

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on March 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Roll Call: Present: Applebee, Olson, Timmons, Barla, Spicer  
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the February 21, 2017 council meeting minutes as presented

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves the payment of bills as presented

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Mr. Bruce Barr, owner of 600 acres of timber property located south of Brookfield Drive; stated his intention is to sell portions of the property. Potential buyers have indicated they wish to utilize the property for hunting purposes. After discussion, consensus of council is to allow bow hunting if buyers purchase 30 or more acres of property. Attorney Russo was instructed to amend the current ordinance to allow bow hunting on 30 + acres.

Mr. James Hammar, Nania Energy Advisors presented information on electrical aggregation program options. Three options were offered, continue with Constellation Energy fixed rate, switch to Dynegy which will be a one year contract with a guaranteed rate that will be at or below the ComEd rate and finally switch back to ComEd rate. Mayor Spicer asked that council review options and let him know as soon as possible what they wish to do.

Old Business:

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee reviewed with the council the need for an ordinance outlining the BASSET training or beverage alcohol sellers and server's education training; no questions were asked.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the council adopts ordinance #17-07 for requirement of mandatory training & certification for alcoholic beverage servers.

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

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

On behalf of Comm. Timmons, Mayor Spicer indicated that the developer of the Dollar General store, Bob Cissell has agreed to pay for the removal of approximately 160 feet of current water pipe and replace with ductile pipe due to the contaminated soil results by the IEPA. In addition, Mr. Cissell also agreed to pay for village engineer to oversee the project. After the pipe is upgraded, there will be no need for soil remediation. Mr. Cissell also agreed to allow village to choose contractor who will work directly with Engineer Christensen to complete project. Attorney Russo indicated that no formal bidding process was necessary. Commissioner Timmons stated he felt that a signed agreement should be made. Consensus of Council was to proceed with the project.

Commissioner Timmons stated that he was unaware of why the Park Board would pass a motion to request approval for costs related to rental of brush removal equipment for the boat launch area due to the fact that IDNR has offered to do brush removal at the boat launch as a training site free of charge. No other information was presented; Mayor Spicer stated that if that was the case, council could still approve the motion to allow expenditure and if IDNR comes through with providing free brush removal then park board would not incur any costs.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson that the council approves expenditure of \$2,500.00 for brush removal out of the park board funds, but the motion died for lack of a second.

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla indicated that an oversight happened relating to the abating bond ordinance that was passed at the last council meeting; therefore an additional abating bond ordinance is required for approval. This item will be placed on the subsequent agenda.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee stated that a recent compliance check of all the businesses selling tobacco products had unanimously passed inspection in not selling to minors.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that he was approached by a local establishment regarding rules on authorizing raffles within the village. An ordinance was created by Attorney Russo, and Mayor asked that council review the ordinance and send in any changes. Consensus of council was to waive any fees for charitable raffles. This item will be on the subsequent meeting for vote.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the March 7, 2017 council meeting is adjourned at 7:51 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Barla, Timmons, Applebee, Spicer

Nays: none

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk