

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on May 20, 2014.

Village council meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Timmons, Lamb, Sears, Hamilton, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the May 6, 2014 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the April treasurer's report, payroll & payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Memorial Day Ceremony Announcement
2. Tire Disposal Clean Up Plan
3. Old Stage Road & Union Street Update
4. Village Property Bid Announcement

Village resident Nicole Jordan-Jones presented a plat of survey of her property located at 171 South Main Street; indicating there is currently a problem with the adjacent neighbor at 170 S. Cash Street encroaching on the Jones' property as well as the alley the two properties share. Mrs. Jones stated she and her husband would like to install a fence on their property and asked questions about the encroachment issue, alley and whether there are any setbacks regarding fences. ZEO Frank Hall was present at the meeting and indicated there are no fencing setbacks and also she would need to submit a building permit application to start the process of obtaining a Village permit.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that applications were received and reviewed for the two positions of temporary street workers and the two chosen were Ryan Schuetz and Conlan Callahan.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council hires Conlan Callahan as temporary summer employment out of the street department at \$9.00 per hour.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council re-hires Ryan Schuetz as temporary summer employment out of the street department at a rate of \$9.25 per hour.

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

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated the yearly Memorial Day Ceremony is set for Monday, May 26, 2014 adjacent to the Seneca Public Library at the Memorial Wall on Main Street starting at 10:30am. In addition, he announced that the Seneca Park Board is taking bids for demolishing two buildings located on the recently purchased Graves property by the Seneca Park Board; the bids are to be given to Park Board Chairman Fran Kasten.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated there are semi tires located that the I & M Canal area by the Graves property and in addition off Douglas Street that need to be disposed of; Commissioner Lamb stated that summer employees will be directed to take the tires to Farm & Fleet for a \$2.00/per tire reimbursement.

New Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated he received an Illinois Department of Transportation notice regarding a road closure starting June 2, 2014 to August 15, 2014 involving Route 170 at the Grand Ridge Blacktop extending approximately two miles south. Comm. Lamb referred to engineer Guy Christensen to give an Old Stage Road update which included the road being closed until sometime after the Memorial Day holiday; currently, landscaping, paving work as well as completion of striping is being completed. In addition, Mr. Christensen stated that bids will be taken to repair Union Street from Main Street east to the RR crossing and both asphalt bids as well as overlay process bids will be accepted.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that the Grundy Economic Development Council has worked with the Village on several occasions to attract new jobs and investment to Grundy County; in addition GEDC has

asked for a yearly donation of \$500.00 to cover expenses. It was consensus of Council to allow the expenditure. Mayor Spicer stated the yearly prevailing wage ordinance is required by state law and is on agenda for passage

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #14-03, the yearly prevailing wage ordinance.

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

An announcement was made that Village Treasurer Nancy Spampanato has been given the additional duty of performing payroll and consequently she will be appointed as the official IMRF Authorized Agent.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts Resolution #502, appointing a new IMRF Authorized Agent.

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

Mayor Spicer announced he had a \$3000.00 budgeted donation to the Seneca Festival Commission for the 2014 Summer Festival; due to requirements, it has to be brought to Council for approval by motion.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Sears that the Council approves an expenditure of \$3000.00 to the Summer Festival Committee for annual donation out of the Public Affairs Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss Personnel.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council hires Matthew Sticha as public works employee at \$18.37 per hour out of the water department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council increase current hourly wage of Nancy Spampanato, \$14.75 to \$17.75 out of the Accounts and Finance Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council increase the current monthly wage of \$200.00 for Kathleen Haralson to \$400.00 monthly out of the EMA Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council increase the current monthly wage of \$50.00 for James Fiedler to \$100.00 monthly out of the EMA Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve a pay raise of \$100.00 monthly for Frank Hall out of the Zoning Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the May 20, 2014 Council meeting is adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell,
Seneca Village Clerk