

The Seneca Village Council budget meeting was called to order on Tuesday January 19, 2016 at 6:45pm.

Roll Call: Present: Comm. Barla, Comm. Applebee, Comm. Timmons, Comm. Olson and Mayor Spicer.  
Absent: none

A motion was made by Commissioner Barla and seconded by Commissioner Timmons to appoint Nancy Spampanato as recording secretary.

Ayes: Comm. Barla, Comm. Timmons, Comm Applebee, Comm. Olson, Mayor Spicer  
Nays: none

Commissioner Barla expressed that as of December 31<sup>st</sup> all departments are sitting good with their budgets. Streets and Public Affairs are the better departments at 35%. Revenues are on track as projected. Barla asked that all council members keep an eye on their spending for the last three months of the fiscal year, in order to stay on track.

Barla went over the bonds. The bond due in 2019 will need to have a monthly accrual in order to be paid on time. The EPA bond will have a monthly accrual of \$4,700.00 in order to properly fund the bond. The remainder of the now retired 2003A water bond will be transferred to the EPA bond account. The two sewer bonds, 2012A and 2012C, are sufficiently funded.

Barla introduced the Positive Pay Program available to the Village through First Midwest Bank. It is a fraud protection program where the bank will only pay the checks that the Village allows them to pay. Thus further protecting the Village. It is a good benefit.

The monies for Video Gaming and Motor Fuel Tax have been released by the state. It is possible that there will be approximately two months payable to the Village at the end of the fiscal year.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee to adjourn the January 19, 2016 Budget meeting at 6:56pm.

Ayes: Comm. Barla, Comm. Applebee, Comm. Timmons, Comm. Olson, Mayor Spicer  
Nays: none

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Nancy Spampanato, Village Treasurer

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on January 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson, Spicer  
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves the January 5, 2016 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the December Treasurer's Report, Payroll and Payment of Bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presented

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Home Serve Insurance Company Announcement
2. Water Leak Announcement
3. Special Meeting Announcement

Old Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated he had previously presented a bid from Zachary Applebee to install a camera system at Village Hall; a revised quote included five cameras with the capability to add up to 16 was presented in the amount of \$2860.00 In addition, Zachary submitted an additional bid of \$2100.00 for the installation of six cameras at the Village Maintenance Garage. Mayor Spicer stated that future plans should include camera placement at the Seneca Water Plant and 911 tower locations. Consensus of council was to proceed with approval of final quotes.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council approves an expenditure of \$4960.00 to Zachary A. Applebee out of the Video Gaming Fund.

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

Comm. Timmons stated that an announcement was made previously for the community to submit their ideas for naming the proposed community park off of Williams Street. He said over half of the submissions included the "Graves" name; and the Park Board decided to allow the Graves family to make the final decision which was "Graves Family Park".

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee gave an update on the free NIXLE program being offered by the Seneca Police Department; he stated that 241 residents have participated thus far and reminded the public how to sign up.

New Business:

#### Public Property Timmons:

Comm. Timmons announced that the Park Board would like the Village to acquire a Village Credit Card for necessary purchases. It was stated that by ordinance currently, the official spending limit is \$1,499.00 without approval and that the ordinance would potentially have to be revised prior to the approval of a credit card. Consensus of Council was to ask Attorney Russo to research spending limits first. Also, due to the OSLAD Grant that was previously approved and then withheld by the state, the Park Board had initially held off on proceeding with any action to begin phase 1 of new Graves Family Park but have asked that the Council approve them moving forward with Testa reviewing the phase 1 plan again, providing updated cost estimates, etc. It was Consensus of Council to allow the request. Comm. Timmons stated he had received a letter from a company called "Home Serve Insurance Company" which indicated they would be sending a mass mailing to all Seneca residents regarding coverage; he stated this company is in no way affiliated with the Village of Seneca. Also, four water leaks have been detected and although no shut off has been indicated; after repair work ensues, potentially one or more homes may be affected during repair process.

#### Streets Olson:

Comm. Olson stated there are three proposed resolutions necessary for road closure of Route 170. First was 2016 Seneca Cruise Night, 2016 Memorial Day Ceremony and last was the 2016 Homecoming Parade.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council adopts Resolution #519, for the 2016 Seneca Cruise Night.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council adopts Resolution #520, for the 2016 Memorial Day Ceremony.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council adopts Resolution #521, for the 2016 Homecoming Parade.

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

The agenda item of "Information Regarding School Sign Placement" has been tabled.

#### Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Commissioner Applebee announced the 2016-17 Seneca festival committee has chosen their members and thus resolution #522 is up for approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council adopts Resolution # 522, for the 2016-17 Festival Committee.

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

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced a request had been received regarding advertising in the 2016-17 LaSalle County Visitors Guide; consensus of Council was to proceed with a 1/6<sup>th</sup> page ad. Mayor announced that a special council meeting has been called at 3:00pm on January 21, 2016 at Seneca Village Hall for discussion of potential grant opportunities.

Public Comment:

Mr. David Thompson, 115 Valley View Drive indicated that during the Valley View sewer lining project, Village hired "Michels Corporation" and on or about November 13, 2015 an oily substance appeared on his house siding as well as shrubbery. He indicated that Michels Corporation hired a pressure washing contractor to remove the substance; he alleges that further siding damage occurred after the pressure washing and wanted to know what the Village was going to do for him. Attorney Russo stated to Mr. Thompson that in fact the Village is not liable that Michels Corporation would be responsible. Engineer Ryan Hanson stated that Mr. Thompson's homeowner's insurance would need to file against Michels Corporation at this point.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the January 19, 2016 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:44 pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk