

The Seneca Village Council held a scheduled Council meeting on August 20, 2013 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the August 6, 2013 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

The agenda item of Mr. Jerry Einhaus, Lien discussion was cancelled due to no-show of resident.

Additional Agenda Item

1. Clerk Scholarship Approval

Old Business: none to report

New Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears announced that a part-time dispatcher is needed to fulfill hours, previously hired full-time dispatcher Jack Ferguson was asked to return.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves hiring Jack Ferguson as part-time dispatcher at \$10.80 per hour.

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

An announcement was made that youths were recently apprehended and released to the County for punishment due to recent vandalism and theft crimes. In addition, EMA Coordinator Kathleen Angelakos asked Council's permission to attend the 2013 Illinois Emergency Management Agency Conference.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure of \$350 to Kathy Angelakos for reimbursement regarding the IEMA Conference.

Roll Call: Ayes: Sears, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer

Mayor Spicer announced that North Central Illinois Council of Governments has asked Seneca for \$1000.00 toward the local share needed to match the 50/50 Annual Planning Grant of \$63,628.00; he stated this expense was in his budget, therefore he asked Council for their consensus on whether to make this donation.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$1000.00 to North Central IL Council of Governments.

Roll Call: Ayes: Sears, Lamb, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer announced that the Seneca I-80 Railport project is not developing as expected due to economy and lack of interest, the investors have decided to sell the land and therefore asked Village for an amendment to the existing annexation agreement. An outstanding bill is owed to the Seneca Port Authority for their expense of the creation of the TIF District, the Village is asking for full payment of this expenditure as well as a 20 acre parcel donation to the Village of Seneca. Commissioner Timmons added he would like to make certain that the Village is in receipt of all records pertaining to the land surveys performed by various contractors during the process. Two parcels were reviewed by the Council, and it was determined that by consensus of Council area one would be the choice of Council for the land donation. An additional announcement was made by Mayor Spicer that a public hearing will be held at 7:00pm on September 3, 2013 for the annexation agreement amendments.

Commissioner Sears gave his congratulations to Village Clerk Therese Russell for her 2013 Municipal Clerk's Academy scholarship.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council enters into executive session to discuss Purchase or Lease of Real Estate.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Sears, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

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

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

Discussion held in executive session regarding the Margaret “Peg” Davis charitable trust with a substantial bequest for the benefit of the Village of Seneca. The Trust trustee is First Midwest Bank, but the use of the funds is controlled by a committee designated in Mrs. Davis’ will. Among the designated committee members are the Mayor of the Village of Seneca, the Superintendent of the Seneca Township High School and the Pastor of Saint Patrick’s Roman Catholic Church.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council allows Village Clerk to release press release regarding the Margaret “Peg” Davis estate.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the August 20, 2013 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:55pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk