

The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on April 7, 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. Lamb that the Council approves the March 17, 2009 Council meeting minutes and the March 24, 2009 special budget meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

Seneca Business Spotlight:

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Mapping Meeting Update
2. Exelon Outage Information
3. I-80 Railport Announcement
4. EMA Department Update

Commissioner Timmons overviewed the Downtown Development Committee's progress thus far with the three community mapping meetings. He reviewed the sponsors: Country Financial, Ellis Hardware, Seneca Subway, Nicky's Restaurant, Exelon, First Midwest and the Seneca Village Council. An announcement was made that the committee plans to have an additional town-wide meeting to be held in June, 2009.

Ms. Diane Bumgarner, site manager for the Community Nutrition Network overviewed the various programs offered. The network provides meals and resources to older adults and assists them to leading active and health lives.

Mr. William Steep of the Seneca Flood Committee read a prepared press release. The Flood Committee held basic discussion about the swale in Valley View and the potential remedies to the flooding in that area.

Engineer Guy Christensen stated he had reviewed the site, spoke to Valley View residents and noted there was in fact standing water in the swale. His suggestion is to create grade/slope to swale which will increase water flow. Guy stated he would produce a report regarding his findings to present to Mr. Steep prior to the next flood committee meeting.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated the Village maintenance workers have started repairing pot hole damage throughout the Village and will continue as long as pavement is dry. Two catch basins were installed; one between Walnut and Oak Streets and the other between the Heaton and Seul properties on Cash Street.

A bridge report was given by Comm. Lamb regarding the existing structure.

There are seven areas that have been identified by the Illinois Department of Transportation that require immediate attention. The repair work will begin after project materials are received and the completion is set for mid-May. Until repairs are completed, there is a 15 ton weight limit set for bridge.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed the referendum regarding the consolidation of the Seneca Rural Fire Protection District and the Village of Seneca. He explained that there are two agreements before the Council, the consolidation agreement as well as a dispatch agreement.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council directs the Mayor to sign the agreement between the Village of Seneca, Illinois; and the Seneca Rural Fire Protection District.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Lamb, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: Hamilton

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council directs the Mayor to sign the dispatch services agreement between the Village of Seneca and the Seneca Rural Fire Protection District.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Victor, Spicer
Nays: Hamilton

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor tabled the discussion on the Cost of Service Study until the first meeting in May.

The Village is currently up to date with insurance requirements regarding the water plant improvements.

Public Health & Safety Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced that the Seneca American Legion is hosting a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25, 2009 adjacent to the Seneca Library. The resolution is currently on file with the Village Clerk and will be on next agenda for approval.

An announcement was made by Comm. Hamilton regarding the 2010 Census, starting April 6th. Census employees will be starting the addressing portion of the program.

Comm. Hamilton asked residents to clean up their properties of debris, untitled vehicles and trash prior to tickets being issued by police.

Comm. Hamilton spoke about the possibility of grant money being issued to the Village for the use of a back-up generator for Village Hall. Projected grant money is approximately 10% of cost. Council agreed to proceed with grant.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed information related by Exelon employee Jeff Hettrick regarding increased power outages that occurred in Seneca in 2008. The company is working on solutions that will reduce the amount of future outages.

Mayor Spicer reviewed the need to renew appointments to the Seneca Port District.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council re-appoints Margaret Berta on the Seneca Regional Port District with term expiring May 31, 2012.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council re-appoints Michael Marchiando to the Seneca Regional Port District with term expiring May 31, 2012.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council re-appoints Stephen Spangler on the Seneca Regional Port District with term expiring May 31, 2012.

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

Mayor Spicer regretfully accepted the resignation of Mrs. Rhonda Timmons from the Seneca Park Board; he added this will take effect May 14, 2009.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council re-appoints Margaret Grober on the Seneca Park Board with term expiring 04-2013.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council re-appoints Ernie McGeorge on the Seneca Park Board with term expiring 04-2013.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council appoints Lisa Burger on the Seneca Park Board with term expiring August, 2012.

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

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council meeting of April 7, 2009 be adjourned at 8:16PM.

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

Village Clerk, Theresa L. Russell