

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on August 5, 2014.

Village Council meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Absent: Sears

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the July 15, 2014 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: none

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

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

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer announced that the budget meeting portion of this meeting had been cancelled due to Comm. Timmons and Comm. Sears' absence; in addition, he wished Comm. Sears well in recovery.

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

1. Mr. Michael Ellis, Chairman of the Seneca Festival Committee gave an update of the 2014 Festival as well as announcement regarding the upcoming 2015 Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb deferred to Engineer Guy Christensen to give an update on the 2014 Motor Fuel Tax Project and Union Street update. Mr. Christensen stated that the Union Street contracts have been approved for D Construction to complete the work as well as update on bid letting regarding the 2014 MFT Project. During the bid letting, two bids were received and D Construction was the low bidder, he recommended the Council award the MFT project to D Construction and the two projects be completed in near future concurrent on IDOT approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council awards D. Construction the 2014 MFT Project in the amount of \$25,886.66 contingent on concurrence of IDOT.

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

Nays: none

Public Health & Safety Sears:

In Commissioner Sears' absence, Mayor Spicer announced that the 911 Board reviewed and recommends the approval of the second addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement for amending the financial contributions for personnel costs for consolidated 911 emergency communication. In addition, Comm. Hamilton stated Seneca's cost will be reduced.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the Mayor signing the second addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement for consolidated 911 emergency communication services amending the parties' financial contributions for "personnel costs".

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

Discussion held on the necessity of hiring an additional part-time officer.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council hires David Damron as part-time police officer at a rate of \$18.37 hourly out of the Public Health & Safety Department.

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

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Discussion held on the agenda item regarding special event road closures; it was determined that the right to close streets is upon whomever is acting Street Commissioner and that a formal ordinance is not required.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton stated that repair work has not been completed for the automatic transfer switch on the water plant generator; in addition it was stated that a leak has arisen at the water tower a solution is currently being investigated and he will return with information at a subsequent meeting. Comm. Hamilton also stated an ordinance to prohibit animals during special events in the downtown area has been created and he asked that Council review it and comment, this item will be placed on the August 19, 2014 agenda.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated that storm sewer repair work has been accomplished on Oak Street, this was due to pipe detrition and collapse. In addition, Walnut Street storm water drain was tied into new drain to alleviate flooding issues.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

In Commissioner Sears' absence, Mayor Spicer announced the Council's appreciation to officer James B. Herzog for exceptional DUI enforcement. An announcement was made that the Seneca Police are currently working with the Iron Pack Brotherhood to provide school supplies to twelve needy children.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated the Seneca Festival Committee has chosen their members for the 2014-15 year; a resolution has been created to reflect changes.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Village Council approves Resolution #506, appointing the 2014-15 Festival Committee.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that the festival committee will host a 150th Sesquicentennial meeting on Monday, August 11th at 6pm Seneca Village Hall.

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Village Council approves Resolution # 505, releasing certain executive session minutes.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the August 5, 2014 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:50pm.

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