

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on February 16, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the February 2, 2010 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda items:

1. Bridge Update
2. Rat Run Creek Report

Ms. Ana Koval of the Canal Corridor Association acknowledged that the Village of Seneca was the first of forty-nine communities who responded by giving a donation to participate in the development of a management plan for the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor.

Seneca resident Mr. David Yeck stated he was given water billing information from December, 2009 as well as January, 2010 and in making comparisons with the reports he asked why the Council approved the rate increase. Mayor Spicer informed Mr. Yeck that the increase occurred after an engineer study was performed to cover future updates to the current system.

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated the current burn ordinance is up for review. Sears stated he has been contacted by residents asking for an extension of the burn days as well as not allowing burning at all. Commissioner Sears stated this item will be reviewed at a March meeting.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons gave an announcement regarding the Seneca Historical Guild; next meeting is Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb gave a bridge update; he stated that steel girders will be in place by March, 2010. Comm. Lamb also stated that the Rat Run Creek project is currently on hold due to weather conditions.

New Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated the Police Department has three potential part-time police officers applying. Daniel Ellis has applied as well as Michael Taylor and Aaron Hollenbeck. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hollenbeck are currently pursuing schooling requirements and when completed will be considered for a position.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the hiring of Daniel Ellis for the position of part-time police officer with a starting wage of \$15.63 per hour.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer thanked Lenore Erickson for her time spent on the Seneca Park Board. Mrs. Erickson previously presented the Mayor with her resignation.

Mayor Spicer stated the Shipyard Days committee has set dates of the 2010 festival as well as the American Legion set the 2010 Memorial Day ceremony; a resolution is on file for each and will be presented for passage at the next Council meeting.

The Village received a letter from Carlson Oil attorney regarding property located on the north side of the Seneca BP property and Route 6; after an extensive title search there is a question as to who is in title to the property. Attorney Mason reviewed the request and stated that the property has no significant value to the Village. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the February 16, 2010 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:21PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk