

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on December 17, 2013 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, Sears, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the December 3, 2013 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the November Treasurer's report, payroll & payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Mr. Frank Hall, Village Zoning Officer presented a recap of the December 11, 2013 Plan Commission meeting item of a simple subdivision request by Mr. George Lamb named the Lamb's Farm Industrial Park. He explained that due to the fact this request is for less than 5 lots, it falls into a Class 1 subdivision; each lot fronting on an existing, improved, public, minor street, not involving any new street or road or the extension of municipal utilities, not adversely affecting the development of the remainder of the parcel or adjoining property and not in conflict with any provision or portion of the official plan or zoning title. Mr. George Lamb presented a final plat which was approved by motion by the Plan Commission, pending payment of subdivision fees of \$200.00 and recording fee.

Commissioner Hamilton verified with Mr. George Lamb that the subdivision cul de sac will be dedicated to the Village and constructed by concrete which was also approved by the Village Engineer.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated he has researched solutions relating to leaf collection, including the purchase or lease of a 2004 self contained unit leaf vacuum from Bonnell Industries. The unit in question is in excellent shape and sells for \$16,000.00; after consideration it was determined to include directional lighting in the estimated cost which should be provided by Bonnell.

A motion as made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$17,000.00 to Bonnell Industries for the purchase of a leaf vac out of the Public Comfort Fund.

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

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated due to inclement weather, the Shop With A Cop program was rescheduled to December 23, 2013; the children were given coats and breakfast on the original date of December 14, 2013.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated the Seneca Port District has offered to assist with the financing of Graves land acquisition by the Seneca Park Board. The District will loan the sum of \$100,000.00 to the Village for the purpose of park and recreation purposes; the Village agrees to repay said amount amortized over a period of four years at a rate of two percent per annum per the amortization schedule via the intergovernmental cooperation agreement.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the Mayor signing an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and Seneca Port District regarding financing of land for Park Board.

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

Mayor Spicer also stated that in relation to the purchase of the Graves property, Village Treasurer Gayla Barla has requested on behalf of Village Auditor a motion to allow the issuance of checks.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approve Village Treasurer to issue checks regarding the closing on Graves property out of the Park Department.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton announced that the Village will take live trees after the holidays for proper disposal; he asked that residents place them against the Village Hall building.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated Chief Meglan has asked that an additional part-time officer be hired to fill in hours when needed.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council hire Nicholas Hert as part-time police officer at a rate of \$18.01 per hour out of the Public Health & Safety Department.

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

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced to the Council that office received a request from the Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce for \$480.00 annual Chamber Membership dues.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approve an expenditure of \$480.00 to IL River Area Chamber of Commerce for 2014 Membership Dues.

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

Mayor Spicer also stated a request was received by Morris Daily Herald, who will be partnering with Grundy Chamber of Commerce to produce a full color, glossy area map. The map will be distributed at three chamber offices as well as rest stops, GEDC, Heritage Corridor and many other events and outlets throughout the year. After discussion, Council opted for an advertising cost of \$395.00 for the map project.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Village Council approves an expenditure of \$395.00 to Morris Daily Herald for advertising on the Grundy County Chamber map out of the Public Affairs Department.

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

Mayor Spicer stated that funds will need to be transferred to the Grundy County Consolidation Fund from the Windmill fund due to additional bills relating to the consolidation of dispatch with Grundy County.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approve a transfer of \$35,559.34 from Windmill to Grundy County Consolidation Fund.

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

Mayor Spicer reviewed prior discussion relating to the approval of Lamb's Farm Industrial Park with Council and asked if there were any questions pertaining to discussion.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approve the Clerk signing the final plat for Lamb's Farm Industrial Park subdivision after payment of zoning fees.

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

Commissioner Lamb commended the current street maintenance staff on a fine job they are doing with 2013 snow removal.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council meeting of December 17, 2013 is adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell,
Seneca Village Clerk