

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council Meeting on March 18, 2014 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the March 4, 2014 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the February Treasurer's Report, payroll and payment of bills as amended to remove Midwest Testing Billing of \$6410.00. In addition, Treasurer to amend the "Underground Pipe" billing of \$2,052.40 to be split between Water & Sewer Departments instead of taken out of Public Property Department.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Item:

1. Park Board Survey Announcement

Mr. Thomas Justice, Chairman of the Seneca Plan Commission announced changes to the 2014 Zoning Map which included one zoning change and an addition of a small subdivision named the Lamb's Farm Industrial Park.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated the Seneca Park Board is working toward developing a long range plan for the Village park and recreation facilities. Park Board has announced a survey has been created and would like each resident to complete.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated at the last budget meeting that a decision was made to cover any general fund expenses and the funds are to be drawn equally from the Water & Sewer Departments.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves that Village Treasurer is allowed to utilize up to \$12,500.00 out of the Water Department, and up to \$12,500.00 out of the Sewer Department to cover general expenses.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated the agenda item of discussion of hiring summer help in the water/sewer departments has been tabled.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated the annual Appropriation Ordinance has been created and will be on the April 15, 2014 Council agenda for a Public Hearing at 6:45pm. In addition, Attorney Mason stated that an increase was made in the Park Board expenditures to \$400,000.00. Also, due to Village Treasurer Gayla Barla retiring, Nancy Spampinato will replace Ms. Barla as a signer on the First Midwest Bank accounts. In order for this transition to be valid, a Resolution was produced by the bank and Village Council approval is required.

A resolution was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Lamb that the Council adopts Resolution #501, the First Midwest Banking resolution.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb asked that Village Engineer Guy Christensen give an update on the Lamb's Farm Industrial Park subdivision. Mr. Christensen stated he had reviewed the revised plan sheet for the roadway improvements prepared by Etscheid, Duttlinger & Associates, Inc. for the subdivision. He indicated the plans are acceptable at this time and recommended that the Council take action to approve them for construction.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the Lamb's Farm Industrial Park site improvement plans.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that with the extreme temperature changes and snowfall this winter, roads have unfortunately developed pot holes. Village staff has utilized the cold patch product they have in reserve to fill in holes; and the manufacturer is not currently making product.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated the 2014 Zoning map revisions that Chairman Justice spoke of need approval by Council.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the revised Zoning Map.

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

Discussion was held on a proposal from the Illinois River Road National Scenic Byway program, which is aimed at attracting visitors to the byway communities; including Seneca. Consensus of Council was to table the item until Commissioner Hamilton researches project further. In addition, Mayor Spicer reviewed the North Central Area Transit (NCAT) which began providing public transportation across LaSalle County in 2013. The NCAT program is currently researching grant opportunities from federal and state and in order to access funding, a local match is necessary, therefore a donation of \$1000 is being asked from the Village of Seneca for this program.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure of \$1000.00 annually to participate in the North Central Area Transit Program of LaSalle County out of the Public Comfort fund.

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

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the March 18, 2014 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell,  
Seneca Village Clerk