The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on February 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves the January 17, 2017 council meeting minutes as presented

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

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items: none

Old Business: none

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

On Comm. Timmons’ behalf, Mayor Spicer announced that employee Matt Stitcha has earned his Water Treatment Operator Class C & D license; in observance of motion presented at the January 17, 2006 council meeting to amend ordinance 02-16, he is entitled to an additional .50 cents per hour after completion.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council approves an hourly pay raise of .50 retroactive to 1-4-17 for Matt Sticha for completion of his Water Treatment Operator Class C & D Certification.

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

In conjunction with the upgrading of the water metering system; 106 meters were purchased recently.
A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an expenditure of $22,108.00 to Ferguson Enterprises, Inc. out of the Water Department.

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

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Comm. Barla stated an ordinance to abate taxes for four bonds (all or portion thereof) has been placed with the Village Clerk and will be up for passage at the subsequent council meeting. In addition, he indicated that a transfer of funds is needed from TIF 1 fund to the Windmill fund to repay a loan that occurred for street repair work on Union Street and a portion of Lincoln Street.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson to transfer $50,000 from TIF 1 to the Street Department and subsequently transferred from Streets to the Windmill Fund for Lincoln Street and Union Street road projects repayment.

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

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee presented a 2016 Police Department Activity Report; he indicated that burglary, theft and vandalism were all decreased by approximately 15% from the previous year, consequently there was less crime and more officer involvement. Applebee commended the Police Department staff.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer indicated he has previously asked Clerk to place the agenda item of North Central Area Transit request for donation on the agenda; at this time, he stated he would like to table the item. Mayor Spicer stated due to a vacancy in the Park Board, he would like to appoint Neil Sandberg.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the council appoint Neil Sandberg onto the Park Board with a term ending, February, 2021.

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

No Public Comment Presented
A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council enters into executive session to discuss purchase or lease of real estate and release of executive session minutes.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the council adopts resolution #535, releasing executive session minutes.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the February 7, 2017 council meeting is adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk