennedy Brothers for a furnace in the Police Department to be taken out of the fire fund.

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

Nays: none

Announcement was made regarding a special meeting of the Seneca Plan Commission including the Village Council on the topic of the Village Comprehensive Plan set for October 29, 2008.

Volunteers of the Seneca Rural Fire Protection Dist. will be assisting residents to replace smoke alarm batteries on 10-25-08.

Comm. Hamilton explained the need for new police vehicles. He has done an extensive cost analysis of the situation and determined that the Village may benefit from a lease program with option to purchase at end of lease. He has researched the budget, additional equipment upgrades needed as well as other aspects.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the lease of two SUV Police vehicles at an initial cost of \$24,000.00 including additional police equipment upgrades.

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

Nays: none

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer asked the Council to support the Lions Club by purchasing a box of candy for their Lions Candy Day campaign.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves a donation of purchasing a box of candy for the Seneca Lions Candy Day at a cost of \$75.00.

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

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer announced the resignation of Marji Stuedemann from the Seneca Park Board. Replacement may be announced at the next Council meeting.

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

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

Nays: none

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

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

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the

October 21, 2008 Council meeting be adjourned at 9:03 P.M.

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

Nays: none

Village Clerk

