

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 16, 2013 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the April 2, 2013 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the March Treasurer's Report, payroll and payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports, Additional Agenda Items & Public Comments

1. Electronic Waste Collection Event Report
2. Furniture Request by Police Secretary
3. Budget Meeting Reminder for May 7, 2013

Mr. Mike Sparrow of Progressive Energy Group presented the Council with an overview of potential cost savings by participating in a Village electric bill review. After obtaining current Village electrical billings, Progressive would then produce a document that would be used to bid with a supplier network to possibly reduce Village costs. Mr. Sparrow stated this was in relation to Village accounts that use more than 15,000 kilowatt hours per year, he asked the Council for a copy of all current electric bills for Village and it was consensus of Council to proceed with allowing Progressive Energy to review.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated at the April 2, 2013 Council meeting that he had been working with Festival Chairman Michael Ellis as well as ComEd to make changes to provide electrical service for the festival between Main street and North side of Williams as well as Main Street and South side of Williams Street; changes would include hiring of

a contractor to provide two 200 amp services mounted on two new utility poles with 30 space breaker cabinets and 8 20 amp circuits per service which would be mounted in weather proof boxes. After discussion by Council, it was determined that this expenditure would be approved with the exception of not to exceed a cost of \$6000.00; in addition, it was consensus of Council to ask Commissioner Hamilton to obtain additional bids. One additional bid was obtained by Ott Electric; however the bid from Ott electric would be for work underground, as they do not have capability to set poles. Further, Commissioner Hamilton explained that using underground in lieu of poles would elevate cost from ComEd to be increased by approximately \$2,000.00. It was consensus of Council to contact original bidder P & M Electric to complete necessary work needed for this project.

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons reminded all that the next budget meeting will be held on May 7, 2013 at 6:00pm prior to the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

New Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears referred to Mayor Spicer regarding discussion on the topic of the radio tower update; Mayor Spicer stated that attempts have been made on research regarding options of placement of antennas necessary for 911 transition with Grundy County. A solution of purchasing a used, free-standing climate controlled tower to be potentially placed in the area of the Seneca Water Plant was discussed; it was consensus of Council to proceed with vote on this subject.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves an expenditure of \$57,000.00 to Tower Works, Inc. to be taken out of the Grundy County Consolidation Fund to be reimbursed by Windmill Fund.

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

Commissioner Sears asked the Council for direction on request for purchase of a 3 drawer cabinet for \$1,163.00 to be used in the office of Police Department Secretary. It was consensus of Council, to allow this expenditure. In addition, Commissioner Sears stated that the recent electronic waste collection event was a success, collecting 30,000 lbs of material; it was noted that no cost was incurred by the Village and both BP and Casey Gas stations provided volunteers with free snacks. Commissioner Sears thanked Chief Ray Meglan and Police Department volunteers for donating their time.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the council enters into executive session to discuss Collective Bargaining.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the April 16, 2013 council meeting is adjourned at 9:08 pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk