

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 3, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Roll Call: Present: Victor, Lamb, Sears, Spicer
Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the October 13, 2009 special Council meeting and the October 20, 2009 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda items:

1. Play Announcement
2. Fire Department Announcement
3. Governor's Award Announcement

Commissioner Victor announced the information relating to the Seneca High School play The Pink Panther.

Commissioner Sears announced that the Seneca Fire Protection and Ambulance District is offering free fire detector batteries to anyone within the fire district on November 7, 2009.

Mayor Spicer announced that Seneca received a Governor's Hometown Award and that Jennifer Bilyeu will be at the next Council meeting to present the information.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor presented information relating to the current ordinance which provides a surcharge on the water and sewer accounts to accommodate for bonds that were paid off previously. It was determined to remove said surcharge fee, therefore, water and sewer base rate and consumption rate will increase to accommodate loss of revenue due to the removal of surcharge fees. In addition there will be no senior citizen discount applied to water billings. Proposed changes will take place January 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance # 09-18, an Ordinance regarding the Village of Seneca water & sewer rates.

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

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears announced the need for donations to the Seneca Police Department for the Shop with a Cop Program.

Attorney Mason stated the tax levy decreased due to the decrease in the IMRF and liability tax levies providing an overall tax savings to the Village residents.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance # 09-19, an Ordinance regarding the tax levy.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that the Village, Seneca Fire & Ambulance District as well as the Seneca 911 Board have reached an agreement to share Village mapping costs to be a part of the county wide mapping system. This system will be utilized for 911 dispatching, utility maintenance locates as well as Village information. Completion is scheduled for spring, 2010.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the Mayor to sign a contract between the Village of Seneca and the WTH Company to provide think GIS software licenses, 911 interface and consulting and support.

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

Comm. Lamb gave a bridge project update; due to recent rain, project on hold due to flooding; crew scheduled to resume work this weekend. In addition, Comm. Lamb stated that D Construction finished street patchwork, and that shoulder work is to follow. Comm. Lamb also stated that the next project will be Village employees building the salt storage structure.

Comm. Lamb asked residents to notify Village of leaves over catch basins; and that burning leaves in the street is prohibited. In addition, Village employees will be tagging mailboxes that are protruding onto Village right-of-way, if resident does not move mailbox back to correct location, Village will not be responsible if the mailbox is damaged by the snowplow.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that due to territory changes of location of towers of the Top Crop Wind Project amendments are to be made decreasing the size of the enterprise zone.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #09-20, an Ordinance amending ordinances which established and expanded an enterprise zone within the Village of Seneca encompassing contiguous portions of the City of Ottawa, the County of LaSalle, the County of Grundy, the City of Marseilles and the Village of Seneca.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council allows Mayor Spicer to sign an application to amend boundaries of the Ottawa/LaSalle County/Grundy County enterprise zone to amend territory.

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

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

approves Mayor Spicer to sign an amendment to the enterprise zone intergovernmental agreement.

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

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears reviewed the need for establishing an impound ordinance. Any motor vehicle used for the following reasons is subject to seizure and impoundment: possession of cannabis, drug paraphernalia or controlled substance, unlawful use of weapon, suspended or revoked drivers license and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It was established that Attorney Mason will prepare an ordinance to include fine payment arrangements.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the November 3, 2009 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:26 PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk