

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on April 19, 2016.

Village council meeting called to order at 6:58pm

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Olson, Timmons, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the April 5, 2016 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Olson, Timmons, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the March treasurer's report, payroll and payment of bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Olson, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Street Department Report
2. Tobacco Grant Update
3. Bassett Program Update

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Applebee:

Commissioner Applebee announced that the Plan Commission has a vacancy with a term ending May, 2017; interested parties should submit their name to Village Hall.

New Business:

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla stated the Village had a compliance review by the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the Motor Fuel Tax expenditures; no findings were presented.

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson stated that part-time summer help applications will be accepted until 4:00pm May 5, 2016. In addition, he added that Village Engineer Guy Christensen spoke to him regarding the 2016 street program; at this time he received a verbal approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation and once a written approval is received for the plan submitted then a bid letting will commence.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Commissioner Applebee stated the agenda item of hiring of police officers has been tabled until after executive session. In addition, he announced that Seneca was recently notified that the Seneca Police Department was awarded a Tobacco Grant in the amount of \$1100.00 to be used for the purpose of tobacco education and enforcement. Also announced was that Police Lt. Harry Kusters has completed the (BASSETT) "Beverage Alcohol Sellers/Servers Education and Training" program; this requires all Illinois on premise alcohol servers and those checking identification for alcohol service to successfully complete a class by July 1, 2017. In addition, Lt. Kusters has also taken an instructor program; he was thanked for his hard work and dedication. Mayor Spicer added that with the instructor class, Lt. Kusters will be able to train all servers in the Seneca community.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced the State of Illinois requires the Village to pass a yearly prevailing wage ordinance; this will be an agenda item at the May 3, 2016. Mayor Spicer announced that resident Sarah Fox has volunteered to create the Village wide garage sale map and has set the event date for June 11, 2016. Mayor Spicer stated that the Seneca 911 Board will be consolidating with Grundy County by July 1, 2016 by Illinois state law. Ray Meglan's appointment to the board is expiring, and therefore will need to be reappointed.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council reappoints Ray Meglan to the 911 Board with term expiring May, 2018.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Timmons, Barla, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer also stated that Park Board Chairman Fran Kasten has spoken to two candidates who have shown interest in being on the board.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council appoints Coleen O'Neil to the Park Board with a term ending April, 2017.

Roll Call: ayes: Olson, Barla, Timmons, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council appoints John Lamb to the Park Board with a term ending April, 2018.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Timmons, Barla, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

No Public Comment made

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and Comm. Barla that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel & purchase or lease of real estate.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Barla, Timmons, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

After discussion in executive session, the following motions were presented for consideration:

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council hires Robert Harris as part-time police officer at a rate of \$19.11 out of Public Health & Safety Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Barla, Olson, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council hires John Crawford as full-time police officer at a rate of \$19.68 per hour out of the Public Health & Safety Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Barla, Timmons, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the increase in wage from \$19.11 to \$19.68 for Frank Bray due to change to full time status out of the Public Health & Safety Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Olson, Timmons, Barla, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the April 19, 2016 council meeting is adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell,
Seneca Village Clerk