

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on August 21, 2018 and called to order at 6:55 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the August 7, 2018 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the August 10, 2018 Special Council meeting minutes as presented.

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 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:

No communications, petitions, reports and additional agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER TIMMONS:

Commissioner Timmons presented for approval an expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. for chemicals for the water plant in the amount of \$1,877.00 to be taken out of Water.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves an expenditure to Hawkins Inc for chemicals for the water plant in the amount of \$1,877.00 to be taken out of Water.

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

Nays: none

Commissioner Timmons advised that Conlan Callahan approached the Village about temporary work. Conlan had previously worked for the Village and was a good worker. He will be filling a stopgap because

the summer workers have left for the year. Commissioner Olson indicated that the extra help is needed due to the work being done on the street program.

Commissioner Timmons presented for approval the hiring of Conlan Callahan for temporary help in the Water & Sewer Department at the hourly rate of \$11.25 to be taken out of Water & Sewer.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the hiring of Conlan Callahan for temporary help in the Water & Sewer Department at the hourly rate of \$11.25 to be taken out of Water & Sewer.

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

Nays: none

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE BARLA:

Commissioner Barla presented for approval an expenditure to McGrath Office Equipment for three fireproof file cabinets in the amount of \$4,827.00 to be taken out of Accounts & Finance. Commissioner Barla indicated that there is a surplus of documents in banker's boxes in the back room and he is trying to buy cabinets periodically to get the surplus out of the boxes and in to file cabinets.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an expenditure to McGrath Office Equipment for three fireproof file cabinets in the amount of \$4,827.00 to be taken out of Accounts & Finance.

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

Nays: none

STREETS OLSON:

Commissioner Olson indicated that the guys are working very hard on the street program so we can get asphalt down before winter. He further advised that the sidewalks are an issue and there is a priority to start working on the sidewalks once the street program is finished, and he is doing everything possible to get those done before the snow hits.

Commissioner Olson advised that the Village received a response from IDOT regarding the bridge over Rat Run Creek on 170. IDOT believes the bridge is in fair condition, that there is nothing wrong with it and there is currently no funding in place to put in a new bridge. Hopefully, the bridge will stay safe. IDOT believes the asphalt in front of the BP station is the bigger problem.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY APPLEBEE:

Police Chief George Lambole gave the following back to school message:

I'd like to welcome all of the students back to school. We are looking forward to a great school year. Thank you to the schools, Sergeant Frederick, Officer Sangston and Officer Armitage for getting the School Resource Program off to a good start. The Village citizens seem really happy with the new program.

The Seneca Police Department will be watching for distracted drivers and people that are speeding. Remember that using a cell phone and texting in school zones are both illegal, unless they are hands-free.

Officers will be out in the morning and we will be making stops on distracted drivers. We have kids and crossing guards out there in and around our streets – for everyone’s safety, be aware of what’s around you. Let’s have a safe and great school year.

Commissioner Applebee advised the Council that Kathleen Haralson has resigned as Emergency Management Agency Coordinator effective September 1, 2018. Commissioner Applebee advised that working with Kathy has been great; she has done a great job and will be missed. Mayor Spicer said Kathy Haralson came on board, took the program and turned it around. Commissioner Olson said Kathy has done a spectacular job.

Commissioner Applebee presented for approval the resignation of Kathleen Haralson as Emergency Management Agency Coordinator effective September 1, 2018.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the resignation of Kathleen Haralson as Emergency Management Agency Coordinator effective September 1, 2018.

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

Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Barla to approve the appointment of Natalie Wiza as Emergency Management Agency Coordinator effective September 1, 2018. Commissioner Applebee advised that Natalie is currently in school and majoring in emergency management and has been tutored by Kathy Haralson over the past several months and is going to do a great job.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPICER:

Mayor Spicer presented for approval an expenditure to NCICG Economic Development District in the amount of \$1,000.00 for annual local share for economic development to be split equally out of Public Property, Accounts & Finance, Streets, Public Health & Safety, and Public Affairs. Mayor Spicer indicated that as soon as Chamlin is ready, we will be applying for a grant from NCICG. Commissioner Olson indicated that he is looking forward to great things in the future from NCICG.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure to NCICG Economic Development District in the amount of \$1,000.00 for annual local share for economic development to be split equally out of Public Property, Accounts & Finance, Streets, Public Health & Safety, and Public Affairs.

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

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer presented Resolution No. 549 for Destruction of Executive Session Recordings for approval. No questions were presented.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the council approves Resolution No. 549 for Destruction of Executive Session Recordings.

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

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer presented Ordinance No. 18-12 Providing for the Regulation of and Application for Small Wireless Facilities for approval. Attorney Russo indicated that legislation passed the Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act because of pressure from the small wireless providers for installation of antennas and signal boosters. We are required to allow the providers to install their devices, and the Act allows us some degree of regulation as far as placement and installation. The Act allows the Village to collect license fees and we would not be able to do that without the ordinance in place. The ordinance is a model ordinance from the state and we are required by law to have it in place.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves Ordinance No. 18-12 Providing for the Regulation of and Application for Small Wireless Facilities.

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

Nays: none

Mayor Spicer presented for approval an expenditure to Law Offices of Robert J. Russo, Ltd. for legal services in the amount of \$1,558.84 to be split as follows: Public Affairs: \$547.50; Public Health & Safety: \$705.00; Public Property: \$202.50; Zoning: \$66.34; TIF 1: \$37.50.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves an expenditure to Law Offices of Robert J. Russo, Ltd. for legal services in the amount of \$1,558.84 to be split as follows: Public Affairs: \$547.50; Public Health & Safety: \$705.00; Public Property: \$202.50; Zoning: \$66.34; TIF 1: \$37.50.

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

Nays: none

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla to adjourn the council meeting.

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

Nays: none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk