

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 2, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the February 16, 2010 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Lamb, Sears, Timmons, 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 amended to include payment to Stott Contracting for \$21,317.58 in relation to the Crotty Creek, I & M Canal and Rat Run Creek Improvement Project.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Karen Kosters of 132 E. Birchlawn presented the Village Council with photos, as well as information regarding the state of Birchlawn Road. Numerous potholes have become detrimental to the residents who utilize the road. The Village Council proposed stripping down the road to gravel & calcium chloride until the road can be permanently replaced.

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated the Police Department would like two new part-time officers hired to fill open shift hours.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the hiring of Michael Taylor for the position of part-time police officer with a starting wage of \$15.63 per hour.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the hiring of Aaron Hollenbeck for the position of part-time police officer with a starting wage of \$15.63 per hour.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that bridge work will resume after IDOT & the Army Corp of Engineers approve lifting procedures required, due to working off barges in the Illinois River; which will restrict the capacity of machinery.

Comm. Lamb also stated his appreciation to all involved with the creek cleaning project.

Comm. Lamb gave a street report regarding various pot holes within the

Village; no patch work can be done until frost is out of the ground.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that at the previous meeting, executive session minutes were approved to be released for public viewing.

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, Sears, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer announced the dates for the 2010 Shipyard Days Festival is as follows June 16th -19th.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Resolution # 467, relating to the Village hosting the 2010 Shipyard Festival days.

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

Mayor Spicer also included the American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony announcement for May 31, 2010.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Resolution # 468 relating to the Seneca American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony.

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

Mayor Spicer stated there is a piece of property adjacent to the present Seneca BP Gas Station and route 6 in question of ownership. After discussion at previous Council meeting, it was the consensus of the council that the Village has no interest in the property.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council authorizes Mayor Spicer to sign quit claim deed transferring property located at State Route 6 and the North property line of Carlson Oil Co. which the Village believes it has no interest in.

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

New Business:

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer

Mayor Spicer read an announcement regarding the 2010 Census. Census workers will be either hand delivering or mailing forms which should be completed by residents and returned no later than April 15, 2010. The Census information helps to determine several factors including grant money disbursement which is based upon population.

Mayor Spicer presented the Council with a request for the Village to sign a proclamation regarding fair housing through the Illini Valley Assoc. of Realtors; consensus of Village Council is that this topic is already supported through our yearly prevailing wage ordinance.

Mayor Spicer announced to the Council that the Council has been asked to re-institute the senior citizen water rate discount of \$7.50 per month.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the change of senior citizen water discount of \$7.50 monthly to those aged 65+ who apply for the discount.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the March 2, 2010 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:05PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk