

The Seneca Village Council held its routinely scheduled Council meeting on July 21, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the July 7, 2009 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 and the June Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Mr. Adam Slahor, Communications Manager for Exelon Nuclear gave a presentation to the Council regarding company operations. Included topics were nuclear power overview, company profile, community relations and the LaSalle County emergency planning zone.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda items:

1. National Night Out
2. Vehicle Sale
3. Timmons Family Donation

Commissioner Timmons stated the 2009 Timmons Family Reunion was held @ Crotty Park; donations were taken that day and Comm. Timmons presented a check to Mayor Spicer for \$143.00 to be used for the maintenance of Crotty Park.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor gave an overview of the Seneca clean up days held in June, 2009. Eighteen dumpsters were filled and approximately \$8000.00 was spent for salaries, food and garbage company fees. Comm. Victor asked the Council if they would approve a donation to the Seneca FFA as that organization was responsible for hauling the garbage off the senior & disabled properties.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves a donation of \$500.00 to the Seneca FFA program to be taken out of the garbage fund.

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

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears stated the bidding on the 2004 Crown Victoria squad car was completed on 7-20-09 with highest bid going to Bay Ridge motors for \$1711.00.

A property sale ordinance was placed on file with the Clerk and will be voted on at the next Council meeting.

Comm. Sears announced Seneca's participation in the National Night Out Campaign which will take place on August 4, 2009. This event is to raise awareness for community policing, crime prevention and the neighborhood watch program. It was mentioned that due to a small community parade taking place at 7pm on 8-4-09, same date of next Council meeting that the Council meeting will be moved to start at 7:15pm.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb gave a bridge update regarding the extension of the completion date to late 2010. This is due in part to the river bed drilling delays which was no fault to the contract engineers.

A street report was also given by Comm. Lamb regarding the process of strip patching which has started on Walnut & Oak Streets and will follow with Scott Street.

A high pressure pump will be used to clean the swale discharge pipe at Crotty Creek and the cleaning of the canal will follow.

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears announced a new part-time employee at the police department.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council hires Mr. Sean Beeler as a part-time police officer with starting pay set at \$15.63 per hour.

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

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated that the Asplundh Tree Service will be working to alleviate the drainage problem at Walnut Street adjacent to Crotty Park by cleaning out the ditch.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer thanked all volunteers involved with the Seneca Shipyard Festival as well as the Cruise Night committee. The events were well received by the public and the Village Council appreciates their efforts.

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

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

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

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

Discussion held by Council on the IMRF retirement fund contribution rate for the calendar year 2010. The Council was presented with information relating to the actuarial required contribution rate 14.94% as well as the optional phase-in plan rate of 14.76%. It was the consensus of the Council that the Clerk was instructed to contact IMRF to submit their choice which is 14.94% or the ARC rate.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the July 21, 2009 Council meeting be adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk