

The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on March 17, 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. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the March 3, 2009 Council meeting minutes and the March 11, 2009 special budget meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the payment of bills and the February Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

Seneca Business Spotlight:

Mrs. Lenore Erickson of Erickson's Signs & Designs presented information relating to the business including highlighting the products and services provided.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Mayor Spicer stated Mrs. Rhonda Timmons could not attend meeting due to illness; he presented information relating to the beard fundraiser on her behalf. A total of \$180.00 was collected, with \$90.00 donated to the Seneca Food Pantry and \$90.00 to the Just Animal's Shelter.

Mr. Tom Green spoke on behalf of Mrs. Ruth Ann Heaton regarding a flooding problem with her property. Mr. Green asked the Village Council what if anything will be done to help alleviate this homeowner's flood issue.

Commissioner Lamb stated that the Village will install a catch basin between the adjacent Seul property and the Heaton property, but it will be the homeowner's responsibility to attach to the catch basin.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated the Village maintenance workers are currently following up on checking storm sewers after the recent flooding.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed the need for contractors to renew their registrations with the Village by April 30, 2009 to be compliant.

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced the "Earth Hour Chicago" program sponsored by ComEd, in which the company is asking residents and businesses to turn off non-essential

lights to conserve energy on 3-28-09 between 8:30pm-9:30pm.

Mayor Spicer read a prepared statement relating to the Council's support of the consolidation of the Village and the Seneca Fire Protection District. If the referendum is passed, it would provide both fire and ambulance service at a reduced tax rate, spread the cost of fire and ambulance over a greater assessed evaluation, provide continuing coverage to one contiguous area and unite the Village and the rural residents under one umbrella for both fire and ambulance service.

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves a 2% pay raise for all non-union, full-time employees with three years of service or more and the Council finds pursuant to section 4 of the employee compensation that the preliminary yearly budget income will decrease. Accordingly, pay is based on a certain percentage and not the Consumer Price Index.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council meeting of March 17, 2009 be adjourned at 8:12PM.

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

Village Clerk, Theresa L. Russell