The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on May 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the council approves the May 1, 2018 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council approves the April treasurer’s report, payroll and payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca business spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Mrs. Terri Caputo, Brookfield/Allen Township Assessor stated she is having difficulty receiving permits from the Village Zoning Officer and would like to have them sent quarterly. Mayor Spicer indicated he felt it would be a loss of Village revenue if this isn't handled properly in the future. It was stated that the village should create a policy which includes sending the permits quarterly to both the county and each township.

2. Mr. & Mrs. Robert Alaimo, residents living at 166 West Lincoln Street reviewed the Union-Lincoln Street sewer project that had been previously discussed and the fact they had elected not to tie in during the project. They wished to have an extension on the sixty day tap on requirement which, after discussion was granted by Comm. Timmons. The Alaimo’s also asked for the village to finance their responsibility to connect their residence to the sewer line, consensus was no. They also asked for the village to waive their monthly sewer fee after they connected; it was consensus not to waive sewer fee.

Additional Agenda Item:

1. Police Commissioner Update

Old Business:

Accounts & Finance Barla:
Commissioner Barla stated the revised yearly appropriation ordinance is up for passage; no questions were presented.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the council adopts ordinance #18-07 yearly Appropriation Ordinance.

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

Streets Olson:

Comm. Olson stated his wishes for the 2018-19 street program are as follows: West Union Street (Main – Market), West Lincoln Street (complete), Douglas Street (Crotty – Route 170), Crotty Street (Douglas – RR), Vista Drive (complete), Scott Street (Route 170- End) and Bruce Street (Union – Lincoln). He also announced that the following streets will not be done due to lack of funding at this time: Valley View Drive (numerous patches in need), Short Street (entire resurface), Walnut Street, Oak Street (Shipyard – New Street) and Williams Street (entire resurface). Comm. Olson thanked all the residents of Vista Drive because the homeowners have agreed to restructure the center of their area to better serve the fire department/ems in case of emergency. Comm. Olson stated in the last three years seventeen streets have been updated but he hopes to continue improving various streets. Comm. Applebee asked if there was any certain order that these streets are prioritized. Comm. Olson stated they are listed in the order on the sheet given to him. Comm. Applebee said that he was concerned about Oak and Walnut Streets. Comm. Olson stated that he would be more than happy to update them if Comm. Applebee was willing to transfer the Street Department a portion of the extra $170,000.00 that he was being provided this year. Comm. Applebee said that earlier in the night that Comm. Olson said he was being given $160,000.00 and now its $170,000.00 and that he offered to meet with Comm. Olson. Comm. Olson stated that there was a text through the Village phone stating that Applebee refused to help with this year’s street program and his response through text was that the amount he was willing to help with was $0 so there was no reason to meet. Comm. Olson stated that he had also just found out recently that the only one on the council that kept his department rollover from the previous fiscal year and chose not to help with the 2017-18 street program was Comm. Rick Barla while all others transferred to help the street program. Comm. Olson stated that he didn’t believe that had shown great teamwork. Comm. Applebee stated that he meant his text message through the Village cell phone as humorous which Comm. Olson in turn said he didn’t agree. Comm. Olson said he had the text available to show everyone and Comm. Applebee stated that he didn’t believe Comm. Olson wanted to get into showing text messages that it could get ugly. Mayor Spicer said that it was time to move on and that was enough.

Public Health & Safety Applebee:
Comm. Applebee reminded everyone that the retirement reception for previous Police Chief Ray Meglan will be held at Seneca High School at 3:00 pm on May 27, 2018.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced there will be a community park playground equipment dedication on May 27, 2018 1:00 pm at Crotty Park.

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Comm. Timmons gave a mosquito control reminder which included ideas to prohibit reproduction as well as personal safety precautions. In addition, he announced that an additional summer employee is needed to work in the water and sewer departments; no questions were asked.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council hires Keenan Ellis at an hourly rate of $10.50 split between the water and sewer departments.

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

Streets Olson:

Comm. Olson stated two summer employees are needed in the Street Department and he wished to rehire Paige Hacker and additionally Colton Kline; no questions were presented.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the council hires Paige Hacker at an hourly rate of $10.75 out of the Street Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the council hires Colton Kline at an hourly rate of $10.50 out of the Street Department.

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

Comm. Olson reminded everyone that there will be a Village clean up event scheduled at Olson’s Auto/Scrap Metal Recycling/Route 6 on both Friday, June 1st from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm and Saturday, June 2nd 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.
Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee stated Chief Lamboley would like to remind everyone that for those under the age of eighteen, curfew is at 9:00 pm unless accompanied by an adult. Also, measures will be taken to reduce the occurrence of distracted drivers with the use of cell phones. In addition, Comm. Applebee stated he had heard rumors that he will be resigning and indicated that is not true and that he may in fact run again.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that the American Disabled Veterans will be holding their annual Forget-Me-Not drive at various Seneca businesses on June 2nd and 3rd. Also announced was that the Village wide garage sale event will fall on May 19th and 20th this year. An expenditure approval request was made for an invoice from the Law Offices of Robert J. Russo; no questions were presented.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the council approves an expenditure of $3,122.80 to Law Offices of Robert Russo split between the following departments: Public Affairs $712.50, Accounts & Finance $30.00, Streets $450.00, Public Health & Safety, $1,237.50, Public Property $37.50, Sewer $255.00 and zoning $400.30.

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

An expenditure request was also made for the purpose of purchase and installation of a pump station at the Seneca Boat Launch for the bathroom project. Mayor Spicer indicated that two bids were received and the lowest was from Gasvoda & Associates; without the pump station the bathroom would not be functional. No questions were asked.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves an expenditure of $15,993.00 to Gasvoda & Associates split out of the water and sewer departments.

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

No Public Comment

Comm. Olson asked Mayor Spicer if he could say one last thing. Mayor Spicer allowed Comm. Olson to speak. Comm. Olson stated that he needed to correct himself from his dispute earlier with Comm. Applebee that he was wrong in saying that the Public Health and Safety Department had an extra $160,000.00 that he had read off the wrong sheet and that the Public Health and Safety Department’s rollover was in fact $140,000.00
A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the May 15, 2018 council meeting is adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk