

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on July 17, 2012 at Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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

Due to Mayor Spicer's absence, Commissioner Timmons directed the meeting, began by stating the previously scheduled 6:00pm Council Budget meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled on a later date.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the July 3, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Commissioner Sears arrived at 7:06 pm

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the June Treasurer's Report, June Payroll and the payment of bills as amended to include \$2029.00 to Thrush Sanitation to be taken out of the garbage fund.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Collective Bargaining Executive Session
2. Storm Sewer Repair Announcement
3. Police Department Updates

Old Business:

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons announced that the Sea Cadets have been in Seneca since July 9th moving the Seneca Police Station into the new Village Hall Police Station addition, assistance with repair work to the Seneca Depot building as well as improvements to the

Seneca Boat Launch area; Timmons expressed his appreciation to the organization for their assistance.

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated on July 6, 2012 the sewer plant required emergency repair work to fix an airline issue; it was the consensus of the council to accept bids to replace the existing airline system. The Crotty Park baseball field will be renovated mid-late August; bids are currently being accepted by the Seneca Park Board; in addition, the Seneca Boat Launch will be updated with a light at the ramp which was also approved by the Seneca Park Board.

New Business:

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons announced that the Seneca Historical Guild has an upcoming meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2012 6:00pm at Seneca Village Hall, everyone is invited and the Guild continues to collect Seneca related memorabilia.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that a portion of East Union Street will be closed starting Monday, July 23rd due to storm sewer repair; the repair work is expected to take 24-48 hours for completion.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears announced that due to the drought currently there is a Village fire ban until further notice. In addition, Sears stated that meetings have been held between the Seneca 911 Board and Marseilles, LaSalle County as well as Grundy County regarding the possibility of consolidating the Village dispatch services. Last week, the 911 Board voted 5 to 1 to recommend to the Village Council to proceed with negotiating a contract with Grundy County for Village dispatch services. The Council discussed the process of negotiating the contract, variables and costs involved and determined that it would be necessary to appoint a Village liaison at no pay.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hamilton and seconded by Sears that the Council appoint Rob Osmond as a Special Project Officer to pursue contract for dispatch services with Grundy County.

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

Police Chief Ray Meglan asked to give a few Police Department updates; he stated on July 12, 2012 Police Sgt. George Lamboley performed CPR on a man prior to the

paramedics arriving and possibly saved the man's life; recognition was given to Officer Lamboley for his heroic actions. Chief Meglan stated that the department has moved into the new Police addition as of July 9, 2012 and that dispatch will remain at the old location until a decision is made on whether to consolidate with Grundy County or not. Chief Meglan asked that a meeting take place between him; Village commissioners and current dispatch employees to explain the process that is taking place and brief them on information regarding the possibility of consolidation.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

In Mayor Spicer's absence, Mayor Pro-Tem Timmons stated that Park Board Chairman Fran Kasten's appointment is expiring and needs renewal.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council re-appoints Fran Kasten to the Seneca Park Board with term expiring August, 2016.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council enters into executive session to discuss review of executive session minutes and Collective Bargaining.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the July 17, 2012 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk