

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on February 7, 2012 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the January 17, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Items:
1. Electrical Aggregation
2. Village Gas Service

Old Business:

In Commissioner Timmons' absence it was announced that bids are currently being accepted for the 2011-12 Village Audit, information will be presented at the next council meeting.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that the Seneca Port Authority has acquired the dilapidated Seneca Depot building and plans to restore it to its original 1912 condition with completion in 2013. Currently, bids are being accepted for work scope.

Public Affairs Mayor:

Mayor Spicer stated that Mr. Gerard Keating of the Seneca I-80 Railport had previously obtained a special use permit for a grain facility and since it was applied for in his name,

it was granted to Mr. Gerard Keating. The Seneca I-80 Railport Corporation has asked that the Ordinance be amended to reflect Seneca I-80 Railport instead of Mr. Keating.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopt Ordinance #12-02, an amended and restated Ordinance granting a special use permit to Seneca I-80 Railport, LLC.

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

Mayor Spicer also added that the Council previously approved an Ordinance to place the question of whether the Village should be allowed to have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of the electrical aggregation program, which would create better electrical rates for Village residents if approved. Attorney Mason stated the Village could either hire a consultant or after referendum, allow a broker send it out to bid process. If the Village Council decided to contract with a specific energy provider at this point, it would allow for 5.3 rate which would create a 31% savings, as well as institute pre and post referendum education to Village residents. Clerk instructed to place this item on next agenda.

Commissioner Timmons arrived at 7:17pm

New Business

Public Property Hamilton

Comm. Hamilton asked the Council for their direction on the possibility of the Village saving money on Village owned property gas billings. It was the consensus of the Council to allow Comm. Hamilton to proceed with research and return with his findings. Comm. Hamilton stated the 2012 Cruise Night event will be August 25, 2012 and a resolution to allow for Route 170 road closure is needed for approval of closure by Illinois Dept. of Transportation.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopt Resolution #482 sponsoring the 2012 Cruise Night event.

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

It was announced by Comm. Hamilton that the Kraus Cable Franchise agreement has expired and would like to renegotiate; Comm. Timmons offered to work with Comm. Hamilton on this subject. Comm. Hamilton announced that the monthly emergency siren cable over ride had not been working for the last five months, but was assured by Kraus Cable that an alternative number could be used next month to test the over ride system. Comm. Hamilton stated that the Seneca Police Station addition is nearing completion and

necessary incidental items needed include keyboard trays, upstairs flooring, blinds, detention bench, bulletin board, telephone and camera systems.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approve expenditures regarding the Seneca Police Station addition for blinds, detention bench, keyboard trays, bulletin boards and upstairs flooring out of the Public Property Department in the amount of \$9,988.85.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Sears that the Council approve expenditure of \$4,990.00 for Nortel telephone system at the Seneca Police addition to be taken out of the Public Health and Safety Department.

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

It was announced by Comm. Hamilton that the security camera bids for the Seneca Police Station addition will be announced at next meeting. The final payout for the Seneca Police Station addition project minus the retainage amount of \$4,750.61 is currently due to Brandt Builders.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves pay request #5 in the amount of \$52,967.79 to Brandt Builders for the Police Station addition.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that sealed bids are being accepted for a 2001 Chevy K2500 truck by February 20, 2012.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that the 2012 Memorial Day Ceremony will take place on May 28, 2012 creating a Route 170 road closure between 10:30am and noon. Approval is needed for said road closure from the Illinois Department of Transportation; thus Resolution is required.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopt Resolution #483, regarding the 2012 Memorial Day Ceremony.

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

The second announcement was regarding the 2012 Seneca Homecoming Parade set for September 30th from 3pm-4pm which also requires a road closure for Route 170.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopt Resolution #484 regarding the 2012 Homecoming Parade.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel, collective bargaining and release of executive session minutes.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the February 7, 2012 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk