

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on February 6, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Spicer

Absent: Timmons, Olson

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council appoints Nancy Gross as recording secretary.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the January 16, 2018 Budget and Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Spicer

Nays: none

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Barla, Spicer

Nays: none

No Seneca Business Spotlight presented.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Nancy Norton-Ammer, Grundy County Economic Development Interactive Presentation With Council was re-scheduled for February 20th according to Mayor Spicer.
2. Comm. Applebee added an additional agenda item for New Business.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Property, Water & Sewer Timmons:

In Comm. Timmons absence, Mayor Spicer presented a bill from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$10,416.00 for new radio read water meters. Mayor noted that meter replacement is moving along. Comm. Barla mentioned that Comm. Timmons email stated that some of the b-boxes have become an issue.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an expenditure of \$10,416.00 to Ferguson Waterworks split out of the water and sewer funds.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves an expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$5,865.00 out of the Sewer Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Barla, Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an expenditure of \$2,669.08 to Hawkins, Inc. out of the Water Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Spicer

Nays: none

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla stated that everybody has budget worksheets now. These worksheets show the projected revenues and any questions should be directed to Nancy. The revenue projections take into consideration the property taxes and municipal taxes to be collected. Video Gaming receipts have averaged \$37,000 over the last four years. He noted that of the Windmill receipts, three of the four will dry up this next year. It will be crucial for the TIF to pay back the Windmill department for the street projects, like Union Street. It is Comm. Barla's intention that any rollover/carryforward will occur in each department, just like last year.

Commissioner Barla said that according to the IML, there is pending legislation that will make it so municipalities will no longer be able to use tax dollars to send employees for training/education. He has taken the liberty of preparing letters to Senator Rezin and Representative David Welter voicing our disapproval. Mayor Spicer agreed with Comm. Barla and will execute the letters.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves a transfer of \$210,720.23 from Illinois Funds and Municipal Taxes to General Checking to be distributed as follows: Public Affairs \$22,000.98, Accounts and Finance \$22,000.98, Streets \$68,753.07, PHS \$137,506.15 and Public Property \$24,751.10.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approve the establishment of a monthly accrual of \$3,100.00 from Public Property to 2016 Bond to cover annual bond payments.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Spicer

Nays: none

Streets Olson:

No report was made.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee introduced an invoice to Watch Guard for a camera for the nighttime patrolman's car at an expense of \$5,020.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves and expenditure to Watch Guard for \$5,020.00 out of the PHS Warrant Fund.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Barla, Spicer

Nays: none

Comm. Applebee said that it has been a while since a Basset Training has been held. He announced there would be a training on February 15th, Thursday from 5pm to 9pm.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer tabled until the next meeting, the Approval of Resolution #545 to Release Executive Session Minutes and the Approval of Resolution #546 Authorizing the Destruction of Audio Recordings of Executive Closed Session Meetings.

Mayor Spicer announced that the work that has already been completed on Graves Family Park is very exciting. This is going to be a great summer for the Village, as the Park Board has worked very hard for all of this.

There will be new playground equipment installed at Crotty Park as well, this spring.

As soon as the weather clears, we will be pouring concrete for real restrooms at the Boat Launch.

Mayor also wanted to announce that the West Campus gym and Crotty Park are both available for rent.

Mayor Spicer expressed his condolences on behalf of the Village at the passing of Mayor Rick from Naplate and to the family of Jim Lutz.

Public Comment

Resident Matt Lietz was appreciative of the mention that both west campus and crotty park are available to rent. He is new to Seneca and wondered if there were more ways to advertise this. Mr. Lietz was told that the Village website and facebook has this information along with links to the Park Board sites.

Pastor Jason Sprinkle spoke on behalf of his Church, a thank you to all our police officers for all that they do.

Resident Brian Scowden asked that Council about getting faster internet service in Seneca. He said that surrounding towns like Morris and Marseilles have Comcast for example. He wondered if the Council had ever said no to another entity. Mayor Spicer responded by saying that the Council has never been approached. Comm. Applebee pointed out that there are several options, none of them any better than the other, but that Seneca just isn't an attractive market in terms of internet service.

No Executive Session.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the February 6, 2018 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:30pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Spicer

Nays: none

Nancy Gross, Recording Secretary