

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on December 6, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the November 15, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Congratulations Announcement

Ms. Judy Seul asked the Council for their support with enforcement on residents burning excessively; previously she had submitted complaints to the Seneca Police Chief, Ray Meglan and commended him for his part in the complaints. Mr. Mike Sparrow of Progressive Energy explained to the Council an offer regarding municipal electric aggregation. Mr. Sparrow is asking the Council to submit a binding referendum to the LaSalle Co. Clerk by January 4, 2012 to be placed on the March 20, 2012 ballot. If passed by referendum, an auction will be held to obtain the lowest bid and the lowest residential/small business rate could be locked in for up to three years. This item will be placed on the next agenda.

Public Comment was presented by resident Mrs. Stephanie Taylor. Mrs. Taylor questioned whether her residential water meter was reading accurately. She stated that in the month of September, her consumption was high and thought it may be due to a malfunctioning meter. Commissioner Hamilton gave Mrs. Taylor an opportunity to speak off camera, after choosing to continue; he shared that her husband stated to a Village maintenance worker that one of their children had left the garden hose on for days and therefore the consumption was high due to that. Previously, after attending the

November 15, 2011 Council Meeting, Mrs. Taylor also reviewed the shut off policy of the Village charging \$100.00 for turn-on after hour fee due to her delinquent non-payment.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton stated that sealed bids are being taken on a 1996 Chevrolet 3500 Dump Truck by Monday, December 19, 2011 at 4:00pm. This vehicle was previously sold however the bidder declined the offer. In addition, Commissioner Hamilton also stated that bids were previously accepted regarding office furniture for the Village office as well as council chambers, standard warranty also discussed.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$12,600.00 to ELA Enterprises for the purchase of furniture to be taken out of Public Property.

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

In addition under vehicle announcement, Comm. Hamilton stated that payment collected previously on vehicle sale of the 1999 Ford F350 Truck along with the current sale of the 1996 dump truck payment will be used to purchase a 2012 Ford pickup from Morrow Brothers which includes a snow plow.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$30,795.00 for a 2012 Ford Pickup to Morrow Brothers taken out of Public Property.

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

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons reviewed the tax levy; stated last year's tax levy was \$686,147.00 and the new proposed levy based on \$45,000,000.00 would be \$708,330.00; actual rate would go down from 1.5875 to 1.5741. It was also stated that the Village tax rate would decrease because the assessed valuation will increase to generate more than the difference of \$22,183.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #11-17, the Tax Levy Ordinance.

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

Also reviewed by Comm. Timmons was the ABCD Abating Bond Ordinance. He stated that with a general obligation bond, the Village receives better terms and interest rates.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts Ordinance #11-18 an Ordinance abating A, B, C bonds and a partial abatement on D bond for the 2011 tax year.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that Old Stage Road will be open during the winter months with the final phases to be completed in spring, 2012.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton stated that the new Police Department addition project has required a new change. The Police Department will utilize the upstairs storage area for their evidence room, which requires wire mesh partition and special locking features.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve an expenditure of \$2189.00 to Retrieval Business Systems for wire partition at Police Station addition to be taken out of Public Health and Safety.

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

Also stated by Comm. Hamilton was a pay request has been submitted and reviewed by Village Engineer Larry Good of Chamlin & Associates relating to the wastewater treatment plant aeration improvement project for Dahme Mechanical Industries. It was stated that no change orders were produced on the project and that the contractor has provided all lien waivers relating to their work.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approve an expenditure of \$30,749.00 to Dahme Mechanical Industries.

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

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Village Council to Seneca High School which had donated lights from their football field to be used at the Seneca Boat Launch. In addition, Mayor Spicer commended employee Theresa Russell on her recent designation as Certified Municipal Clerk as well as commended Gayla Barla for attending the 2011 Treasurer's institute.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss purchase or lease of real estate.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the December 6, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:25pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk