

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on April 5, 2016.

Village council meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Olson, Spicer
Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves the March 15, 2016 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Barla, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Applebee, Barla, Spicer
Nays: none

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Mr. Bill Kopta, Fundraiser Presentation
2. Legislative Breakfast Invitation

Ms. Julie Buck gave a presentation on "COAD" Community Organizations Active in Disaster. The group is comprised of people who provide services in times of natural or man-made disasters that happen in Grundy County.

Commissioner Timmons arrived at 7:11pm.

Mr. Chris Borgstrom of McGrath Office Equipment gave a presentation about the present copy machine in the Village Hall office, as well as information on a potential replacement machine.

Mr. James Pozzi, Republic Service Manager offered information about waste and recycling services offered; he added that if any council member wished to meet with him privately he would be happy to answer additional questions.

Mr. Bill Kopta, Iron Pack Brotherhood announced the group would like to hold a rib cook-off community event to raise funds to be donated to various organizations for children.

Old Business:

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that the Plan Commission had done extensive research on the topic of honeybee keeping within the Village and have recommended the Council pass an ordinance to allow residents to do so.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts ordinance 16-02, an ordinance amending the Seneca code of ordinances pertaining to the keeping of bees in the Village of Seneca.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Timmons, Olson, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that research had been done and bids obtained for the purpose of purchasing a photocopier for the Village Hall office; there were no questions by the Council regarding the item.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves an expenditure of \$5950.00 to McGrath Office Equipment split out of the public property, public health and safety, public affairs, streets and accounts and finance departments.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Olson, Applebee, Barla, Spicer
Nays: none

Comm. Timmons also stated that two agreements were received from Cummins Npower for the maintenance and battery replacement of the Village Hall generator. The first quote was for one year at a cost of \$1024.20; and the second one was for five years including a three year battery replacement for \$5793.67.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an expenditure of \$5793.67 to Cummins Npower out of the public property department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Applebee, Barla, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Comm. Barla stated that to balance the books for the end of the fiscal year, two motions are necessary; in addition he stated that he has directed Treasurer Nancy Spampanato to provide this quarterly in the future.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves a transfer of \$325,000.00 from savings to general fund.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Olson, Timmons, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves a transfer of \$177,346.11 from IPTIP to general fund.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Olson, Applebee, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

Also announced by Comm. Barla was the next budget meeting will fall at 6:45pm on April 19, 2016.

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson tabled the agenda item of "Wage Increase for Part-time Employees" until after executive session.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Commissioner Applebee stated the burn hours will change on April 15th to 8:00 am – 7:00 pm and this will be through November 15, 2016 for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. In addition, any building projects usually require a permit prior to construction; contractors working within the Village will need to register in advance of any work beginning.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced the Open Meetings Act permits governmental bodies to destroy the verbatim record of closed meetings not less than eighteen months after completion of the meetings recorded and only after the council approves the written minutes to be released.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves resolution 526, authorizing the destruction of audio recordings of executive closed session minutes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Timmons, Applebee, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer stated he is asked yearly to support the A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, Inc. (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education) motorcycle group by proclaiming May as motorcycle awareness month.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the Mayor proclaiming May as Motorcycle Awareness month.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Applebee, Timmons, Barla, Spicer
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer announced he budgeted \$3,000 to donate to the festival committee; after speaking with the committee chairman, he informed the council that the festival committee will be happy to split money between the festival and the cruise night committee.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves a \$1500.00 expenditure to Seneca cruise night committee out of public affairs.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves a \$1500.00 expenditure to the Seneca festival committee out of public affairs.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer added that the Grundy Economic Development Council invited Council to attend an annual legislative breakfast on April 25, 2016.

No Public Comment made

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel & purchase or lease of real estate.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Timmons, Olson, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

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

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Nays: none

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Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves a pay increase for summer part-time help to \$10.50 per hour effective April 4, 2016.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Applebee, Barla, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves an hourly increase of \$2.00 per hour for Ingrid Ziemann effective 4-5-16.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Olson, Barla, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an hourly increase of \$1.50 per hour for John West effective April 4, 2016.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Applebee, Barla, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the April 5, 2016 council meeting is adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Olson, Applebee, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell,
Seneca Village Clerk