The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on May 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the May 2, 2017 council meeting minutes as presented

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

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Hydrant Announcement

Old Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated there was vandalism to Crotty Park playground equipment and council had previously decided to rope off. At this time, additional measures will be taken to prevent future hazards by placing snow fencing around the structure.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Consensus of Council was to officially hire Diane Till as Seneca Census Liaison for the 2020 Census.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council hires Diane Till at an hourly rate of $12.00 out of the Public Affairs Department.

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

Public Property Timmons:

Comm. Timmons stated that a new hydrant was placed at Vaughey and Valley View Drive on today’s date. In addition, he stated that a billing to A & E Septic has been forwarded to Nicor as part of an insurance claim in which Nicor bored through a sewer line on Lincoln Street. A & E Septic has asked for payment.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves an expenditure of $2,600.00 to A & E Septic out of the Sewer Department.

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

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson stated that he wished to hire Paige Hacker as temporary summer employee.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council hires Paige Hacker at an hourly rate of $10.50 split out of the Streets Department and Public Property.

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

The agenda item of hiring of village employee has been tabled until after executive session. Comm. Olson stated that his department is in need of purchasing a dump truck, he has researched options and would like to proceed with purchasing one from Koenig Body and Equipment Company at next council meeting, he also added that the trade in will be $20,000.00. Consensus of Council was to allow Comm. Olson to proceed with purchase. Comm. Olson stated he had also researched cleaning the culvert adjacent to the Valley View subdivision; the plan is to utilize village employees and Vactor truck along with additional rented equipment and operator from A & E Septic at a cost not to exceed $8,000.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves an expenditure to A & E Septic not to exceed $8,000.00 out of the Public Benefit Fund.

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

Public Health & Safety Applebee:
Comm. Applebee started a discussion of the current golf cart ordinance; consensus of council was to redefine the definition of what would be accepted as vehicles covered, he also stated he would work with the police staff to provide a hand out with guidelines when a golf cart license is obtained.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated an annexation ordinance has been created involving 413 Shipyard Road; this item will be on the next agenda for passage. No questions were asked. In addition, Mayor Spicer stated he had previously received a request from Grundy County Economic Development for a $500.00 donation. Consensus of Council was to proceed with donation out of the Public Affairs Department.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the council enters into executive session to discuss personnel.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the council returns to regular session.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the May 16, 2017 council meeting is adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk