

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on August 18, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson, Spicer  
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves the August 4, 2015 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the July Treasurer's report, payroll and payment of bills as presented.

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

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Street Report

Mr. Thomas Justice, Chairman of the Plan Commission stated Mr. Daniel Misener presented a request to subdivide his property located at 2874 N. 2553 Road (commonly known as 222 W. River Drive), Seneca. The request would be for a simple subdivision into two lots and after \$200.00 fee and recording fees are paid by Mr. Misener; the Plan Commission's recommendation is to approve the request.

Old Business:

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson stated that the tire recycling event that was hosted at Olson's Recycling center on August 14 & 15<sup>th</sup> was a success with approximately 1,000-1500 tires collected. He thanked Grundy County for setting the event up as well as the Village summer employees.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that under current police union contract, approved was the union officers receive New Year's Eve as their holiday instead of New Year's Day; therefore, the Village wishes to change the current holiday ordinance to include the holiday change for covered union officers.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council adopts Ordinance #15-06, amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances pertaining to employee holidays.

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

In addition, the residency requirement ordinance was discussed; it proposed that our current ordinance be changed to mirror the state statute which specifies that residency requirements do not apply to appointed village clerks, treasurers, collectors or other officers who require technical training or knowledge.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #15-07, an Ordinance amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances pertaining to residency requirements.

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

Discussion was also held on a third proposed ordinance regarding reimbursement of costs and professional fees associated with TIF projects; it was consensus of council to proceed with the village requiring applicants to deposit \$5000.00 to the Village of Seneca for a security deposit payment to be used for engineering, planning, legal and other professional fees associated with any proposed TIF project.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #15-08, an Ordinance regarding reimbursement of costs and professional fees associated with TIF projects.

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

New Business:

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla stated he wished to transfer \$575,000.00 from TIF 1 general checking to the TIF 1 investment account to accumulate more earnings.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves a transfer of \$575,000.00 from TIF 1 general checking to TIF 1 investment account.

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

Comm. Barla gave a mid-quarter budget update to the Council; no questions were asked.

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson announced that the Seneca Cruise Night will be held on August 22, 2015 from 5-10pm on Main Street in Seneca. In addition, Engineer Guy Christensen announced that Commissioner Olson has initiated an asphalt program in the Valley View subdivision which will be funded by Motor Fuel Tax; bid letting will be held on September 1, 2015. Comm. Olson provided a listing of streets he wishes to repair over the next four years as funding is available.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee commended police officer Darin Crask for receiving a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of exceptional DUI enforcement from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists. Comm. Applebee thanked the Iron Pack Brotherhood Bulldog Chapter for their contributions to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual back to school supplies program; in addition he stated that school has resumed and alerted motorists to use caution in school zones especially. Finally, a reminder to all regarding the Seneca Cruise Night event which requires a road closure of Route 170/Main Street, detour signs will be placed for vehicles to follow.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the August 18, 2015 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk