

The Seneca Village Council held a public hearing regarding the annual Appropriation Ordinance on June 2, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00PM

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

Attorney Mason overviewed the annual Appropriation Ordinance and stated that the Ordinance sets the limits of Village spending on a yearly basis.

Mayor Spicer asked the audience for any comments, none were made.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Public Hearing regarding the Appropriation Ordinance is adjourned at 7:07PM.

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

The Seneca Village Council held a second public hearing regarding the vacating of West Street.

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

Mayor Spicer stated that Mr. Don Carlson owner of BP Amoco approached the Village regarding the vacating of West Street, a strip of land that is 60'x 200', for expansion of the business. Mayor explained that the Seneca Plan Commission researched his request and determined unanimously to vacate; the board felt that there would be no future development use for the Village.

After appraisals were made, an agreement was made between the Village of Seneca and Carlson Oil Co., Inc who offered a sum of \$12,000 for the property, a 40-foot utility easement, as well as all closing costs and engineering fees.

Mayor Spicer asked the audience for any comments, none were made.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Public Hearing regarding the vacating of West Street is adjourned at 7:12PM.

The Seneca Village Council then proceeded with its routinely scheduled Council meeting.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the May 19, 2009 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda items:

1. Seneca Swimming Pool Heater Update
2. Equipment Bids, Street Department
3. Various Announcements

Mrs. Lenore Erickson of Erickson's Signs & Designs offered her services to the Village in refurbishing the Flag Box located at the Seneca Village Hall.

Mr. William Steep of the Seneca Flood Committee gave an outcome report of the recent letters sent to Valley View 1-15 lot owners regarding the Village solution to their flood problem. There were ten lot owners who received letters, six of which responded. Three responses were no and the remaining three were yes. Mr. Steep asked the Council for further direction on this subject, various options were listed including:

1. Pursue with another meeting with all the property owners.
2. Take another look at the construction of the angle across the Fricke property to relieve the Crotty Creek situation.
3. Table the project and have the Council proceed with some solution.

Nothing more was said on this subject at that time.

Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation:

Mr. William Steep of the Seneca Regional Port District read a prepared statement including historical facts, operational guidelines, current members as well as that the District is not a philanthropic organization.

Old Business:

Public Health and Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears stated that the two new Police vehicles have been delivered and are being prepared for use.

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that the yearly Appropriation Ordinance is up for final vote.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council adopts Ordinance # 09-08, the Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Seneca.

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

Comm. Timmons announced that the Sea Cadets would be arriving in Seneca toward the end of June through the first week of July. The Sea Cadet program is designed to provide free labor for small building projects which in turn provides them training opportunities. Comm. Timmons asked the Seneca residents to consider utilizing the free labor the Sea Cadet program offers.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb gave a Seneca bridge update; he stated that there will be removal of concrete at South Street/grade school location for the construction of the new approach to the bridge. Comm. Lamb added that at times this will reduce the two-lane street use down to one.

Comm. Lamb also gave a storm sewer report that included that the contractor is due back to make necessary repairs and finish project with landscaping.

Comm. Lamb announced that the annual Seneca High School Homecoming Parade will take place on October 4, 2009 between the hours of 2:00PM and 3:00PM and thus

will require the temporary road closure of state highway Route 170. The Dept. of Transportation will be notified of road closure.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts resolution # 462, a resolution sponsoring the Seneca High School Homecoming Parade.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer overviewed an Ordinance that amends the hours of operation for the sale of alcoholic liquor within the Village of Seneca. This amendment allows any business that holds a valid Seneca liquor license to sell from 6:00AM to 1:00AM on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and from 6:00AM to 3:00AM on Friday and Saturday. Sunday hours shall be set as follows: for package liquors, from 8:00AM to 12:00 Midnight and for open liquor, from 10:00AM to 12:00 Midnight.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance # 09-09 an Ordinance amending the hours of operation for the sale of alcoholic liquor in the Village of Seneca.

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

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor stated the Seneca swimming pool heater pump needs repairs, he outlined the problem and asked the Council to approve the hiring of Hunziker Heating and Cooling out of Bloomington to fix the problem. With full council support Comm. Victor will now proceed with the necessary repair work.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated that the Village is in need of a new brush hog mower. It was the consensus of the entire Village Council for him to proceed with obtaining bids.

Comm. Lamb announced that barricades will be set up on Armstrong Street starting next week for repair work to the asphalt.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Attorney Mason briefly explained the yearly Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Due to a requirement by law, the Village posts annually by Ordinance that it will follow the prevailing wages set by the Department of Labor.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council adopts Ordinance # 09-10 the Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

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

Comm. Victor added a reminder to residents regarding the upcoming Village wide garage sale date of June 6th as well as the Clean up days set for June 13th & 14th.

Comm. Sears stated the past Memorial Day Ceremony adjacent to the Seneca Library held on May 25, 2009 was a wonderful experience and enjoyed by all who attended. A thank you was given to the Seneca American Legion who hosted the event.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the June 2, 2009 Council meeting be adjourned at 7:40 PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk