

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on July 17, 2018 immediately following the budget meeting.

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

Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council appoints Nancy Gross as recording secretary.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the July 3, 2018 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves the June 2018 Treasurer's Report, Payroll and payment of bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

No Seneca Business Spotlight presented.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Comm. Timmons, Comm. Olson both added an additional agenda item for New Business.

Old Business:

Commissioner Olson

1. Discussion of 2018 Street Program

Patch repair is underway and as soon as D Construction informs Olson about a date to start, he will let the public know. Casey McCollom from Chamlin's Engineering added that contracts are still with IDOT and he expects them to be finalized in the next week. Comm. Olson said that he and Casey McCollom walked Valley View and are discussing what can be done with that road.

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Public Property, Water & Sewer Timmons:

Comm. Timmons presented for approval the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Division of Water Pollution Control annual bill for payment in the amount of \$5,000.00 to be taken out of the Sewer Fund.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves an expenditure of \$5,000.00 to Illinois EPA Division of Water Pollution Control for the annual NPDES fee out of the Sewer Fund.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

Comm. Timmons explained that there is a decking system that runs over the top of the overflow storage tanks at the pump house. The current deck is in poor shape. The new decking will have a crane that comes through it and will also need some custom welding. He presented an estimate from Cetwinski Construction Co. in the amount of \$6,350.00 for the first phase of the decking.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves an expenditure to Cetwinski Construction Co for an estimate of \$6,350.00 for a new deck at the pump house.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

Comm. Timmons presented for approval an expenditure of \$2,660.68 from Snowdance for the repairs done to the 2017 International. The turbo charger needed to be repaired.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves an expenditure of \$2,660.68 to Snowdance to be split evenly between the Water, Sewer and Streets Departments

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

Comm. Timmons next presented the Engineer's Payment Estimate for Stott Contracting in regards to the sanitary sewer extension for Union to Lincoln Streets in the amount of \$56,309.69 to be paid out of the Sewer Fund. Casey McCollom stated that there is some remedial action that still needs to be addressed, that is the reason why 2% will be retained and not yet finalled out. There has been some settlement due to the weather and seeding will need to be done in the fall, at which time the area will be dressed and seeded. Casey said that he will make contact with the residents that are affected.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approve an expenditure to Stott Contracting based on the Engineer's Payment Estimate for the Sanitary Sewer Extension on Union to Lincoln Streets from the Sewer Fund.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

Comm. Timmons announced that the walk bridge over Rat Run is being painted, etc. The iron work is still in good shape.

Accounts and Finance Barla:

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves a transfer of \$24,533.07 from the Investment Account to General Checking to be distributed as follows: IMRF \$4,966.13, Social Security \$4,900.77, Audit \$8,350.00, Garbage \$5,338.98 and 2016 Bonds \$977.19.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

Streets Olson:

Comm. Olson stated that he had held a meeting with residents that live on along the Union and Lincoln Street alley and with Valley View residents a couple of weeks ago now. He said that the drainage issues with the Union/Lincoln St alley has been figured out and will be addressed when time permits. In terms of Valley View, there will be another meeting for residents prior to the next council meeting on August 7, 2018 at 6:00pm. Letters will be sent to those residents affected.

The recent Tire Collection Event was a success. Comm. Olson would like to thank the Grundy County Land Use Department and Heidi Miller for making this event possible. This year the collection trailer was two-thirds full as compared to half full at last year's event. Several townships took advantage this year. Comm. Olson would like to commend all three of the summer help workers. They worked very hard and did a great job.

Comm. Olson presented for approval the Morton Salt expenditure of \$5,508.46 for the contracted amount of road salt to be taken out of the Streets Department.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves an expenditure to Morton Salt for \$5,508.46 for road salt out of the Streets Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee presented the latest police activity report. It will now be available quarterly. The number of instances reported are down 8% from last year. Overall instances are down significantly.

Chief Lamboley would like to convey to the public that it is difficult to see house numbers from the street, especially at night. He would like to ask the public to consider helping both the police and the fire departments in updating house numbers. Comm. Timmons asked if there was still a numbered brick that was available years ago. Chief Lamboley thought that was no longer available.

Comm. Applebee presented the Council with the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village and the Seneca High School for the School Resource Officer. He said there have been several rounds of discussion on both sides and the end result is a very good contract for both entities. Essentially Seneca High School will pay for everything they use. Any questions about the agreement were entertained.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Seneca and Seneca Township High School District 160 to Provide School Resource Officer to School District 160.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

Comm. Applebee then stated that in light of the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement a School Resource Officer needs to be hired. School Resource Officers will be approved through the Police Department.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approve the hiring of a School Resource Officer Ken Sangston at a rate of \$19.59 per hour.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that he would like to thank Therese Russell for her years of service to the Village and wishes her well in her future endeavors. Mayor then asked for a motion to be made to accept the Therese Russell's resignation as Village Clerk.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approve the resignation of Village Clerk Therese Russell effective immediately.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer said that he would like to deferr the Appointment of a new Clerk until after executive session.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss possible land acquisition and personnel.

Roll Call: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council returns to regular session.

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

Nays: Timmons

Mayor Spicer said that he would like to appoint Jennifer Peddicord as Village Clerk.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approve the appointment of Jennifer Peddicord as Village Clerk at a rate of \$19.00 per hour.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Spicer

Nays: Timmons, Olson

Mayor Spicer said that authorization needs to be given to Nancy Gross as acting clerk so that she may carry out the clerk duties until the new clerk is able to start.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approve the appointment of Nancy Gross as acting Village Clerk.

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


Nays: none

Comm. Olson told Comm. Barla, as a fellow commissioner, that he would like an answer as to why he voted for the appointed Clerk position but abstained from what he thought was a major decision in appointing the Police Chief position on May 1, 2018. Comm. Barla stated that he abstained from the Police Chief appointment because he didn't feel Comm. Applebee was given a fair chance to hire who he wanted as Police Chief in his own department, like Mayor Spicer was just given a chance to hire who he wanted for Clerk in his own department tonight. Comm. Olson stated that we are now in open session and he would like for this to be recorded in the minutes so that the public was aware. Comm. Barla said in reference back, not to worry that the public is already talking about it. Comm. Olson said that was good and that Comm. Applebee had every chance to make the motion to hire who he wanted for Police Chief and didn't, that he (Comm. Olson) had to make the motion.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the July 17, 2018 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:40pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson and Spicer

Nays: none



Nancy Gross, Recording Secretary