

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on July 15, 2014.

Village council meeting called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the July 1, 2014 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the June treasurer's report, payroll & payment of bills as presented.

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

Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Water Plant Generator Discussion
2. Part-time Police Officer Announcement

Mr. Frank Hall, Zoning Officer made a presentation of results from the July 9, 2014 Plan Commission Public Hearing on the re-zoning of property located at 427 S. Main Street from B-1 to R-5; it is a recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals that the Council allow the approval of map amendment and re-zoning of property.

Mr. Greg Stahl of the Seneca Park Board announced that an event has been scheduled at the Silver Cross Field for a Joliet Slammers baseball game on July 19, 2014.

In addition, resident Patricia Stevens added under public comment that she is involved with an organization called Senior Health Insurance Program. SHIP is a free insurance counseling service for people with Medicare and their caregivers.

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

The agenda item of approval of the second addendum to intergovernmental agreement for consolidated 911 emergency communication services amending the parties financial contributions for personnel costs was tabled until the August 5, 2014 meeting. Comm. Sears stated there is a need for an additional part-time officer and an application was received and approved for David C. Kasher.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council hires David C. Kasher as part-time police officer at a rate of \$18.37 per hour out of the Public Health & Safety Department.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton stated that repairs are needed for an automatic transfer switch for the generator at the Seneca Water Plant, quote received was from Entec Services for \$11,230.00 and because this is an additional agenda item and considered an emergency, consensus of Council was to allow this expenditure and ask that Village Treasurer include it on the bill list for next Council meeting. In addition, Comm. Hamilton asked the Council for their opinion on adopting a new policy regarding the Seneca Boat Launch; he offered his advice to install a swing gate across both launch areas, giving both the Seneca Police Department and Seneca Fire and Ambulance District gate keys. Also stated was the Seneca Police Department would be the staff determining whether to close the area due to conditions; consensus of Council was to allow this new policy.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

In Commissioner Timmons absence, Mayor Spicer stated the next quarterly budget meeting will be held on August 5, 2014 at 6:00pm.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that the 2014 Motor Fuel Tax appropriation is \$31,000.00 which is determined to be used for the maintenance of Armour Street; bids will be taken until 11:00am on Tuesday, July 29, 2014 for this project. In addition, a resolution is necessary to obtain the appropriation payment.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Resolution #504, the 2014 Motor Fuel Resolution.

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

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears announced at the next Council meeting he would like to hire an additional part-time police officer named David Damron of Marseilles, IL. In addition, a letter of commendation regarding actions taken by Lt. Harry Kusters and Deputy Hollenbeck on November 12, 2013 was received by LaSalle Co. Sherriff Thomas Templeton; Village Council proud of officers.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that a letter was received from North Central Illinois Council of Governments regarding annual membership fees; it was consensus of Council to decline the billing due to lack of involvement with NCICG. Mayor Spicer asked the Council to review information on a special event/street closure ordinance; consensus of council was to have attorney review and return item to be discussed at an upcoming meeting. As stated, Mr. Frank Hall, Zoning Officer made a presentation of results from the July 9, 2014 Plan Commission Public Hearing on the re-zoning of property located at 427 S. Main Street from B-1 to R-5; it is a recommendation by the Zoning Board of Appeals that the Council allow the approval of map amendment and re-zoning of property.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Village Council approves the re-zoning of 427 S. Main Street from B-1 to R-5.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the July 15, 2014 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell,
Seneca Village Clerk