

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on August 16, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the August 2, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the July Treasurer's Report payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

No public comment presented

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Congratulations Announcement

Mr. Gerard Keating of the Seneca I-80 Railport/Riverport gave a presentation on the project design, overview and investment strategies. In addition, Mr. Keating asked for an extension of deadlines of September 1, 2011 for certification by CSX, all plans, drawings and bid documentation for milestones under the redevelopment agreement for the intermodal facility.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated the Council considered the recommendation from the Plan Commission to vacate the 16 x 100 feet of an alley between Cash and Market on the south side abutting Armstrong Street.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #11-08, an Ordinance vacating an alley.

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

Commissioner Hamilton announced that the water department will be replacing another hydrant on 218 S. Main Street, Monday August 22nd. In addition, he announced that the annual Seneca Cruise Night will be scheduled for August 27, 2011.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that the Village had currently reviewed an Ordinance that will authorize and regulate golf cart use within the Village of Seneca.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts Ordinance #11-09, an Ordinance to authorize and regulate the use of golf carts on streets within the Village of Seneca.

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

Also announced was the bid letting for Motor Fuel Tax fund expenditures on street repair work which occurred at the Seneca Village Hall earlier today. According to Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Associates, the engineer's estimate for this project was just over \$60,000.00 and the low bidder was D Construction with a bid of \$47,008.07 engineer Christensen recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder contingent on IDOT approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council award motor fuel tax maintenance contract to D Construction in the amount of \$47,008.07 contingent on approval of IDOT.

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

Commissioner Lamb thanked the LaSalle County Highway Department for their hard work to correct a recent sinkhole that occurred on the North hill last week. Specifically thanked were Larry Kinzer, Jerry Hicks and Jim Olson for their efforts and quick response in remedying the situation.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer commended employee Theresa Russell for obtaining a scholarship to be used for academy clerk training this year.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton referred to Mr. Fran Kasten, Chairman of the Seneca Park Board who explained that at the last Park Board meeting, a motion was unanimously approved to donate \$10,000 to the Seneca Pride Football organization and \$5,000 to the Seneca Youth Softball Baseball Association for purchase of equipment only as a one-time donation.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approve an expenditure of \$10,000.00 to be paid to the Seneca Pride Football to be taken out of Park Board Funds.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve an expenditure of \$5,000.00 to be paid to the Seneca Youth Baseball Softball Association to be taken out of Park Board Funds.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that a road closure on Old Stage Road has occurred due to the first phase of construction and will last approximately twelve weeks.

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the August 16, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:50pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk