

The Seneca Village Council held a Public Hearing on August 21, 2012 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:45pm

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

Mayor Spicer indicated that on April 17, 2012, 18 acres of property located at west Armstrong Street was annexed into Village limits with no specific conditions requested by the owners, the Ellis family. Mayor Spicer stated the reason no conditions were originally requested was due to the fact that one of the family members wished to submit building permit applications and commence home construction within the summer months. An annexation agreement and amended annexation ordinance was submitted; agreement indicated that property owners David and Jenny Ellis and John and Sandra Ellis of 246 and 247 West Armstrong Street have asked to receive a 20 year tax abatement which will not run with the land and is comprised of abatement of Village tax only. There was no public present to make comments.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the August 21, 2012 Public Hearing is adjourned at 6:48 pm.

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

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on August 21, 2012 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 6:50pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the August 7, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the July Treasurer's Report, July Payroll and the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Item:

1. 2013 Route 6 Improvement Schedule Announcement

Mr. Rob Osmond of the Seneca 911 Board was previously chosen by Council to be the liaison to research the possibility of consolidation of dispatch services with Grundy County. Mr. Osmond gave a detailed report to the Village Council stating one of the largest misconceptions is that if the dispatch consolidation is granted that the Seneca Fire Protection & Ambulance and Seneca Police will no longer provide Seneca Village protection. The consolidation will be for dispatch services only; shared dispatch center with Grundy will ultimately provide approximately 70% savings to the Village. Costs involved will consist of \$15,000 initial sign-on fee, \$75,000 yearly fee and infrastructure costs will also be involved. Timeline was discussed and depends largely on whether the Village can provide the necessary equipment needed for networking antenna radio systems.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that a bid letting was held at Seneca Village Hall on August 14th by Chamlin & Associates for the 2012 Motor Fuel Tax Street Maintenance Program. Two bids were received and D Construction was the lower bidder of the two coming in at \$37,276.65. Work involved will include strip patching in various locations and full overlay of Birchlawn East & Englewood Place. Village maintenance workers have begun preparations for strip patching starting on Valley View Drive.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council award the 2012 Motor Fuel Tax Street Maintenance contract to D Construction in the amount of \$37,276.65 contingent upon concurrence of the award by Illinois Department of Transportation.

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

Nays: none

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed the previously discussed Illinois Video Gaming Law in which the Village had opted to place an ordinance on file allowing video gaming within the Village of Seneca.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #12-13, an Ordinance allowing video gaming and establishing a licensing fee for video gaming terminals.

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

Mayor Spicer revisited the topic of the annual membership dues for North Central Illinois Council of Governments of \$691.15. This item was tabled from the previous meeting allowing time for the Council to think about whether they would like to continue membership with the organization.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves an expenditure of \$691.15 to North Central Illinois Council of Governments to be taken out of the Public Affairs Department

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

Mayor Spicer reviewed the subject of the Ellis Annexation Agreement which the Public Hearing was held earlier in this meeting. Attorney Mason stated that in addition to the approval of the proposed annexation agreement, an Ordinance change was required.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves an annexation agreement relating to property located at 246 and 247 West Armstrong Street, Seneca.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopt Ordinance # 12-14 an amended Ordinance annexing certain territory to the Village.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced that the 2012 Seneca Cruise Night will take place August 25th, traffic detour signs will be placed and in addition, there will be food tents and a beer garden with entertainment.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated that according to the Illinois Department of Transportation, there will be no additional road construction projects on Route 6 this year, but that slated for June, 2013 a project will be started in that location lasting approximately 30 consecutive days in length for the replacement of a box culvert.

Commissioner Timmons arrived at 7:15pm.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated the previously placed Village wide fire ban has been lifted. In addition, items that had been recovered from a string of burglaries are currently at the Seneca Police Station and anyone missing items are to contact Seneca Police to return to their rightful owners. As of August 31st the Seneca Police will no longer provide animal control services.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated the yearly working cash fund ordinance ensures sufficient funds at all times to meet demands for necessary expenditures. This item will be reviewed by Council and entered onto the next Council meeting for vote. Mayor Spicer offered his congratulations on behalf of the entire Council to Kathy Angelakos who recently obtained her accreditation in the Illinois Professional Emergency Manager Program.

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the hiring of Trevin Seul at a rate of \$9.00 per hour to be taken out of the Street Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the August 21, 2012 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:07 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk