

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on December 15, 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 approves the December 1, 2015 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the November treasurer's report, payroll and payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presented

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Tom Justice, Chairman of Plan Commission reviewed with council two recommendations; firstly, to begin annexation process for the former Huss property located on River Road adding the property is contiguous with surrounding Village property secondly, the installation of storm sewers in Partridge subdivision thus eliminating the discharge of water onto the street which is leading to the detrition of the roadway. Discussion lead to instructing Attorney Russo to draft a letter to the current owner of Huss property asking them to voluntarily annex into Village limits prior to a forcible annexation. In addition, Tom indicated that the designated swales for Partridge subdivision have been filled in creating water flow to naturally accumulate onto roadway. Council will speak with engineer Guy Christensen regarding a potential special assessment for street repair work and/or storm sewer installation due to the fact that the homeowners filled the swale in.
2. Kathy Haralson, Emergency Management Coordinator gave a presentation including the date of June 15, 2016 for the Illinois Plan Radiological Accidents emergency drill; also, in conjunction with a Natural Disaster Emergency Preparedness Grant received from the CSX Railroad Company, Kathy is currently working with the Seneca FFA chapter to create "Help in a Helmet" emergency kits for those in need.

Old Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons deferred to Ryan Hanson of Chamlin and Associates who stated that the firm has reviewed the submittal for payment by Michels Corporation. All work performed for the requested payment has been completed in compliance with contract requirements. Mr. Hanson added that there was one home that incurred mineral oil damage to its siding; Michaels Corporation hired a company to provide power washing of oil substance thus exacerbating the initial problem. A solution is currently

being provided by Michaels Corporation to the homeowner at 115 Valley View Drive and a 5% retainage of payment has been withheld until homeowner is satisfied with solution.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves pay request #1 for \$72,736.26 to Michels Corporation out of the sewer department fund.

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

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla stated that the Village recently received three payments that had been previously withheld by the State of Illinois from the Motor Fuel Tax fund, Sales Tax and Video Gaming Tax.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Commissioner Applebee thanked Chief Ray Meglan, Morris Walmart store and Ken Burger for their participation with the 2015 Shop With a Cop event; on Saturday, December 12th 29 children were provided breakfast, taken to Morris Walmart and given between \$200-300 to spend on holiday gifts for their families. A special thank you was made to all the residents and/or businesses for their generous donations as well as volunteers that assisted with the event. Comm. Applebee also stated that the paperwork has been submitted for the WEX fuel card program and that he suspects it will begin 1st of January, 2016.

New Business:

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla stated he would like to make a donation to the Seneca Fire Protection and Ambulance District for the purpose of purchasing of new radios.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an expenditure of \$2400.00 to the Seneca Fire Protection & Ambulance District out of the Fire Fund.

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

Public Health & Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee stated that the existing agreement which provided for combined 911 services with Grundy County has been reviewed and updated to include certain personnel eligible for Illinois Municipal Retirement Funds.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Mayor signing the first amendment to seconded addendum to intergovernmental agreement for consolidated 911 emergency communication services.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

In Mayor Spicer's absence, Comm. Barla stated that Village staff will once again be disposing of live Christmas trees for anyone wishing to participate should drop tree off in lot behind Village Hall.

Public Comment:

Mr. John Wichert, stated that he noted a new buffalo box had been installed at his residence on today's date and in addition his water service had been shut off; Comm. Barla indicated that Randy Timmons was the Commissioner of that Department and that he would speak to Mr. Wichert after the meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the December 15, 2015 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk