

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on January 20, 2015.

Village council meeting called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the January 6, 2015 public hearing and council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Commissioner Hamilton asked that one correction be made regarding the payment of bills to split the bill from Underground Pipe and Valve between water and sewer department.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the December treasurer's report, payroll & payment of bills as amended to include correction.

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

Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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Additional Agenda Items:

1. Manlius Township Event Announcement

Mayor Pro Tem Timmons announced that the Marseilles Nursing Service will be at the Manlius Township building to provide free blood pressure checks on January 21, 2015.

Old Business:

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that the Village is researching the E-Pay program which is a means to provide electronic payments through internet, phone and point of sale at Village Hall. Clerk Russell stated that she had spoken with a representative and provided information as well as application paperwork to Council for review. This item has been tabled until the February 3, 2015 meeting.

Clerk Russell asked the Council to review the previous item of hiring a Village Census Liaison as items are starting to trickle into the Village for review; it was consensus of Council to ask both prior applicants whether they would be willing to hold the position.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton announced the 2015 Cruise Night event will be held on August 22, 2015 and instructed Clerk Russell to obtain necessary approval for street closure of Route 170.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Resolution #508, for the 2015 Seneca Cruise Night.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Sears, Lamb, Timmons

Nays: none

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Mayor Pro Tem Timmons announced that Michael Ellis has resigned as Festival Committee Chairman and consequently the Village is asking for any persons interested in volunteering on the committee to attend a meeting January 29, 2015 6:00pm at Seneca Village Hall.

Commissioner Timmons stated that he would like to see the Village partake in a digital Photo ID Card program; after discussion, Commissioner Sears indicated he would check with the Seneca Fire Department MABAS program and Kathy Haralson will check with both LaSalle and Grundy Counties to obtain information on what they utilize.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated the need for a Resolution to approve an expenditure of up to \$5000.00 for the Motor Fuel Tax program.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts Resolution 509, for maintenance of streets and highways.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Hamilton, Sears, Timmons

Nays: none

Commissioner Lamb stated he researched with IDOT when the resurfacing of Route 170 would take place; he stated they did not have a letting date but that it would be after fall of 2015.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears announced the resignation of Jim Fiedler as EMA Assistant Coordinator and thanked him for his years of service; he also stated that Evi Helm is interested in taking his place and would be paid at a rate of \$100.00 monthly. Mayor Pro Tem Timmons also thanked Mr. Fiedler and his wife for their faithful service to our Village.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves hiring Evi Helm as assistant EMA Coordinator at a rate of \$100.00 monthly.

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

Commissioner Sears stated the need to close Route 170 for the 2015 Memorial Day Ceremony.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Resolution #510, for the 2015 Memorial Day Ceremony.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an hourly pay increase for Kathy Haralson from \$12 to \$15 per hour to be used in the event of educational classes to be paid out of the Public Affairs budget.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the January 20, 2015 Council meeting is adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell,
Seneca Village Clerk