

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 18, 2013 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Timmons, Hamilton, Lamb, Sears, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the June 4, 2013 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

1. Depot Building Announcement
2. Tree Information

Ms. Lauri Pope, CPA with Mack & Associates referred to Ms. Erica Blumberg to discuss the Village audit findings from fiscal year 2012-13. A presentation was made including reported findings and suggestions for potential improvements. Overall, auditors found the Village of Seneca to have a good report.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated as far as the Shipyard Road construction schedule, at this point there have been weather-related delays, but milling will proceed by next week and the Village will notify the shipyard park businesses of construction schedule and potential detour routes.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated a tree was removed from property located directly across from the Seneca Village Hall; property owner Mr. Rudy Maierhofer had expressed his unhappiness with the removal as he indicated he wanted the tree next to the one that was removed due to issues. It was stated by Commissioner Lamb that a tree expert was contacted and determined that the removed tree was in poor condition as well as the one next to it, which was trimmed. Mayor Spicer indicated he spoke to Mr. Maierhofer and thought he was not upset with the situation whatsoever and in addition, the trees in question were located on the Village easement and therefore it is Village property to remove at Council desecration.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated an equipment issue has arisen at the Sewer Plant to a proprietary part called the Channel Monster. Two options are available to correct the situation; either send the part for repairs or replacement of said part. The consensus of Council is to send the part out for repair to the JWC Environmental Company in Georgia.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure of \$18,951.00 to JWC Environmental to be taken out of the Sewer Department.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb updated the council on a proposed contract for village streetlight Christmas decorating; if the Council chose to sign a three year contract, cost would be \$2,528.29 per year. It was consensus of Council to proceed with this expenditure motion.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure of \$2,528.29 per year to HAP Industries to be taken out of the Street Department for three consecutive years.

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

Commissioner Lamb added that currently, the Seneca Port Authority is working toward restoring the Seneca Depot building. Comm. Lamb added that this is not a Village project nor is any tax money being used to fund the work.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced he received a request from North Central Illinois Council of Governments for an annual contribution of \$691.15; after discussion with Council Mayor announced this item will be tabled for Council to consider whether the contribution will be allowed or declined. Mr. Tom Justice, Plan Commission Chairman was present to discuss a variance proposal by Mr. Rob Osmond for 136 Armstrong Street requesting building a 20' x 22' accessory building that will be 18' in height which is 3' above the allowed height in by current ordinance; he stated this request was approved at a public hearing by the Plan Commission on June 12, 2013.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #13-08 approving variance for 136 Armstrong Street.

Roll Call: Ayes: Sears, Timmons, Hamilton, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer stated that Village was contacted from current software company about potential upgrades; after discussion with Council, he tabled this item until the second week of July during the budget meeting. Mayor Spicer announced to Council there is no new information relating to the proposed union contract by maintenance workers, therefore there will be no executive session called for this meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the June 18, 2013 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:50pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Sears, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk