

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on July 18, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the July 5, 2017 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the June Treasurer's Report, payroll and payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Mr. Bill Kopta of the Iron Pack Brotherhood presented the council with a November, 2017 community event idea of a holiday parade including after refreshments at Crotty Park. All council was in agreement with the proposed idea.

Old Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Comm. Timmons gave an update to the proposed Union-Lincoln Street sewer tie-in project; he stated Attorney Russo discovered a 2001 20 ft. Church Street easement and it will now be added properly to the Village map by Chamlin & Associates. Mayor Spicer stated the project depth will prohibit the 20 ft. easement to be adequate, may have to work with the current property owner to extend the easement to accommodate the project.

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson thanked Grundy County, Heidi Miller and summer employees for their part in the July tire recycling event.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer indicated the Cruise Night Committee had provided an expense breakdown handout asking for a donation in any amount from the Village. Consensus of council was to donate \$500.00 out of the gaming fund.

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Comm. Timmons stated that there is a need for a trailer to haul equipment for the maintenance staff. No questions were asked.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council approves an expenditure of \$5,100.00 to R & P Carriages split between the water/sewer and street departments.

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

Comm. Timmons also stated that the water meter replacement program is continuing; an order including extra meters was recently placed and approval is needed.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Barla that the council approves an expenditure of \$8,134.11 to Ferguson Enterprises split out of the water and sewer departments.

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

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla presented the yearly working cash ordinance; no questions were asked and it will be placed on the subsequent agenda.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee indicated a certificate of appreciation was received from the Alliance Against Intoxicated Motorists for Officer Michael Hetelle. He also stated that due to a previous full-time officer resignation, a new officer has been chosen for replacement. No questions were presented.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the council hires Jonathon Klinefelter as full time police officer at a rate of \$20.17 per hour out of the Public Health and Safety Department.

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

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor stated there are two individuals interested in one position on the Plan Commission; Chairman Tom Justice has the submitted names and will conduct interviewing at the August 9, 2017 Plan Commission meeting and provide their recommendation to council in future. Mayor also stated that due to the current Crotty Park playground equipment being deemed unsafe by village insurance company, Park Board has submitted a quote for replacement equipment and is asking for financial assistance. After discussion, consensus of council was to allow for up to \$30,000.00 out of the Public Benefit Fund for this purchase.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the council approves an expenditure up to \$30,000.00 out of the Public Benefit Fund to be used by Park Board for Playground Equipment.

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

Mayor Spicer stated there was a previous Main Street/Route 6 project involving the relocation of a water main for the construction of the Dollar General store. The easement agreement was signed by the property owner and forwarded to village for approval and recording.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the council approves the mayor signing an easement agreement.

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 enters into executive session to discuss personnel.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the council approves the enrollment of Ingrid Ziemann into the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Program.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the July 18, 2017 council meeting is adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk