

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on May 1, 2012 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the April 17, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Sears, Hamilton, 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 (Executive Session)
2. Dispatch Negotiations

Public Comment: Mr. Eugene Richardson asked whether it was fact that the Council is considering combining the 911 dispatch center with Grundy County. Mayor Spicer indicated to Mr. Richardson that the topic would be discussed in open session as an additional agenda item.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that at the previous council meeting the council approved hiring Travis Koetz as temporary summer help and after contacting Travis Koetz he declined the position due to an unforeseen obligation. Street Supervisor Scott Holman chose the replacement of Joshua Higgins.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves hiring Joshua Higgins at a rate of \$9.00 per hour for temporary summer employment to be taken out of the Street Department.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that the Crotty Park dugout which was destroyed by fire will soon be rebuilt by Dave Stuedemann Construction and the kitchen has recently been remodeled. Bids were accepted for electrical service installation and lighting at the Seneca Boat Launch; low bidder was P & M Electric which also indicated items that were excluded from the total bid.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure not to exceed \$19,000.00 to install electrical and lighting service to the Seneca Boat Launch area by P & M Electric to be taken out of Park Board Funds.

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

Comm. Hamilton announced that the Village will be flushing fire hydrants from May 14-18th this will be posted on Facebook, Twitter and Village website. A spring retirement band concert is set for former Commissioner Mark Victor on Saturday, May 5th 7pm, the Village wishes him well in his future endeavors. The topic of Village Clean Up Day event was also discussed; it was the consensus of the Village Council to allow Jim Olson of Olson's Salvage Yard to proceed with the planning of this year's event at a cost of \$10,000 from the Village. It was noted that the Village would not supply any manpower or equipment and the cost savings would be used to provide garbage removal and for the Seneca Summer festival as well as a brush removal event.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approve an expenditure of \$10,000.00 to Olson's Salvage Yard to be taken out of garbage fund for clean up days.

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

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Attorney Mason spoke in Comm. Timmons' absence regarding the topic of the Appropriation Ordinance; he stated that the ordinance is a requirement that gives the

Village authorization to set limits on spending funds. He also announced that the Public Hearing will be held on May 15, 2012 at 6:45pm Seneca Village Hall.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated that portions of the current impound ordinance have been amended to include fees for release of vehicle, initial and follow up notice procedure, hearing and abandoned vehicle procedure. This item will be placed on the next agenda for final review.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that the Illinois Lions will be participating in the Illinois Tootsie Pop Day on May 4th & 5th; the Seneca Lions will be in front of stores collecting donations to help purchase eye exams, glasses and hearing devices to students and adult residents in Seneca who are in need. In addition, Mayor Spicer asked the Council for approval to proceed with obtaining figures from Grundy County for the possibility of combining dispatch services.

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the May 1, 2012 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:42 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk