

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 19, 2013 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the February 19, 2013 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

1. Police Software & Maintenance Agreement
2. Summer Street Program Announcement
3. Tobacco Compliance Check Announcement
4. Emergency Siren Information
5. Dispatch Consolidation Expenditure Reminder

Mr. Eugene Richardson addressed the Council asking how the Council felt about the current electrical aggregation provider, Integrys. He indicated that his billing actually increased after switching to Integrys and wondered if any other resident had spoke of the same. Village Clerk Theresa Russell stated that no other residents had submitted complaints to Village Hall.

Old Business:

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons reminded the Village Council that previously Village Treasurer Gayla Barla disbursed department budget proposals for Commissioners review; if revised proposals are not received then original budget proposal will be utilized for each department budget.

Street Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb reminded the Council that work is to begin on Shipyard Road starting next week; weather permitting and that detour route will be posted by the construction contractor.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated that an agreement was received by Sungard Public Sector Inc., relating to a software license and maintenance agreement needed to facilitate dispatch consolidation with Grundy County. It was the consensus of the council to allow Village Attorney Mason to review license and agreement documents and return this item to the April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting for passage.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that at a previous meeting, council reviewed executive session minutes and determined selected minutes from October 4, 2011 to January 8, 2013 to release for public viewing.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the release of selected executive session minutes.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that the Seneca Park Board has approved condemnation proceedings on property from Douglas Street to Williams relating to an old railroad spur; he noted that the current owner of record is a corporation that does not exist at this time. An ordinance relating to this item will be placed on the April 2, 2013 council meeting agenda for passage. Comm. Hamilton announced that the second agenda item of Park Board Resignation Announcement was tabled; and an announcement was made that applications are being accepted for a park board custodial position at a rate of \$10.00 per hour.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that the end of the fiscal year falls on March 31, 2013; therefore he proposed a budget meeting to fall at 6:00pm on April 2<sup>nd</sup> just prior to next Council meeting. In addition, it was stated by Comm. Timmons that due to deficit spending, a transfer is required to cover expenses. He added that the amount of \$90,000 is

a rough estimate of the funding transfer needed at this time, and that if in future an additional transfer is necessary that this item will have to be revisited.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves a fund transfer of \$90,000.00 from the windmill fund to the general fund.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that applications are being accepted for the 2013 summer street program, he encouraged students to apply for the two positions offered and these will be accepted until May 1, 2013.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears reminded the council that an expenditure for equipment is required for the radio console and interface for consolidation with Grundy County Dispatch.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure of \$11,190.17 to Motorola Solutions for the purchase of interface equipment taken out of the 911 Consolidation Fund.

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

Commissioner Sears announced that all Seneca businesses involved with an undercover tobacco compliance check to minors had recently passed and letters of appreciation were sent to the business owners commending their employees. In addition, Comm. Sears stated that Seneca Dispatch Supervisor Michelle Balsitis recently indicated that the tornado siren was tested and it was determined it was not working properly; after discussion, it was consensus of council to look into this issue to determine a solution. Comm. Sears reminded the council that when expenditures are made relating to dispatch consolidation that the Village would pay upfront for all approved billings and then obtain reimbursement from the 911 Board.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer indicated that he had a meeting with current electrical aggregation provider Integrys; Mayor Spicer indicated that he would only consider signing a future agreement to allow Integrys to provide service if residents are allowed to opt out of the program with no early termination fees. A confirmation document was drafted which is an agreement between Integrys Energy Services and the Village of Seneca to pursue a fixed rate for a delivery period of 11 billing cycles commencing with the June, 2013 meter readings. The fixed rate will be determined when the market is at a favorable place.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the Mayor to sign an agreement with Integrys in regards to electrical aggregation.

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

Mayor Spicer also stated that he had received a request from the Illini Valley Association of Realtors regarding the Village of Seneca promoting the Fair Housing Proclamation. This states that the community is an advocate of the right to own real estate without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap, family status or national origin of any resident.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Mayor proclaims April, 2013 as Fair Housing Month.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the council enters into executive session to discuss personnel, litigation and purchase or lease of real estate.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the March 19, 2013 council meeting is adjourned at 8:08 pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk