

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on December 6, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Applebee, Barla, Olson, Timmons, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves the November 15, 2016 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Timmons, Olson, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports & Additional Agenda Items:

1. Shop With a Cop Announcement
2. Mayor's Dinner Announcement
3. Special Meeting Announcement
4. Community Holiday Tree Lighting Event Recap

Mayor Spicer announced to the Council that he had received a LaSalle County Mayor's Dinner invitation and he invited the Commissioners to attend with him.

Old Business:

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla announced he had participated in a community tree lighting holiday event this past weekend; a thank you was given to the Seneca Lion's Club and specifically for Mr. Jim Maierhofer as well as participating business owners and children who sang carols. Mayor Spicer thanked Commissioner Barla for attending on his behalf.

Public Health & Safety Applebee:

Commissioner Applebee stated the Seneca Fire and Ambulance District is hosting a toy drive for underprivileged children on December 9, 2016; and Saturday, December 10, 2016 is the annual Shop with a Cop program for children. In addition, he announced that the Village is required to dissolve its 911 Board and enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Grundy County to create a Joint Emergency Telephone System Board.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council adopts Resolution # 530 approving an intergovernmental agreement creating a joint emergency telephone system board.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Barla, Olson, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council adopt ordinance #16-11, dissolving the Emergency Telephone System Board effective June 30, 2017.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Barla, Olson, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced he had Chamlin & Associates prepare an estimate for costs relating to water main & sanitary sewer extension in the proposed Graves Park. The extensions would be installed to a point about 500 feet into the park near the location of a future restroom facility. The sanitary sewer would be an 8" line and same for water main. A fire hydrant would be placed at the end of the water main extension to provide fire protection. The estimated cost for construction of the sanitary sewer main is \$28,000.00 with design and construction engineering fees of \$7,000.00. The estimated cost of the construction of the water main is \$37,000.00 with construction engineering fees of \$9,400.00. Discussion was held on the village providing funds for this purpose as the grant will not include this type of expenditure. Commissioner Timmons and Commissioner Barla both presented financial options at previous meeting; consensus of Council was to allow up to \$35,000 out of the Sewer Fund and up to \$45,000 out of the Fire Fund.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council approves expenditures of \$35,000.00 out of the Sewer Fund and \$45,000.00 out of the Fire Fund to cover cost relating to water and sewer extension to Graves Park.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Olson, Timmons, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated the Village is offering e-mail utility billing; instructions were read. A holiday lighting contest by the Seneca Park Board will take place; monetary prizes will be given. In addition, he stated an expenditure for radio read water meters is in need of council approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Barla that the council approves an expenditure of \$5,750.00 to Underground Pipe & Valve out of the water department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Barla, Olson, Applebee, Spicer

Nays: none

Commissioner Timmons stated an expenditure needs approval to A & E Septic Services relating to the water main relocation on the Dollar General property located on North Main Street.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves an expenditure of \$19,055.00 to A & E Septic Services out of the water department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Barla, Olson, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Comm. Barla gave praise to Treasurer Nancy Gross for completing phase 2 of the Illinois Municipal Treasurers Institute; he stated she shared information on the coursework and he will be providing each department with implementation procedures. In addition, he asked Nancy to research bank interest rates for potential savings to the village. Comm. Barla also stated the annual tax levy has been provided to each council member for their review and the difference from last year is less than .05%; this item will be on the next council meeting for approval. A discussion was held by council regarding home rule vs. non-home rule as well as municipal retailers occupation tax. Mayor asked the council to review their department needs for equipment, vehicles etc. and return with them after January, 2017.

Mayor Spicer asked council to check their schedules as a special council meeting will be scheduled potentially for next week regarding the Dollar General project needs.

No Public Comment was presented

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the December 6, 2016 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Timmons, Olson, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk