

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on December 20, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the December 6, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the November treasurer's report and the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Christmas Tree Announcement

Commissioner Hamilton announced that the Council will allow residents to drop off used Christmas trees after the holiday at Village Hall.

Mr. Mike Sparrow of Progressive Energy gave another brief presentation on residential electrical aggregation. Mr. Kevin Ritter of Integrys also gave a presentation on electrical aggregation, including information on the referendum process, charges and Integrys' role if the Village chose them as our electrical supplier to replace Commonwealth Edison.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton stated that sealed bids were taken on a 1996 Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 4:00pm. This vehicle was previously sold however the bidder declined the offer. The highest bidder was Mr. Joe Rose with \$2000.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopt Ordinance #11-19 authorizing the sale of a 1996 Chevy Dump Truck for the sum of \$2000.00.

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

Comm. Hamilton announced that with the previous sale of the 1999 Ford F350 Truck as well as the 1996 Chevy Dump Truck proceeds he would like to purchase a utility vehicle to be used with sidewalk snow removal as well as monthly water meter readings.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$13,882.00 to the Turf Team for a Kioti transport vehicle to be taken out of Public Property Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$5398.00 to the Turf Team for a blade attachment and spreader on the Kioti transport vehicle out of the Street Department.

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

Comm. Hamilton also announced a pay request by Brandt Builders for the Police Station addition of \$165,277.80. It was stated that lien waivers were received and included with the architect's certificate for payment.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves a pay request to Brandt Builders for the Seneca Police Department addition in the amount of \$165,277.80.

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

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb announced a final payout of \$5,271.96 for the street repair program has been requested. This amount constitutes 10% of the project total and will be paid once approval from the State of Illinois has been received. This payment is in conjunction with the Motor Fuel Tax Program.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves a pay request to D Construction for the street program in the amount of \$5,271.96.

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

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears announced that the 2011 Shop With a Cop program was a complete success and included 13 children this holiday season. He publically thanked all the Police Department employees who volunteered as well as anyone who made donations.

Public Affairs Spicer

Mayor Spicer announced that the Seneca I-80 Railport group has requested that the Village extend the initial special use permits to coincide with the deadline of September 1, 2012 under the Redevelopment Agreement.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council extends the Special Use permits for intermodal terminal facility, grain elevators and grain storage and processing for the Seneca I-80 Railport Project to September 1, 2012.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that the Village Attorney has drawn up an ordinance to submit the question of allowing residents and small business electrical customers to participate in electrical aggregation.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopt ordinance #11-20 to submit the question whether the Village should have the authority under public act 096-0176 to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small business customers who have not opted out of such program.

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

Village Clerk Therese Russell stated there was a children's coat donation by Exelon employees as well as Milton Pope Grade School employees to the Seneca Village Hall free to anyone who has a need.

New Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears stated that the Seneca Police Department has a need for a new police vehicle. It was also stated that money previously collected from impound fees will be utilized for the purchase of the 2013 Ford Police Interceptor vehicle.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves an expenditure of \$29,490.00 for a 2013 Ford Police Interceptor vehicle to be taken out of Public Health and Safety Department.

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

Mayor Spicer wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Village of Seneca.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the December 20, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:22pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk