

The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on May 5, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Roll Call: Present: Lamb, Victor, Timmons, Spicer
Absent: Hamilton

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the April 21, 2009 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Plan Commission Resignation
2. Mask Announcement
3. Hydrant Flushing Announcement
4. Mayor's Appreciation Announcement

Mr. Michael Ellis of the Seneca Development Organization overviewed several of the group's goals including to develop a brand for Seneca. The organization's goal is to develop a logo and tagline that will be used by both the municipality as well as organizations in the community. It was the consensus of the Council to allow this action to proceed. The Seneca Development Organization will narrow the choices down and have Council approve prior to final decision.

Mr. Bill Steep of the Seneca Flood Committee overviewed the April 23, 2009 Flood Committee meeting details. This meeting focused on the flooding issues based in the Valley View subdivision. He stated a letter was formulated by Attorney Mason to present to the affected homeowners regarding a proposal to alleviate the present flooding problem. An engineering report was presented from Chamlin & Associates with one of the recommendations to correct the flooding on the south side of Valley View being a phased approach with the final phase being a concrete paved swale that would run the length of Valley View from Lot 1 to Lot 15.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor reminded the public of the Seneca community garage sale date of June 6, 2009. Community clean up days are set for June 13th & 14th at the Olson's Salvage Yard.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that street repairs are being made to various pot holes and work to excessively damaged areas will be accomplished this summer.

The current Seneca Bridge has had the necessary repairs made and the weight limit has been removed.

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Mayor Spicer and Commissioner Sears take the Oath.

Commissioner Sears takes his seat on the board.

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor announced the Village employees will be flushing hydrants toward the middle of May and residents may experience low pressure and possibly rust.

Commissioner Victor stated the 2009 Plant and Operator Banquet was held on April 22, 2009. On behalf of the Seneca Village Council, Commissioner Victor commended employee Paul Rivett for his daily dedication and achievements in the wastewater field.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb announced the permit process has progressed regarding the cleaning of the I & M Canal. In addition, research has been done regarding the property on the east side of Crotty Park. This area has been neglected for years and clean up is a necessity. Comm. Lamb added that the street department employees will be working on the clearing of this area.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer spoke regarding the Seneca I-80 Railport special use permit expiration date of June 6, 2009. Attorney David Meek presented Village Council with an e-mail outlining their approach to this expiration. Mayor Spicer announced that the information was forwarded to Village Special Attorney David Silverman for review.

An announcement was made by Mayor Spicer regarding the vacating of West Street. A public hearing will be at 7PM on May 19, 2009.

Mayor Spicer reviewed the Seneca Flood Committee update that Bill Steep presented on Valley View. Mayor asked the Council for consensus of board to proceed with letter to Valley View residents outlining project specifications, cost factor and payment arrangements. The total project cost is projected to be approximately \$105,000 of which the Village would pay 50%. The remaining \$52,500 would be divided amongst 15 lot owners at \$3,500 per lot. The \$3,500 could be paid in a lump sum to the Village or the Village would enter into a loan agreement so that the \$3,500 would be paid back over 5 years with 5 equal installments at 2% interest. Full Council agreed to proceed with sending the letter.

Mayor Spicer announced a resignation of Mr. Jim Rehak from the Seneca Plan Commission.

An announcement was made regarding free masks that are available at the Seneca Village Hall as well as the Seneca Police Department for the prevention of swine flu.

Mayor Spicer thanked Commissioner Gary Hamilton for his dedication to the Seneca Village Council and welcomed new member Jerry Sears.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss the sale or lease of real estate and probable litigation.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that no further payments be made to Vanguard on the water improvement project without specific approval of the Council.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Victor that the May 5, 2009 Council meeting be adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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

Village Clerk, Theresa L. Russell