

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on December 18, 2012 at Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the December 4, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the November Payroll, November Treasurer's Report and payment of bills as presented.

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

In addition to approval of Treasurer's Report, it was the consensus of the Village Council to transfer a payment of \$422.64 from Public Health & Safety Department to the 2013 Shop with a Cop program. This payment was received in relation to the 2012 November electronic collection.

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

1. Free Coat Announcement
2. Shop With A Cop Announcement

Village Police Secretary Cindy Meglan asked to be included on the council meeting agenda to address the Village Council; she started by giving a brief employment and wage history indicating that she had taken on the LEADS Coordinator position in 1999; received an increase of \$1.00/hour extra for the added job duty starting 2002. After the July, 2012 separation of the Police Department from Dispatch Department location, it was determined that Head Dispatch Supervisor Michelle Balsitis continue the LEADS Coordinator position due to the proximity of the equipment at the old Police location which currently houses the Seneca dispatchers. At the November 6, 2012 Council meeting, it was unanimously passed by motion that Cindy Meglan shall no longer be paid as LEADS Coordinator \$1.00 per hour, but shall be paid .50 cents per hour as Assistant

LEADS Coordinator; and Cindy Meglan indicated to the Village Council that she felt this decision was unfair.

Village Police Chief Ray Meglan asked to be included on the council meeting agenda; but asked to be put onto a future executive session.

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated that the 2012 Shop with a Cop program proved to be a successful event having 15 children participate; he publically thanked everyone who has donated to the event and commended the employees who helped as well.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced that the Village residents can drop off live Christmas trees in the lot behind the Seneca Village Hall after the holidays; in addition, bids were accepted regarding the installation of two hanging gas fired heaters in the Village Maintenance building located at the west end of Union Street. Bids were reviewed and local contractor Kennedy Brothers was determined to be the one submitted for Council approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves an expenditure of \$3900.00 to Kennedy Brothers for the installation of 2 heaters to be taken 1/3 out of water, sewer and streets departments.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Sears, Spicer

Nays: none

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer asked the Council if they had any questions relating to the recent invoice received from the Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce for 2013 membership dues; it was indicated the invoice amount had been reduced.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears, and died for a lack of second.

Mayor Spicer stated that the I & M Canal Association has asked for a yearly donation based on population to meet their shared mission of a \$300,000.00 matching grant. The plan and associated funding will greatly enhance their ability to increase awareness of the I & M, develop, and celebrate the collective natural, cultural and historic resources.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves an expenditure of \$500.00 to the Canal Alliance Community Partnership, to be taken out of the Public Affairs Department.

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

Mayor Spicer reminded everyone that the first Council meeting in January will fall on January 8, 2013 and subsequent meeting will be January 15th due to the New Year's Holiday. Also, Exelon employees donated coats, hats & gloves for needy families which are available at the Seneca Village Hall. Happy Holidays from the Village Mayor on behalf of the entire Council!

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the December 18, 2012 council meeting is adjourned at 7:21pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk