

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on March 15, 2016.

Village council meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Olson, Spicer
Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the March 1, 2016 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the February Treasurer's Report, Payroll and Payment of Bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items

Mr. Thomas Justice, Chairman of the Plan Commission presented the current revised zoning map to Council stating the only change was a simple subdivision; he commented that the Plan Commission had extensively researched the subject of keeping honey bees within the community; the outcome is an amended police ordinance which required no public hearing. The ordinance was presented to the Council for their review and will be on the April 5, 2016 Council meeting for approval. In addition, Mr. Justice asked if the Council has considered the installation of storm sewers in the Partridge Subdivision; Commissioner Olson stated he has reviewed the area with Village Engineer Guy Christensen and many complicating factors have made it difficult to move forward at this time.

Mr. Harry Kusters, Police Officer announced that a new program is being instituted within the Seneca Police Department whereby officers may utilize a group of community pastors whom will volunteer their time; the group is being referred as the Seneca Police Chaplains. At this time, the five pastors are Kris Zierke, Tami Perryman, Phillip Peterson, Kihwan Choi and Jason Sprinkel; their duties could involve assisting with juvenile delinquency problems, domestic family quarrels, victim assistance in death notification, victim assistance in loss of home or property, assist those who are victims of society and serve those on referral from the Police Department. After the program was explained, the pastors were introduced to the Council and a photo was taken; Commissioner Applebee thanked all involved.

Old Business:

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla reviewed the current budget with Council stating that it has been revised by him and Village Treasurer Nancy Spampanato to become more streamlined with the Appropriation Ordinance.

New Business:

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla stated a Motor Fuel Tax Audit was performed this past week with a recommendation that the Village separate the Motor Fuel Tax to another account; he indicated that the designated account authorities shall be Mayor David Spicer, Treasurer Nancy Spampanato and himself all with withdraw and transfer rights as needed.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the opening of a separate account at First Midwest Bank for Motor Fuel Tax monies.

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

Comm. Barla also stated that a transfer is needed from the TIF 1 account to the Windmill Account for reimbursement for the Union Street project.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves a transfer of \$71,212.37 from TIF1 to Windmill for reimbursement for the Union Street project.

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

The item of approval of non-union employee raises was deferred until after executive session.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reminded all that the zoning map needs council approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the revised Village zoning map.

Mayor Spicer announced that he had received a resignation from Jim Aubry from the Plan Commission and wished him well with his future endeavors; at this time if anyone wishes to submit their name and contact information to be on the Plan Commission please do so at Village Hall. In addition, an advertising proposal came from the Times Newspaper to be included in the "Meet Your Seneca Merchants" ad, consensus of Council was to proceed with the \$120.00 expenditure. At this

time, the Village of Seneca does not employ a certified operator of either the water or sewer plants and therefore need a contractual agreement for such services.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the Mayor signing the Total Environmental Service Technologies, Inc. 2016 agreement.

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

No Public Comment made

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and Comm. Barla that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel & purchase or lease of real estate.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves a .40 per hour raise for all non-union employees with (3) three or more years employment starting April 1, 2016.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the March 15, 2016 council meeting is adjourned at 7:50pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell,
Seneca Village Clerk