

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on May 19, 2015.

Village council meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Olson, Spicer
Absent: Timmons

Mayor Spicer stated an error was made to May 5, 2015 minutes that included the term date for Village officers, Frank Hall, Kathleen Haralson, Evie Helm motions be corrected to 2019 instead of 2020.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the May 5, 2015 council meeting minutes as amended.

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

Commissioner Barla indicated the bill payment list date was incorrect; he asked that it be amended to reflect correct date of May 19, 2015.

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items

Commissioner Barla stated that due to the fact that the 2014-15 Village audit draft was received late yesterday; he cancelled the presentation by Mack & Associates until he felt the Council could review the findings, item will be placed on the June 16, 2015 agenda.

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Valley View Drive Street Repair Discussion

Old Business:

Public Property Timmons:

In Commissioner Timmons' absence, Mayor Spicer announced the agenda item of hiring Zach Russell for temporary help in the sewer department.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council hires Zach Russell at an hourly rate of \$9.25 out of the Sewer Department.

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

Accounts and Finance Barla:

Commissioner Barla reminded Council to return budget worksheets to Treasurer Spampanato to work toward completion of budget process. In addition, he added that the E-Pay system which was installed to offer credit card and e-check payments has been successful; also stated was anyone using Google Chrome as a web browser may have difficulty with submitting their payment as it is not compatible with the E-Pay program.

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson stated he had two names of individuals to hire for temporary summer street department employment.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council hires Jonah Lamboley at a rate of \$9.00 hourly out of the Street Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council hires Conlan Callahan at a rate of \$9.25 hourly out of the Street Department.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated the Prevailing Wage Ordinance is up for passage and a requirement by State statute to adopt yearly.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council adopts Ordinance # 15-04, Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

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

Mayor Spicer read a recap of the fishing derby which was held on May 9, 2015 by the Seneca Park Board; additionally, he thanked George Oswald, Gerry Barla, Jeff Maierhofer, Kent Weber and Andy

Jackson for their volunteerism with this community event. An announcement was made regarding the Seneca Historical Guild book release which will take place Saturday, June 6, 2015 at the Seneca High School. Mayor Spicer stated that the Park Board wished to announce with the help of Jim Olson; removal has occurred of the railroad spur tracks and ties from Williams Street to Douglas, landscaping and seeding will take place when weather permits.

New Business:

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson announced that he had researched many vendors for the rental of a boom mower; lowest quote was Burris Rental and with delivery and pickup the final cost for a weekly rental is \$2300.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves an expenditure of \$2300 to Burris Equipment for mower use out of Public Benefit Fund.

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

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee gave an announcement regarding ordinance 92-14; he stated it is a violation to allow grass or weeds to grow more than 8" high and if allowed, may result in a ticket and/or fines being issued. Also, Comm. Applebee stated it is against the law to intentionally throw grass clippings into the public roadways.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated an investor billing was received from Grundy County Economic Development for \$500.00; consensus of Council was to proceed with paying this billing. Mayor also announced that the appointment for Gary Hamilton to be the public member on the 911 Board was up for passage.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves Gary Hamilton appointment to the 911 Board with term ending May, 2018.

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

No Public present for comment

Mayor Spicer referred to Village Engineer Guy Christensen to review a street repair program for the Valley View subdivision; Guy stated he had met with employee Scott Holman and reviewed funding with Commissioner Barla. Mayor Spicer asked him to return with options on this subject.

A motion was made by Applebee and seconded by Olson that the May 19, 2015 is adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell,
Seneca Village Clerk