

The Seneca Village Council held a Council Budget Meeting on October 6, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Budget Meeting was called to order at 6:45 PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council appoints Gayla Barla as recording secretary.

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

Mayor Spicer referred to Commissioner Timmons to present the quarterly budget meeting. Comm. Timmons asked Village Treasurer Gayla Barla to review budget reports that were provided previously to all Council members. Discussion was held on budgetary information. Payroll raises for non-union, full-time employees was also discussed. Council had previously given 2% payroll raises to all employees fitting this category as of April 1, 2009. At that time, it was determined that at the October budget meeting it would be discussed whether the Council was in a position to approve an additional 1.8% to these employees to complete the current CPI raise rate of 3.8%. It was the consensus of the Council to vote at the routinely scheduled Council meeting on this subject.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Budget Meeting of October 6, 2009 is adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Timmons, Lamb, Sears, Spicer
Nay: none

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on October 6, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the September 15, 2009 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda items:

1. Employee Pay Raise

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor announced that Village maintenance workers are flushing hydrants this week and the water may be discolored or pressure low. In addition, it has been discovered that some hydrants are either needing repairs or replaced due to hydrant age.

Comm. Victor also indicated that he is working with Chamlin & Associates to research the water rate survey in relation to Village utility billings. He added that a report will be discussed at a meeting on October 13, 2009 and meeting results presented to the entire Council at the next Council meeting.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons referred to Attorney Mason for the review of the Tax Levy. Attorney Mason stated that there are two issues that will affect the levy, one is dependent on what the Council does for the sewer rates and the other is the IMRF tax amount. Both variables will be determined after the water rate study meeting is completed. The deadline to pass the annual tax levy is December 8, 2009.

The second item was regarding the passage of the non-union, full-time employee pay raises. Current CPI rate is 3.8%; traditionally this rate is what the Council has given to the employees in this category. Due to the economy this year, raises were given at 2.0% and it was noted to discuss the additional 1.8% during the October budget meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to bring subject up by motion.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council grant an increase of 1.8% to all non-union full-time employees effective October 5, 2009.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Sears, Victor, Spicer
Nays: Lamb

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb referred to Engineer Guy Christensen to discuss the Motor Fuel Tax street repair bid letting results. Mr. Christensen stated that on September 29, 2009 a bid letting was held and one bidder presented their bid with requirements met.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council award Motor Fuel Tax maintenance contract to D Construction in the amount of \$83,724.20.

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

A second bid letting was done on September 30, 2009 for the improvement of the Crotty Creek, I & M Canal and the Rat Run Creek in Seneca. The work includes cleaning and shaping of the channels, disposal of the excavation and restoration of disturbed areas outside the channels.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council awards the Channel Improvement contracts to Stott Contracting in the amount of \$41,653.95.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer presented the Johnson variance request for 230 E. Lincoln Street to build an additional detached garage on their property.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #09-16, an Ordinance approving a variance on the Johnson property.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that the previously discussed IDOT agreement regarding the replacement of the US 6 bridge over Rat Run; widening of culvert US 6 to 5-lanes has been on hold pending an agreement with the Seneca I-80 Railport to provide the Village portion of costs related to the project. At this time, no such agreement has been produced; therefore the Village will not approve the IDOT resolution of Intent relating to this subject.

Mayor Spicer also stated that the previously discussed subject of the vacating of Bluff Road has been tabled; it was determined by the Village that the developer has agreed to provide costs relating to snow removal and salt for the township and therefore agreed to keep the road open until 90 days after the first permit is issued for the Seneca I-80 Railport project.

Mayor Spicer asked residents to provide the Village Hall with military photos for a display cabinet collection to be displayed during November.

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons announced that the first meeting of the Seneca Historical Guild was held on September 21st with 15 persons in attendance. The next meeting is October 15, 2009 and anyone may attend.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears informed the Council that an overhead door located at the Seneca Police Department needs to be replaced due to dilapidated condition.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves a payment of \$1800.00 to Delta Construction for replacement of overhead door at the Seneca Police Department.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced a community event CROP walk starting at the Seneca Village Hall on October 18, 2009. This event is to help world hunger.

A request from the owners of Fat Daddyz Bar & Grill for a one night variance to the Village noise and burning Ordinances was partially denied by Council. The request was to hold a contained bonfire and outdoor music in October. The Council allowed the contained fire, but not the noise ordinance request.

Mayor Spicer gave a flu clinic announcement for October 26, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall from 12 noon to 2pm. Also mentioned was the Seneca Lions Club holding their annual Candy Days on October 9th & 10th.

Mayor Spicer referred to Attorney Mason to discuss the bylaws for the Seneca Development Organization. Per Attorney Mason, the bylaws will need Council approval in relation to funding for the organization.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Seneca Development Organization bylaws.

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

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer announced that John McVicker resigned from the Seneca Park Board and a vacancy is open if anyone is interested please contact Village Hall.

Mayor Spicer reviewed a denial on a liquor license application for the owners of Burrito Bills located at 425 S. Main Street, adjacent to the Seneca Middle School property. Due to the location being within 100ft of the school, the current Village liquor ordinance stipulates this application be denied. It was noted that the school board reviewed the request and it was also denied by the Seneca Grade School Board.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the October 6, 2009 Council meeting be adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Sears, Victor, Spicer
Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk