

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 15, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the March 1, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the February Treasurer's Report and payment of bills as presented.

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

Seneca Business Spotlight presentation: Barbara Russell of Glory Land Child Care Center gave a presentation on her business to the Council; she spoke of business location, hours, fees and also an overview of her background and business plan.

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

No public comment presented.

Old Business:

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons reminded everyone that the Seneca Historical Guild meeting is set for March 17, 2011 6:00pm at the Seneca Village Hall.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced the 2010-11 snow removal costs from November, 2010 to present is \$28,193.00. The February, 2011 blizzard was an approximate cost of \$5,000.00 and a thank you was mentioned to Mayor David Spicer, John & Jeff Lamb, Jeri Anderson and George Lamb for their donated labor and Spicer Gravel, Growmark-Shipyard Terminal and Miller Co. for donation of equipment. In addition, street repair work for pot holes throughout the community will begin when the pavement is completely dry; Comm. Lamb indicated with the three maintenance workers taking care

of 13 miles of streets within the Village, the cold patching process may take extra time but asked the residents to be patient. Finish work on the Seneca Bridge will resume in April, 2011.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears mentioned that the Seneca Fire & Ambulance accumulated over 150 volunteer hours due to the 2011 February blizzard.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that the Seneca Plan Commission reviewed a request by the Federal Emergency Management Agency relating to the Village of Seneca adopting a floodplain Ordinance. Prior to July 18, 2011, the Village is required as a condition of continued eligibility in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to adopt the floodplain management regulations that meet the standards of the NFIP regulations. The Council had reviewed this Ordinance after the previous Council Meeting and it has been presented today for passage.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance # 11-04, an Ordinance about the Flood Damage Prevention.

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

New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor spoke of an increasing problem that has been presented regarding the payment of water billing. Presently, the Village offers payment for water billing by mail, 24 hour drop box located at Village Hall or payment in person via check, cash or money order. Banks offer on-line banking services through their facilities which in turn cut a check to the Village for payment of customer water billing; the problem has arisen between the date the check is cut by the banking facilities and the date the post office delivers the payment to the Village. Comm. Victor reviewed the information presented in 2009 to the Council by First Midwest Bank relating to the possibility of website water bill payments, he asked each Council member to review and consider alternative payment collection in the future.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced the Memorial Day Ceremony which will be held by the Seneca American Legion on May 30, 2011 at 11:00am. A resolution will be presented to Council which is required by Illinois Department of Transportation for Route 170 road closure during the ceremony.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council adopts Resolution # 476, a Resolution pertaining to the 2011 Memorial Day Ceremony.

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

A request was presented by the A.B.A.T.E of Illinois group asking the Village of Seneca to proclaim that May of 2011 is Motorcycle Awareness Month.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council proclaims May, 2011 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the Village of Seneca.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that Kraus Cable Co. is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and gave his congratulations on behalf of the Village Council.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss release of executive session minutes, sale or lease of real estate and personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council releases certain executive session minutes.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the March 15, 2011 Council meeting is adjourned at 8:38pm.

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

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Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk