The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson
          Absent: Spicer

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council appoints Rick Barla as Mayor Pro Tem

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Applebee, Timmons, Barla
          Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the November 17, 2015 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Applebee, Timmons, Barla
          Nays: None

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Applebee, Timmons, Barla
          Nays: None

No Seneca Business Spotlight presented

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Old Business:

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla stated the yearly tax levy was provided to Council and up for approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council adopts Ordinance #15-11, the tax levy ordinance.

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

Comm. Barla also stated the yearly abating bond ordinance is up for passage; he explained this is in relation to four bonds.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts ordinance #15-12, the yearly abating bond ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Timmons, Olson, Barla
          Nays: none
Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Commissioner Applebee reminded all that the deadline to sign children up to participate in the 2015 Shop With a Cop event is December 4th; and that donations will be accepted until December 12th anyone wishing to volunteer for event should contact the Seneca Police Department. In addition, he explained that the automatic emergency Nixle program will enable real-time two-way communication between the Seneca Police Department and residents through a text messaging system. The Nixle system is currently being internally beta tested and hopes to have program available to the public by the end of 2015.

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Comm. Timmons stated the Park Board has expressed they would like to proceed with closing in the ceiling of Crotty Park to avoid further issues with bird nesting, hornets and/or vandalism.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves an expenditure of $3,369.56 to Kaufman Construction out of the Park Board Fund.

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

Comm. Timmons indicated that the current sewer plant air blower system is approximately 30 years old and in need of preventative maintenance; after inspection, it was determined that a rebuild, alignment and test run will be performed by Berryman Equipment Company pending approval of expenditure.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an expenditure of $18,100.00 to Berryman Equipment Company out of the Sewer Department.

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

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla offered his congratulations to Village Treasurer Nancy Spampanato for completing phase 1 of the Illinois Municipal Treasurer’s Institute.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the December 1, 2015 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk