

The Seneca Village Council held a public hearing on May 21, 2013 at Seneca Village Hall.

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:45pm

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

Mayor Spicer announced that the Appropriation Ordinance is a requirement that gives the Village authorization to set limits on spending funds. There was no public present.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the May 21, 2013 Public Hearing is adjourned at 6:47pm

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

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on May 21, 2013 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the May 7, 2013 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

1. Park Board Activity Announcement
2. Historical Guild Donation Request
3. Memorial Day Ceremony Reminder

Mr. Mike Sparrow of Progressive Energy Group gave a presentation about a preliminary electric cost reduction initiative the company has proposed for the Village of Seneca; it was consensus of Council to review the materials and speak to him at a later date regarding the proposal.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated the Seneca Park Board has multiple opportunities for everyone to participate in over the summer months, including children's fishing derby, cooking-art-guitar classes and a bus trip and theater production for adults.

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

An announcement was made by Comm. Timmons that the Seneca Historical Guild is asking for any donations for their yearly garage sale in early June. It was stated that the Village had a public hearing just prior to this Council meeting regarding the yearly Appropriation Ordinance; no public was present and motion is up for vote.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance #13-06, the Appropriation Ordinance.

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

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears reminded everyone about the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony adjacent to the Seneca Library on Monday, May 27th 10:30am.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced that Chamlin & Associates submitted pay application #1 from R. J. O'Neil, Inc. for their work on the aeration diffuser project at the wastewater treatment plant in the amount of \$12,745.25.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Village Council approves an expenditure of \$12,745.25 to R.J. O'Neil, Inc. on the aeration diffuser project out of the sewer department.

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

In addition, Comm. Hamilton announced that a billing was received from Mr. James Olson of Olson's Salvage Yard from the community wide flood clean up event on April 3, 2013 and April 4th. The cost included property use, insurance, labor, equipment use, dumpster rental, disposal costs and incidental costs associated with conducting the disposal event for the residents of Seneca.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$10,000.00 to James Olson to be taken out of the Garbage Fund.

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

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears announced that due to the recent resignation of a full-time dispatcher, it is necessary to hire an additional part-time employee to cover open hours.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council hires Kelly Rick as a part-time dispatcher at an hourly rate of \$10.80.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated a letter was received from the Grundy Economic Development Council asking for a \$500.00 donation for partnership with their organization.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$500.00 to Grundy Economic Development Council to be taken \$100.00 out of each department.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that the Village Clerk has on file a copy of the yearly prevailing wage ordinance and this agenda item will be placed on June 4, 2013 agenda. A thank you was announced to Mr. Jay Harvey for his years of serving on the Seneca Plan Commission, and an announcement was made asking for anyone interested in serving please notify Seneca Village Hall. In addition, an announcement was made regarding a Grundy County E-Waste Recycling event scheduled for Friday, June 14th and Saturday the 15th at the Environtech Landfill in Morris. Mayor Spicer expressed his appreciation on behalf of the entire Village council for all involved with making the recent "Tough

Mudder” event held at the Seneca Hunt Club an amazing success. This event was an 11 mile obstacle course and involved over 17,000 participants over the two-day event.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the council enters into executive session to discuss Personnel and Collective Bargaining.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council returns to regular session.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council directs Payroll Clerk to convert full-time wage to part-time at a rate of \$11.50 per hour for Michelle Balsitis.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves that Cindy Meglan be paid \$18.15 per hour as part-time dispatcher.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the May 21, 2013 council meeting is adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk