

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on June 7, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the May 17, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

1. Hydrant Replacement Announcement
2. Clean Up Days Announcement

No public comment presented.

Mr. Mike Sparrow of Progressive Energy Group presented the Council with information from the auditing company relating to the possibility of Village energy billing savings. No questions were asked; Mayor Spicer thanked him on behalf of the Council for attending the meeting.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton reminded residents about the 2011 Brush Removal & Seneca Clean up Day event which will fall June 11, 2011 from 8am-4pm at Olson's Salvage Yard.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that there has been a request from the Seneca Summer Festival Committee for a Village donation in relation to providing for a fireworks show at the 2011 festival.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves a donation of \$3000.00 to the Summer Festival for fireworks.

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

Mayor Spicer also announced that the Seneca Plan Commission vacancy created by Gary Hamilton's election to the Village Council has three interested parties for the position. Previously, the interested candidates were asked to attend the last Plan Commission meeting and it was the consensus of the Plan Commission to recommend Mr. Tom Hougas.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council appoints Tom Hougas to the Seneca Plan Commission with term expiring April 30, 2015.

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

Mayor Spicer spoke about the 2011 grade school storm sewer project which is to upgrade the current system; and in turn will alleviate Village flooding and drain excess storm water to the river. Project bid letting was completed and it was determined that the Village share of the project will be \$25,000; amount was previously discussed at the Village budget meeting. Per Robert Schmude of Chamlin & Associates the project prep work will begin the first week of July and production & restoration will be completed prior to school beginning.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure of \$25,000.00 in relation to the Seneca Grade School storm sewer project.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that within the next 2-3 weeks the Village will begin replacing six fire hydrants, information will be posted prior to project start date. It was also announced that a pre-bid meeting was held at the Seneca Village Hall today relating to the Police Department addition and that there will be an invitation to bid for the Village Aeration Tank Diffuser Modification project which includes the removal of the

existing coarse bubble aeration system from the aeration tanks and the installation of a fine bubble membrane disc aeration system within the aeration tanks including existing air piping modifications to accept new aeration system. The bids will be opened Thursday, June 9, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall. Comm. Hamilton also stated that the sewer plant is in need of equipment upgrades including the existing blower motor, replacement of clarifier system valve and the exhaust fan which will potentially avoid a future heat related breakdown.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of approximately \$8000.00 to cover replacement of sewer department equipment.

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

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb announced that the 2011 Homecoming Parade Resolution has been created to formally announce the temporary road closure of Route 170 to Illinois Department of Transportation.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Resolution #477, for the 2011 Seneca Homecoming Parade.

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

Comm. Lamb also reminded residents of a Route 6 road closure starting June 20, 2011 through August 12, 2011 for replacement of bridge/traffic controls.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer referred to Comm. Hamilton in Comm. Sears' absence to explain the Federal Surplus Program Resolution. It was stated that the adoption of the resolution is in participation of the program which allows the Village to procure heavy-duty equipment, vehicles, commodities and other property through the State of Illinois Federal Surplus program.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Resolution #478, a Resolution for participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program.

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

Mayor Spicer spoke on Comm. Sears' behalf explaining that a donation was made to the Seneca Police Station of radar equipment which not only posts the accurate vehicle speed but also keeps count of vehicle count. In addition, requested by Kathy Angelakos Seneca EMA Coordinator was that the Council review the current office space situation and determine whether the Seneca EMA office could be switched with the old IEMA office space which allows for more room for the department. Mayor Spicer asked the Council to review her request and revisit this at a later date. Mayor Spicer announced that the community is invited to participate in a Seneca Lions Club eye evaluation being held at the Seneca Village Hall on Thursday, June 23 from 1:00-3:00pm.

Mayor Spicer referred to Attorney Mason to explain the annual prevailing wage ordinance; it was explained that the ordinance is required by the State of Illinois and that the Village posts annually by ordinance that it will follow the prevailing wages set by the Department of Labor; this agenda item will be discussed at the next Council meeting. Mayor Spicer announced that the Village Council was invited to attend a Polo, IL rail-grain loading facility tour which he stated would be similar to the proposed Seneca I-80 Railport Project.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the June 7, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

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

Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk