

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on February 20, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Applebee, Olson, Spicer  
Absent: Timmons, Barla

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the February 6, 2018 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Item:

1. Retirement Announcement
2. Job Opening Announcement
3. EMA Coordinator Appreciation Announcement

Communications:

Ms. Nancy Norton and Mr. Jeff Hettrick of Grundy Economic Development Council reviewed with the council economic development goals, future expansion initiatives and/or steps taken toward updating community needs during an interactive presentation.

No old business presented

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

On Comm. Timmons' absence, Mayor Spicer stated a billing was received from Underground Pipe & Valve Co for \$2,237.92 which was for parts for sewer repair and water line work. No questions were presented.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the council approves an expenditure of \$2,237.92 to Underground Pipe & Valve Co. split between the Water & Sewer Departments.

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

In addition, Mayor Spicer commended Scott Holman, Matt Stitcha, and Jim Applebee for a job well done with recent snow removal as well as Ingrid Ziemann for her efforts during the storm with meter reading. An update was provided for the Lincoln/Union Street Sewer Project by Casey McCollom of Chamlin & Associates. Mr. McCollom stated that an additional estimate of \$18,860.60 was presented by Stott Contracting for the purpose of installing a conflict manhole; after further review, it was determined that an alternate process would take place and therefore the conflict manhole would not be installed.

Accounts and Finance Barla:

In Comm. Barla's absence, Mayor Spicer stated a transfer was required to pay first installment to contractor for excavation at Graves Park. No questions were presented.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council approve a transfer of \$200,000.00 from Park Savings Account to the Park General Checking Account.

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

Streets Olson:

Comm. Olson commended staff on their work not only with the recent snow removal but also the proactive efforts in alleviating the flood water with the recent storms. In addition, Comm. Olson tabled the agenda item of discussion of employee internet usage policy but asked that council review all information provided to them and provide their input at the next council meeting.

Public Health & Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee stated Police Chief Ray Meglan has announced his retirement and he wished him well from the Village of Seneca. In addition, Comm. Applebee stated resumes and/or applications will be accepted for the police chief position through March 6, 2018. In closing, he expressed his appreciation for Emergency Management Coordinator Kathy Haralson who has recently been dealing with multiple village flooding issues.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated a resolution for destruction of audio recordings of executive closed sessions is up for passage; it was noted that the recordings were eighteen months or older.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the council adopts resolution #545, authorizing the destruction of audio recordings of executive closed session meetings.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that twelve candidates applied for two Park Board positions; the two people that were chosen were Leslie Goslin and Dan Stecken. No questions were presented.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council appoints Dan Stecken to the Park Board with term ending February 2022.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the council appoints Les Goslin to the Park Board with term ending April, 2021.

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

Mayor Spicer stated that Attorney Russo has reviewed an electric aggregation agreement and that when the market becomes favorable, Nania Energy Advisors will contact Mayor to approve contract on behalf of village residents; it was stated that this agreement would not bind any resident to opt in to the program.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the council authorize the Mayor to execute an electric aggregation agreement on behalf of the village if recommended by energy advisor in order to purchase electricity at reduced rate.

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

No public comment presented

The item of personnel under executive session was tabled. In addition, the agenda item of approval of resolution #546 has been tabled until after executive session.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the council enters into executive session to discuss review of executive session minutes.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the council returns to regular session.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council adopt resolution #546, authorizing the release of certain executive session minutes.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the February 20, 2018 council meeting is adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk