

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on August 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the July 21, 2015 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

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

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

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Ms. Mary Anderson of the Seneca Festival Committee gave a brief presentation regarding the 2015 Sesquicentennial Celebration including financials; Mayor Spicer and Council thanked both she and Renee Schaefer as well as the entire committee for their hard work to make the festival a success.

Old Business:

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson re-announced that the Village will be hosting a tire recycling event at Olson's Recycling center on August 14 & 15th from 8-4pm, this event was provided by funds received from the Grundy County EDPRenewable Wind Farm Top Crop. In addition, Valley View subdivision road repair project has begun with prep work performed by Village employees; motor fuel tax money has been approved to be released for future asphalt work and a bid process is required.

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Comm. Timmons stated that in conjunction with the Valley View subdivision work; he has investigated the potential project of rehabilitating the sanitary sewer service mains via installing a specific liner which will also be offered to each subdivision resident connecting laterally the residence to the public sewer main.

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla tabled the item of personnel pay raises until after executive session.

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson announced that the cruise night committee is looking for volunteers to help with the evening on August 22, 2015 as well as collection of items for the event goody bags.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated he would table the item of resolution to release executive session minutes until after discussion in executive session. He also 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. 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. 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. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council enters into executive session to discuss release of executive session minutes and personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves a .70 per hour pay increase for any non-union full-time employee with three years' service or more retroactive to April 1, 2015.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council adopts Resolution #515 to release certain executive session minutes.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the August 4, 2015 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk