

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on March 20, 2012 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the March 6, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Sears, Lamb, Hamilton, 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 and payment of bills with exception of billing of \$150.00 to Gordon & Karr.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate
2. Tobacco & Alcohol Program

Mr. Tom Justice, Chairman of the Seneca Plan Commission reviewed the public hearing and gave the Village Council an overview of the proposed changes to the existing contractor registration Ordinance to include additional registration requirements that include low voltage electrical contractors, minor maintenance/handyman contractors, landscaping/lawn maintenance and it was noted that minors that provide seasonal service are exempt from this requirement. Commissioner Timmons asked for a clarification on age requirements for the terminology of minors. This item will be placed on an upcoming agenda for reconsideration.

Ms. Ana Koval of the Illinois Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor gave the Council a presentation which included their mission statement, implementation of plan goals, previous and upcoming exhibit events as well as an overview of the necessity of donations to fund the replacement of signs on the I & M Canal from Chicago to Peru. A donation request of \$2000.00 was asked of the Seneca Village Council in support of this

activity. Mayor Spicer acknowledged the request and stated that a Council decision will be made and executed depending on the Council consensus.

Mr. Robert Vail, Vice President of Bernardi Securities reviewed the bond refinancing program overview, legal compliance and how current market conditions affect the restructuring of the bond program. A letter of engagement was given to Mayor Spicer; after discussion it was the consensus of Council to allow Mayor Spicer to sign the document. This ordinance will be placed on the April 17, 2012 Council meeting agenda.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that sealed bids were accepted on the 2001 Chevy truck on March 19, 2012; three bids were received ranging from \$4250.00 to \$5281.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #12-03 authorizing the sale of the 2001 Chevy K2500 truck at a price of \$5281.00 to Mr. Jay Harvey.

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

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Continuing from the previous meeting, Comm. Timmons reviewed with the Council several firms that have submitted their bids for the Village audit; a question arose at the previous meeting whether included with the lowest bid was the cost relating to payroll questions. After contacting Mack & Associates it was determined that any and all questions and/or problems arising regarding payroll would in fact be included in their bid price of \$6850.00. Attorney Mason added that he had previously made a call to current auditing firm WIPFLI regarding a reduction in their bid of \$10,400.00 and they declined.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council hire Mack & Associates to complete the 2011-12 yearly audit for the Village of Seneca.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Sears, Hamilton, Spicer
Nays: Timmons

Clerk Russell instructed to contact WIPFLI and express appreciation for their years of service as well as Mack & Associates for a new letter of engagement.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated that after review, he would suggest that the Ordinance prohibiting synthetic drugs within the Village of Seneca be voted upon.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #12-04, prohibiting synthetic drugs within the Village of Seneca.

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

New Business

Public Property Hamilton

Comm. Hamilton stated that the Crotty Park Kitchen is in need of renovation as well as a new roof; Seneca contractors were hired by the Seneca Park Board to complete the necessary work: Kaufman Construction and Bauer Roofing.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$11,037.62 for the restoration of Crotty Park Kitchen and roof to be taken out of Park Board funds.

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

In addition, Comm. Hamilton stated that the intension of the Park Board is to enlarge the blacktop walk path to include the outer limits beyond the baseball and basketball areas.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons stated he had previously been contacted by the Sea Cadet group and they are planning to arrive in Seneca on July 7th for approximately two weeks to work on construction related projects.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears was proud to announce that an undercover tobacco and/or alcohol sting was recently performed by the Seneca Police Department at various Seneca retail locations and none were found in violation. Mayor Spicer added that grant money is obtained to perform this program within our Village.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

A request was shared with the Village Council by Mayor Spicer from the Seneca High School yearbook committee for the sponsorship of a yearbook page for \$30.00. Consensus of Village Council was to proceed with donating \$30.00 toward this sponsorship. Mayor Spicer also stated that the local A.B.A.T.E. Starved Rock Chapter notified the Village regarding a proclamation for recognition of Motorcycle Awareness Month being May.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve the Proclamation recognizing the month of May as “Motorcycle Awareness Month”

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

Mayor Spicer announced a vacancy in the Seneca Park Board after resignation was received by Mrs. Ruth Capsel; he thanked her for 9 years of service and stated that the Village would be accepting submissions until next Council meeting to fill the vacancy.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council enters into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and purchase or lease of real estate.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the March 20, 2012 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:55 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk