

The Seneca Village Council held a Public Hearing on May 17, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Public Hearing called to order at 7:00pm

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

Mayor Spicer opened the Public Hearing with the Pledge of Allegiance and referred to Attorney Mason for review of yearly Appropriation Ordinance. Attorney Mason stated that the Ordinance is a requirement that gives the Village authorization to set limits on spending funds. After explanation, Mayor Spicer asked the audience if there was any public comment; none given.

Commissioner Sears arrived at 7:03pm

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the May 17, 2011 Public Hearing is adjourned at 7:03 pm.

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

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on May 17, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:05pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the May 3, 2011 council meeting minutes and May 10, 2011 budget 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. Hamilton that the Council approves the payment of bills and April Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

1. Hydrant Flushing Announcement
2. Clean Up Days Announcement

No public comment presented.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton reminded residents about the 2011 Seneca Clean up Day event which will fall June 11, 2011 from 8am-4pm at Olson's Salvage Yard. In addition, Comm. Hamilton stated that hydrant flushing has begun; customers may experience rusty water and low pressure during this time.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that the Village will provide a brush removal event to coincide with the Cleanup Day event on June 11th. Anyone interested in participating can do so by calling Village Hall by noon Friday, June 10th to be included on the list and if residents do not participate in the event, citations will be given to those who do not clean up their yards. Also, Commissioner Lamb stated that bridge concrete work and landscaping will take place within the next two weeks; weather permitting and asphalt work will be in June.

Mayor Spicer announced that the Appropriation Ordinance will need to be brought to vote.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance # 11-05, the Appropriation Ordinance for the Village of Seneca.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that a sewer plant pump is in need of replacement.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve an expenditure of \$5000.00 for sewer plant pump replacement.

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

Comm. Hamilton also stated that the maintenance staff call out procedure is in need of revising; he stated that if approved by Council, the update will be that the three employees will decide whom will be on call and the Village will provide a cell phone to be used solely for the purpose of the dispatcher calling the Village phone when needed. The employees will each carry the phone on their call day; it was the consensus of the Council to allow the new call out procedure. Also stated was the need for updated and replacement of tools for the maintenance employees, Commissioner Hamilton stated this can be purchased through a state master contract to save Village funds. It was also the consensus of the council to allow the purchase of said tools. Commissioner Hamilton asked the Council for permission to purchase a new small 2-door pick-up truck which would significantly decrease fuel costs, keeping the larger truck for snow plow purposes. It was determined that the expenditure would be taken out of the water/sewer fund.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approve an expenditure of \$15,894.00 for purchase of truck to be taken out of the water & sewer funds.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor announced that there are openings on the Park Board if anyone interested including the current members that terms are up, contact Village Hall if interested. Mayor also announced that the Seneca Historical Guild's next meeting is May 19th 6:00pm at the Seneca Village Hall, they are also collecting items to be sold during the Village wide garage sale event and the Guild is selling collectible Seneca pins at the Seneca Village Hall.

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb stated that the Village is hiring two temporary summer help employees. It was the consensus of the Council to bring to vote.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the hiring of Travis Koetz at \$9.25 hourly.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the hiring of Andy Applebee at \$9.50 hourly.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed an announcement that Grundy County is hosting an E-Waste recycling event on Saturday, June 18th. Collection will include various technical equipment and white goods. In addition, Mayor Spicer announced that there is a vacancy created by Commissioner Hamilton's resignation from the Plan Commission; anyone interested in becoming a member of the Seneca Plan Commission please contact the Seneca Village Hall office prior to next Council meeting. Mayor announced that Kathy Angelakos, current EMA Coordinator has offered to decrease her pay at \$50.00 monthly to allow hiring Jim Fiedler as her assistant and being paid \$50.00 monthly.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council appoints Jim Fiedler as the assistant EMA Coordinator with term expiring May, 2015 at \$50.00 monthly.

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

Mayor Spicer also announced that there were two interested parties in the Village Zoning Enforcement Officer position, current officer Vince Pacetti and current Plan Commission member Ron Ott.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council appoints Ron Ott as the Village Zoning Officer with a term expiring May, 2015.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the May 17, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

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

Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk