

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled council meeting on July 6, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the June 15, 2010 council meeting minutes as well as the June 29, 2010 public hearing and special meeting minutes presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the payment of bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Police Chief Ray Meglan spoke about the Seneca police force utilizing property located at 244 River Drive, Seneca for firearm training purposes. Ray Meglan stated that after contacting property owner Dick Worley; he agreed to allow Seneca Police Department to utilize property for this purpose. Village Insurance Company was notified and verified that property can be covered for police training, including weapons training. Officers Erickson and Ellis, firearm instructors gave a presentation on the proposed shooting range, stating that the main priority would be safety when using for training purposes. Mayor Spicer verified that a certified range officer would be present at all times during trainings and it is limited to police officers only. Council would like to tour the area and a future ordinance change may be needed per Mayor Spicer.

Mrs. Judy Yost requested the Council respond to a drainage problem located at 710 Forrest Drive; according the Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Associates, drainage is collected in ditches and swales and is transported under Forrest Drive south to a swale on the east side of 710 Forrest which drains south and southwest through a ravine south of 710 Forrest Drive. He investigated this drainage problem during the week of June 21, 2010 and reported that there was a brick headwall constructed in the swale south of Forrest Drive and several small flexible drain tile laying in the swale and some apparent fill placed in the swale all done by Mr. David Thrun at 710 Forrest Drive.

Recommendations were made by Mr. Christensen that if the desire was to fill the swale it should be done after placing a properly designed storm sewer, which at a minimum should be as large as the storm sewer under Forrest Drive to the north of the swale; the Village of Seneca should be provided with a drainage and design calculation showing the sizing of the storm sewer needed to convey the storm water tributary to it. After discussion, Commissioner Lamb asked Mr. Christensen to produce a preliminary document with solutions; Mr. Christensen stated that prior to preliminary actions it would need to be determined if project would be granted easements.

Mr. Richard Wawerski of 2421 E 2850th Road presented the Council to view a video of flooding around his property that occurred after a recent storm. Although his property is located outside of Village limits, he indicated that the flooding occurred after the Village approved the adjacent properties to be built within Village limits. Property photos were shown to the Council and Mr. Wawerski indicated that he has had Zoning Officer Vince Pacetti view the situation as well.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor stated that recently the Seneca water system was shut off due to valve replacement and hydrant project. Boil water notices are given after each shut off and asked for residents to understand that this is a protection process. In addition, the Village will again be performing sump pump checks to make certain that homeowners are not running their sump pump drainage into the sanitary sewer system. Any homeowner in violation will receive a letter explaining the timeframe to re-direct their sump pump drainage.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons stated that the Sea Cadets will have arrived in Seneca and have performed public service projects to Crotty Park as well as the LST Memorial Boat Launch; he asked the community for their support with this program.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb announced the Motor Fuel Tax bid letting was held 6/29/10 and had one bid from D Construction, Inc. which came in at \$40,236.48. The amount was under the approved engineer's original estimate.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Village award the 2010 Motor Fuel Tax street maintenance contract to the low bidder, D Construction in the amount of \$40,236.48.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Victor, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

Comm. Lamb gave a Seneca bridge project update; recent area union strikes did not hinder the bridge progress. Deck work continues through first week in August; contractor working earlier hours to accommodate for summer heat.

New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor commended the Seneca FFA program for their help with the June Village wide Clean Up Days; a donation check in the amount of \$500.00 for assistance will be given to the program.

Comm. Victor announced that recently, changes have once again been made to the Village website for a new visitor's tab. A thank you was given to Village computer liaison Rich Applebee as well as Village Clerk Therese Russell for their efforts with this upgrade.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated that due to unclaimed property located north of the Carlson property on corner of U.S. Route 6 and West Street Mr. Carlson offered the Village \$5000.00 for the vacating of this strip of street property. According the Attorney Mason, a public hearing is needed to proceed with the vacating of this property. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the process.

Comm. Lamb stated that core drilling will begin on Shipyard Road, Union Street and Mariner's Village to determine what base materials are in place for these locations; this is in relation for future construction plans.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer read the following statement: The Village of Seneca would like to remind residents that any swimming pools containing 24 inches or more of water are covered by Ordinance #90-09 which states that permits are required regarding building setbacks, electrical connections and fencing.

Mayor Spicer thanked the many volunteers as well as the Seneca Park Board for their efforts involved with the Ray Clark Memorial Swimming Pool. It was determined that the pool would not re-open in 2010.

Mayor Spicer thanked the volunteers involved with the 2010 Shipyard Festival; he also indicated that the committee will provide a summary at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Spicer also announced that the 2010 Seneca Cruise Night will take place on August 28, 2010. Due to a IDOT requirement, the Village Council provides a yearly resolution stipulating the traffic detour routes.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Resolution #472, a Resolution sponsoring the 2010 Seneca Cruise Night.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Victor, Spicer
Nays: none

Tom Justice, Chairman of the Seneca Plan Commission announced that revisions have been made to title 10 as well as Seneca zoning map updates; these were coordinated with the Seneca Comprehensive Plan. Jay Harvey, Vice Chairman of the Plan Commission lead the board with the proposed changes and announced to the Council that the Public Hearing is set for July 28, 2010 at 7:00pm.

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Victor, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the July 6, 2010 council meeting is adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none

Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk