

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 19, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the April 5, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Sears, 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 and the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

No public comment presented.

Mayor Spicer reviewed the 2011 Seneca Clean up Day event announcement which is set for June 11, 2011 from 8am-4pm at Olson's Salvage Yard. Thank you was expressed to Jim Olson and the salvage yard crew for working with the Village to provide this event. A possibility of a brush removal event will be set for a different date; announcement will be made at a future Council meeting.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that weather conditions are slowing the progress on the finish work at the Route 170 Seneca Bridge location. Currently, Comm. Lamb is reviewing summer related projects in the Street Department and will announce the information at a later date.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that he had previously contacted Michael Ellis Chairman of the Summer Festival committee regarding the committee's needs for start up money. Mayor explained that the committee's goal this year is to hold fundraisers to obtain money to use for a fireworks display during the festival; after the fundraisers have been completed, the Village will revisit the idea of donating money for the event as to the committee's need.

Mayor Spicer also announced that the Village would like to compile a listing of which vacant commercial buildings are available for sale or rent in Seneca; the list would be shared with the Seneca Business Association, Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce as well as the Seneca Development Organization. A notification letter to owners will be sent by Village Clerk on April 20, 2011.

New Business:

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons announced the next Seneca Historical Guild Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2011 and everyone is welcome to attend; in addition, the Historical Guild is hosting a sale during the Seneca Village wide garage sale event on June 4, 2011 and donations will be accepted.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears announced that the Police Department has trained a new employee for part-time dispatch. He asked the Council for their approval to hire William Hook.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves hiring of William Hook as part-time dispatcher at a starting hourly wage of \$10.80.

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

Comm. Sears also stated that previously the Village had purchased an enclosed trailer with grant money to be used in the EMA department; it has been determined that the LaSalle County EMA would better utilize the trailer and that if approved by Council, our EMA department would like to donate. It was the consensus of the Village Council to donate the trailer to the LaSalle County EMA. Seneca EMA Coordinator Kathleen Angelakos was commended by entire Council for her work in the department.

Comm. Sears announced that the Police Department has purchased a universal microchip scanner to be used on animals when found by department. The Seneca Police Department is also offering a new program called the "Take Back" program in which anyone can drop outdated, unused medications as well as sharps for proper disposal.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that the Seneca Village Hall has become a collection site for not only non-perishable food items for the Seneca Food Pantry but also items to be sent overseas for the U.S. Military.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the April 19, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:18 P.M.

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

Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk