

The Seneca Village Council held its routinely scheduled Council meeting on August 4, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:15PM

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda items:

1. Scholarship Announcement
2. Storm Sewer Update
3. Walnut Street Information
4. Valley View Information

Mrs. Shannon Clark of Village Court thanked the Council for the improvements regarding Village flooding concerns. She announced that her property flooding has been reduced significantly since the storm sewer project was completed.

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears reviewed the sale of the 2004 Ford Crown Victoria police vehicle that took place by sealed bid on July 20, 2009.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance # 09-12, an Ordinance authorizing the sale of certain personal property owned by the Village of Seneca.

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

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb spoke regarding the storm sewer project; he mentioned that the Village engineer will work with the contractor to have area re-seeded in spring or over-seeded this fall to produce more quality landscaping.

A high pressure pump will be used to clean the Valley View swale on August 5, 2009. Comm. Lamb also stated that Asplundh Tree Service will begin work to alleviate the drainage problem at Walnut Street adjacent to Crotty Park by cleaning out the ditch.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer asked Attorney Mason to comment on a revision to the Top Crop Ordinance. Attorney Mason stated this is a revision of the enterprise zone

and Seneca is one of five entities involved. The agreement will allow the relocation of tower placement due to an adjustment with a homeowner.

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated that the Village is currently looking into the subject of mapping. At this point, research on the subject is being completed, and Village engineer will present his findings at a future Council meeting.

Comm. Lamb stated that blacktop overlay work will be done to Armstrong Street; currently this road is being prepared for contractor work.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears asked for Council approval to have four computers replaced and upgraded at the police station.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the bid of #2908.18 for the replacement and upgrade of four computers at the Seneca Police Department.

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

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Gary Hamilton co-chairman of the Seneca Cruise Night Committee gave an overview presentation of the 2009 Cruise Night. Mr. Hamilton also presented Council with a detailed financial statement, and named several entities that were involved with the success of the event.

Mr. Hamilton also gave an overview of the recommendation and findings of the Zoning Board of Appeals relating to a variance request by the O'Connor family at 150 E. Lincoln Street. Public Hearing was held on July 22, 2009. It was noted there is an outstanding publication fee due to the Village of \$63.86.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts the recommendation and findings by the Zoning Board of Appeals and authorize Attorney Mason to prepare Ordinance relating to the O'Connor variance request.

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

Mayor Spicer gave a brief overview of a yearly request from North Central Illinois Council of Governments in relation to supporting the Economic Development District. Mayor stated he has a line item in the budget to cover this donation each year.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves a donation of \$1000.00 to the North Central Illinois Council of Governments in regards to the Annual Planning Grant.

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

Mayor Spicer announced a new event at the Seneca Village Hall involving a collection of youth photos from present or past Seneca business owners, employees or Community leaders. He asked for residents to not only provide photos, but also life history information that will be displayed by the photo with the person's name withheld. The community will be alerted when the display is complete so that they can "guess" who is in the photos.

An announcement was made regarding the on-going vandalism at Crotty Park. The Seneca Port Authority has donated a security camera system that was installed on this date. Mayor Spicer thanked the Port Authority, as well as Comm. Lamb for his efforts in coordinating the system.

Mayor Spicer thanked Clerk Therese Russell for obtaining a \$500.00 scholarship relating to the Municipal Clerk Institute held yearly. The scholarship will defray cost to the Village for institute registration fees.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council enters into executive session to discuss release of executive session minutes.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the August 4, 2009 Council meeting be adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk