

The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on March 3, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the February 17, 2009 minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, 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 as presented.

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

Seneca Business Spotlight:

Mrs. Rhonda Timmons of Country Financial presented information relating to the business including highlighting the products and services provided.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Mr. George Oswald stated that he had previously attended the February Flood Committee meeting due to his property flood issues. After the meeting, he worked with Commissioners Victor and Lamb as well as Village maintenance workers to find solution to the problem. Comm. Lamb stated he had checked storm drains, which were running well but found that there was excess storm water in the adjacent sanitary sewer system. Comm. Victor added that after a visit to the property, it was determined that at this time there was no solution financially through the Village.

Mr. Oswald admitted he would be reviewing his property to maintain whether he is illegally hooked into the sanitary sewer or not. Mayor Spicer stated that the Village would continue to work with property owners to detour excess storm water the sanitary sewer lines.

Mr. Bill Steep of the Seneca Flood Committee stated that at the February meeting, Mr. Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Associates as well as Attorney Mason presented various information. This information related to the corrective work on the swale to the east and south of Valley View, as well as the different methods of financing the project. A press release dated March 3, 2009 was given to the press in attendance.

Mrs. Rhonda Timmons announced a generous donation by Mrs. Amy Victor on behalf of her husband Commissioner Mark Victor relating to the Pay to Shave fundraiser. Mrs. Victor presented a \$425.00 check to representatives of the Just Animals Shelter as well as the Seneca Food Pantry. Mrs. Timmons added that there are two remaining participants in the fundraiser and any monies collected through March 17, 2009, the next Council meeting will be divided equally between the two charities.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor announced that the Village had been working with Richard Applebee of Applebee Computer Services to upgrade the current computer system. The upgrades will include various Village needs including updated computer server, off site back up system, interfacing internal system as well as software improvements.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the computer upgrades by Applebee Computer Services.

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

Commissioner Victor announced the Village wide garage sale date of June 6, 2009 as well as the Village wide clean up dates set for June 13th & 14th.

Comm. Victor stated that with the Council's approval, he will proceed with the purchase of a lectern for the Council Chambers; Pentegra Systems will be providing service to attach a microphone system as well as reconfiguring the sound system. Comm. Victor had full Council support.

Public Health & Safety Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton reviewed the need to pass the Shipyard Days Resolution in support of the 2009 festival.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council adopts Resolution # 460, a Resolution to host the 2009 Shipyard Days Festival.

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

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb gave a brief bridge update including the underwater work has stopped due to elevated water level; otherwise bridgework is progressing slowly. The Route 170 Storm water project will proceed with water being diverted by March 4, 2009. Project completion is changed to 3-14-09; full Council approved this change verbally.

Comm. Lamb asked Seneca property owners to clear debris around the various storm sewers to prevent street flooding.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed the need to release the previously discussed executive session minutes.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the release of executive session minutes.

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

Mayor Spicer requested if anyone is interested in joining the Seneca Park Board, there is an opening on the Board.

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor reviewed the Village's application regarding the wastewater treatment plant expansion stimulus project request. Mr. Larry Good of Chamlin & Associates gave an overview of the start process, which includes the design, and facility planning and pre-application construction permit,

which will include approximately \$5000.00 in preliminary engineer's fees.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the preliminary engineering costs related to the wastewater treatment plant expansion project.

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

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb overviewed the process of repairing the potholes within the Village.

Public Health & Safety Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton presented the Council with information relating to the VISTA Volunteer Program, which stands for volunteers in service to America. This program includes a college student working on their graduate program to provide service relating to downtown beautification and other various community and economic development efforts. The cost to the Village would be approximately \$800.00. Full Village Council consent was given to Comm. Hamilton to proceed with this request.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that the Illinois Valley Building Trades Council will once again hold its annual fundraiser for the Dollars Against Diabetes for June 20, 2009. Full Council approval for this event was given.

A motion made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council enters into executive session to discuss sale or lease of real estate, litigation and personnel.

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

A motion made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council returns to regular session.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the hiring of Tyson Szafranski as full-time police officer.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council meeting of March 3, 2009 be adjourned at 8:50PM.

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

Village Clerk, Theresa L. Russell

