

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on Tuesday April 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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

A motion was made by Lamb and seconded by Sears to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2015 council meeting as presented.

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

A motion was made by Timmons and seconded by Sears to approve the payment of bills as presented.

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

Communications, Petitions, Reports, Additional Agenda Items and Public Comments:

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated the cross-connection control survey was sent out March 26, 2015 to all residents and/or businesses; the survey was designed to identify any potential cross connections between the Village water supply and any other source of unsafe, non-potable water; all surveys are due back to the Village by April 10, 2015. In addition, Commissioner Hamilton stated the Vactor truck is in for repair work currently; the total cost will be approximately \$12,000 and he recovered \$2,000.00 of the total from Standard Equipment, the company that sold the Village the vehicle.

Comm. Hamilton stated that many hours of work have previously been completed on the GIS system; at this time an expenditure is needed to purchase the software needed to convert the data, sort and separate the information to create specific printed maps.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approve an expenditure of \$3,360.00 to the Sidwell Company for updating of the GIS system out of the Sewer Capital Fund.

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons announced that the agenda item funds transfer to cover deficit has been tabled until the April 21, 2015 budget meeting.

New Business:

Commissioner Hamilton stated the need for replacement of three magnetic flow monitors at the Seneca water plant; recently, Vortex Technologies calibrated the monitors and determined that they were malfunctioning by approximately 20% due to lightning strikes. In addition, it was determined the devices should be replaced because repairs would be cost prohibitive and repairs will not guarantee future reliable performance of the meters.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$19,912.85 to Vortex Technologies for the purchase of three flow meters out of the water capital fund.

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

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons announced the next Council budget meeting will be April 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated he is pursuing quotes regarding the purchase of a skid loader bucket; he also stated that cost should be lower than \$1500.00.

Public Health and Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears referred to Chief Ray Meglan for his agenda items. Chief stated he is researching a company called Nixle; it would give our Police Department the ability to immediately connect with all of the residents over SMS, email, social media and over the web at no cost to the Village. Council gave full consent to proceed with program. In addition, Mr. Meglan stated the police department was approached by a company called L.A.W. Publications to provide free educational books for the police department to hand out; local businesses sponsor cost by purchasing ad space. A proposal of hiring a part-time officer by Chief to the Council was announced; Frank Bray is currently training in Sheridan and a background check has been cleared on him; once training is completed, this item will be on a subsequent agenda for approval.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated he was asked by Illini Valley Association of Realtors to consider proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the Mayor proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month.

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

Mayor Spicer announced he had read an interesting article by the IML Legislative Update about Governor Rauner proposing that Local Government Distribute Fund (LGDF) municipal portion of state

income tax revenue be reduced by 50%. Mayor Spicer added he figured the loss to be approximately \$114,000.00 to our Village which is based on population; this item will be discussed again at the upcoming budget meeting.

A motion was made by Hamilton and seconded by Sears that the April 7, 2015 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk