

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on August 7, 2012 at Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the July 17, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Public Comment:

Mr. Bob Gibson, resident living at 145 E. Lincoln stated there is currently a 24 hour day/7 day week perpetual garage sale taking place at the residence at 168 E. Lincoln Street and several cardboard boxes at property. He stated he has inquired with the Village police on garage sales and was told that there was nothing the police force could do about it and asked that the Council create a solution. After discussion, Council's recommendation was to proceed with asking Village Zoning Officer to check into whether it would be considered a home business under zoning law as well as the Village Fire Chief visiting the residence to determine if any fire codes have been violated. A follow up letter will be sent to Mr. Gibson when investigation is complete.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton announced to the Council that a problem has occurred at the Village sewer plant early July in which air piping that feed the tank over time had been damaged by major corrosion creating a dissolving pipe issue; the problem has been temporarily fixed but a long-term solution is needed to prevent future issues. A bid was

received to correct only approximately 20 feet the entire pipe line from Dodson Plumbing of Pontiac for \$26,854.00; Commissioner Hamilton expressed his concern that the entire project would be at a cost over \$100,000.00. Commissioner Lamb asked if a liner could be utilized as a potential solution and Council consensus was to ask that Commissioner Hamilton research other solution possibilities and return information at a future Council meeting. Commissioner Hamilton also stated that a bid from The Turf Team has been received regarding landscaping work to be completed at Crotty Park for the outfield at the baseball diamond. Although multiple local firms were contacted regarding the work, The Turf Team was the only one to respond and this expenditure was previously approved by the Park Board.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$3925.00 to The Turf Team for landscaping at the Crotty Park baseball field to be taken out of the Park Board Department.

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

Commissioner Hamilton also updated the Council on work being performed at the Seneca Boat Launch area that will provide lighting and power to the facility. Several firms were contacted for bids; received was P & M Electric; bid submitted includes installing 1” conduits to connect to existing conduits to run a 40 amp 240 volt circuit to 3 shelters and boat ramp lights, install two 100 watt MH fixtures to illuminate the American flag and install a weatherproof switch, GFI and interior light in each shelter.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton, seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves expenditure not to exceed \$4105.00 to P & M Electric for boat launch area power and lighting to be taken out of the Park Board Department.

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

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons announced that the Sea Cadets were in Seneca early July, moving the Seneca Police Station into the new Village Hall Police Station addition, assistance with repair work to the Seneca Depot building as well as improvements to the Seneca Boat Launch area; Timmons expressed his appreciation to the organization for their assistance.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that at the July 17, 2012 meeting, the Council reviewed the previous executive session minutes and instructed Village Clerk Theresa Russell which ones to release.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton, seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the release of selected executive session minutes from February 17, 2009 to February 7, 2012.

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

New Business:

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons announced that Illinois Municipal Treasurer's Week is August 12th – August 18th, 2012 and he wished to recognize the Village Treasurer Gayla Barla for a job well done.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Resolution #488, observing the 2012 Illinois Municipal Treasurer's Week.

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

Commissioner Timmons congratulated the owners of The Barge Inn restaurant located at 301 N. Main Street on their recent grand opening.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that a portion of East Union Street was closed starting Monday, July 23rd due to storm sewer repair; the repair work was due to prior telescopic camera uncovering tile areas with tree root growth which in turn created flooding to that area. In addition, a vactor truck had been utilized to remove silt from the Commerce Street crossing, Valley View area as well as the I & M Canal which will also potentially alleviate flooding as well. A bid letting announcement was made regarding the 2012 street maintenance program; sealed bid proposals will be received by the Seneca Village Clerk until 11:00 am, Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated the recent topic of the Illinois video gaming law has resurfaced; the Village opted not to place the necessary ordinance to allow video gaming on file previously due to the Illinois House Bill 4466 pending; which would ultimately eliminate the need for a municipality to pass an ordinance authorizing video gaming even if the municipality had an ordinance prohibiting video gaming that was adopted prior to July 13, 2009. Mayor Spicer stated that an ordinance has been created and is currently on file with the Village Clerk and will be up for vote at the next Council meeting. Mayor Spicer announced to the Council that North Central Illinois Council of Governments has

forwarded their annual membership dues in the amount of \$691.15, asked the Council their opinion of whether to renew; it was the consensus of the Council to table this item until the August 21, 2012 Council meeting. Mayor Spicer announced at the next Council meeting, August 21, 2012 at 6:45pm a public hearing will be held for the purpose of an annexation agreement in regard to the annexation of both 246 and 247 West Armstrong Street, Seneca, IL.

Mr. Richard Killeen asked the Council to open discussion again on the proposed video gaming ordinance; he asked specifically why this has not been created and passed previously. Mayor Spicer again reviewed the same information presented before and stated once again that the ordinance will be included on the August 21, 2012 agenda.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and purchase or lease of real estate.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the August 7, 2012 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk