

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on December 2, 2014.

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

Absent: Sears

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the November 18, 2014 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the Payment of Bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Hamilton, Spicer

Nays: none

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

Additional Agenda Item:

1. Thank You Announcement by Commissioner Lamb

On behalf of Ben Wilson, Nora Fesco of North Central Illinois Council of Governments presented information on the need to reapply for the current enterprise zone designation to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. Ms. Fesco stated that in addition, an intergovernmental agreement between all entities of the enterprise zone will be included; it covers criteria for cooperation, participation and management of the enterprise zone.

Mr. Thomas McGrath, Account Manager at First Midwest Bank reviewed a proposal covering the bank's merchant service program including rates and equipment fees. Village Attorney Russo stated state law requires Village to hold a public hearing prior to the acceptance of credit cards.

Old Business:

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons deferred to Attorney Russo to explain the yearly abating bond ordinance. Attorney Russo stated he researched the subject with Village auditing firm Mack & Associates to accommodate abatement amounts and that after passage clerk is to file ordinance with both counties.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts ordinance #14-12, abating a portion of the taxes heretofore levied to pay principal of and interest on general obligation refunding bonds (sewerage alternate revenue source), series 2012A, general obligation refunding bonds (alternate revenue source) series 2012B, series 2012C and general obligation bonds, series 2003A.

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

Public Health & Safety Sears:

On Commissioner Sears' absence, Mayor Spicer reviewed with Council the request by Grundy County Emergency Management Agency for a donation to offset the cost of a new mobile command vehicle. After discussion, it was consensus of Council to proceed with allowing a donation of \$750.00 out of the Public Health & Safety Department.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$750.00 to the Grundy Co. Emergency Management Agency out of the Public Health & Safety Department fund.

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

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed the proposed ordinance regarding the regulation of overweight trucks, it was the consensus of Council to hold a special meeting at 6pm on December 16, 2014. Council discussed the direction they wish to take on the acceptance of credit cards as a form of payment for utility billings; Village Clerk instructed to post a public hearing announcement for January 6, 2014. In addition, Clerk instructed to place the Ordinance required to re-apply for the enterprise zone on the subsequent agenda.

Commissioner Lamb stated his appreciation for everyone who has been in contact with him to carry his department during his absence; especially the maintenance staff.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the December 2, 2014 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:50pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk