

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 16, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the March 2, 2010 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Sears, 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 the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Condolence Announcement
2. Radar Unit Replacement Information
3. Resignation Announcement/Police Dept.
4. Seneca Youth Baseball/Softball Request

Mayor Spicer announced condolences to the City of Streator and the family of Mayor Ray Schmidt on his recent passing.

Mrs. Sue Rezin introduced herself to the Village Council and announced her candidacy for representative of the 75th District.

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated after accepting opinions and information from Seneca residents, that the current burn ordinance will remain enforced as it is. This was approved unanimously by the Council members present.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons read an announcement regarding the Seneca Historical Guild including next meeting information as well as Guild memorabilia requests.

Streets Lamb:

Due to Comm. Lamb's absence, Guy Christensen of Chamlin & Associates gave a creek cleaning update; he stated that cross section, restoration and clean up will resume when weather permits.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced the previously discussed amendment to ordinance #09-18 relating to water/sewer rates. On March 2, 2010, a motion was passed allowing Senior Citizens 65+ who apply for a discount and are in Village Limits, be given a \$7.50 break on their water billing.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts ordinance #10-04, an ordinance amending the ordinance regulating water user charges in the Village of Seneca.

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

New Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated that the Police Department received a grant for cigarette compliance checks. An announcement was made that after the first check was completed that each Seneca business tested passed the anonymous testing.

Comm. Sears also announced that the police department is applying for another grant relating to traffic enforcement. A radar unit used by police employees became unusable due to malfunction.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure of \$1510.00 for the purchase of a radar unit.

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

Commissioner Sears stated that part-time police officer Sean Beeler resigned due to not being able to work assigned hours.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced the Village was asked to send a letter of support and pledge toward the proposed LaSalle County Broadband Initiative program. The program is designed to match grant funding and bring unrestricted, high speed broadband access across LaSalle County. It was the consensus of the Council to send the letter of support but at this time the Village is not committing to pledge funds.

Mayor Spicer announced that the following appointments are up for term renewal at this time: Michelle Balsitis, Ray Meglan, Doreen Hall and Jackie Brewster.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the re-appointment of Michelle Balsitis to the 911 Board with term ending 5-1-13.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the re-appointment of Ray Meglan to the 911 Board with term ending 5-1-13.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the re-appointment of Doreen Hall to the Park Board with term ending 4-1-14.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the re-appointment of Jackie Brewster to the Plan Commission with term ending 4-1-15.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that the Village was asked by the Seneca Youth Baseball and Softball Association for a donation of \$300.00 to sponsor a team due to increased enrollment. Comm. Timmons asked Clerk to forward request to the Seneca Park Board for their consideration.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss collective bargaining.

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

Due to technical difficulties with recording equipment, no executive session was held.

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the March 16, 2010 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:35PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk