

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on February 17, 2015.

Village council meeting called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the February 3, 2015 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

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

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

Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Old Business:

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that in conjunction with adopting the E-Pay program during the previous meeting that a requirement to accept credit cards involved an approval of an ordinance.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance 15-02, an Ordinance authorizing the use of credit cards as an acceptable alternative for the payment of Village water bills, permit fees, program fees, fines, penalties and other charges and authorizing execution of contracts with servicing banks or third parties to implement the use of credit cards in the Village of Seneca.

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

On the agenda item of the digital ID card program, Commissioner Timmons stated there are no new updates.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated at the last meeting it was consensus of Council to allow him to pursue the trade in of the 2004 Backhoe equipment for a 2014 model at a cost to the Village of \$56,500.00 to be split between following departments: 40% Water, 40% Sewer and 20% Streets. An announcement was made that the split would change to reflect the 20% coming out of the Public Benefit Fund.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves an expenditure of \$56, 500.00 to Martin Equipment to be split 40% out of Water Fund, 40% Sewer Fund and 20% Public Benefit Fund.

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

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated a social media policy has been created for the Village, asked if all Council had reviewed the policy and Comm. Hamilton verified that Attorney Russo reviewed policy.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Village of Seneca social media policy.

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

New Business:

Public Health and Safety Sears:

On behalf of Comm. Sears, Mayor Spicer relayed the following information: a grant request was made in the amount of \$8,021.79 for bulletproof vests in relation to the 2015 National Safety Council/Com Ed Community Safety Program. The request states that our Village has 14 certified officers and indicated that our state has enacted a new law which mandates municipal governments to issue bulletproof vests to all new hires after January, 2015. Commissioner Hamilton asked questions regarding the new law requirements. An announcement was made that projected date on potential grant payout would be April, 2015.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer indicated the requirements of State of Illinois, Open Meetings Act relating to the destruction of Executive Session recordings, stating that the recordings may be destroyed no less than 18 months after created and only after the Village Council approves the minutes and gives clerk approval to destroy recordings.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Resolution #512 for destruction of executive session recordings.

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

Mayor Spicer announced the 2015 festival committee members have been chosen, and next sesquicentennial meeting will fall March 12, 2015 at 5:30pm Seneca Village Hall.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts resolution #513, for the 150th Sesquicentennial Celebration.

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

On the agenda item of professional fee reimbursement Ordinance, Mayor Spicer explained he would like to institute a fee structure in relation to establishment of tax increment financing districts within our Village. Consensus of Council was to allow Mayor and Attorney Russo to proceed with Ordinance. The North Central Illinois Council of Governments has requested a grant opportunity which would involve five counties participating in a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, cost to each entity involved is \$300.00 consensus of Council was to allow this expenditure.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the February 17, 2015 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:27 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell,
Seneca Village Clerk