

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled council meeting on May 4, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the April 20, 2010 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the payment of bills as amended to withhold check to Stott Excavating.

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

The Stott Excavating payment was in relation to the creek cleaning project, and it was announced that payment will be disbursed when work is completed.

Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Mr. Elliott Waldman of Buddy's BBQ made a presentation to the Village Council relating to his new business.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Route 170 RR Crossing Update
2. Firefighter II Class Information

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb gave an update regarding the Crotty Creek, Rat Run and I & M Canal Improvement project. Sludge removal was performed creating a proper flow under work areas. Berm work and cleaning is still under progress.

Commissioner Lamb also stated that steel erection continues on the bridge project and the steel project goal is completion by the first week in June. Due to windy conditions, steel erection has been delayed.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer was asked by an audience member about the Route 170 railroad crossing updating adjacent to Douglas Street. He stated that the project would be handled by the State of Illinois, it would take approximately five days to complete and that traffic would not be allowed on that area until work is completed. The project is slated for this summer, but exact dates have not yet been released.

New Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated he had nothing to report on the summer employee announcement.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated that the Police Department utilized fine funds to update the squad radar equipment. He also stated that each squad is now equipped with updated radar equipment, cameras and computers are now being used. He also commended the work of the Seneca police officers.

Commissioner Sears stated that 13 fire volunteers are currently enrolled in the fire fighter II class that started October of 2009 through July of 2010. He also commended the Seneca fire fighters for being so dedicated.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer referred to Gary Hamilton of the Seneca Plan Commission to elaborate on the proposed changes to the existing zoning fee schedule as well as section 10-1-3. He stated that existing fee structures for residential and commercial/business were reviewed, updated and revised. In addition, the Plan Commission suggested that the 10% administrative fee be removed; however, Attorney Mason suggested that it be in place for commercial use. Engineer Christensen also stated that he felt that there be a direct fee in relation to commercial permitting, this would be a set fee that the village zoning official could draw from to accommodate for inspections and/or consultant fees; he also stated that if there were a remainder left that it could be stipulated that a refund of remainder be made. Also reviewed was the 10-1-3 code, Mayor Spicer asked the Council to review further and it will be presented at the next Council meeting.

Mayor Spicer announced that the Illinois Valley Building and Construction Trades Council has approached the Council for permission to solicit donations for their annual fundraiser, Dollars Against Diabetes on June 19th. Clerk instructed to send a letter of approval.

Mayor Spicer stated that given previously to Council was an intergovernmental agreement between the village and the Illinois Department of Central Management Services regarding the village's healthcare coverage. It was noted that the fiscal year 2011 state-wide average increase was 12% which will translate to higher premiums.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Village of Seneca enters into an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with the State of Illinois, Department of Central Management Services.

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

Mayor Spicer stated that the 2010 Seneca clean up days are being held at the Olson's Salvage Yard on June 13 & 14 from 8-4pm. Senior pick-up and brush removal information will be announced at a later date. No tires, concrete, dirt, stone, yard waste, paints or hazardous materials will be accepted. A special thank you was made to Jim Olson, of Olson's Salvage Yard.

Mayor Spicer announced that the executive session was cancelled.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the May 4, 2010 council meeting is adjourned at 7:35PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk