

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on December 4, 2018 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Absent: Timmons

Comm. Timmons joined the Council meeting at 7:07 p.m.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approve the November 20, 2018 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approve the payment of bills as presented, with the exception of R&P Carriages for \$968.00 to be taken out of Garbage, instead of Streets.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

No Seneca Business Spotlight presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Barla presented the 2018-2019 Tax Levy Ordinance for adoption by the Council.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the adoption of Ordinance 18-18, the 2018-2019 Tax Levy Ordinance.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Commissioner Olson advised the Council and the residents that leaf collection will resume on Wednesday December 5 until the end of the week. They will start at the north and go south, weather permitting.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER - TIMMONS:**

In the absence of Comm. Timmons, Mayor Spicer presented for approval an expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$5,228.82 for chemicals for water treatment to be taken out of Water.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$5,228.82 for chemicals for water treatment to be taken out of Water.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Mayor Spicer presented for approval an expenditure to Chamlin & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$6,425.00 for engineering services for Graves Park to be taken out of Fire and Sewer.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the expenditure to Chamlin & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$6,425.00 for engineering services for Graves Park to be taken out of Fire and Sewer.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Mayor Spicer presented for approval an expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$2,320.00 for vacuuming of excess flow tanks to be taken out of Sewer.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$2,320.00 for vacuuming of excess flow tanks to be taken out of Sewer.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Spicer presented for approval an expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$3,045.00 for vacuuming of excess flow tank to be taken 50% out of Water and 50% out of Sewer.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$3,045.00 for vacuuming of excess flow tank to be taken 50% out of Water and 50% out of Sewer.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Timmons informed the Council that the expenditures to A&E Septic Services are due to conduit having to be rebuilt, resulting in the excess flow tanks having to be cleaned out.

Comm. Timmons brought to the Council's attention an estimate that was received from Cetwinski Construction Co. for building a new garage at the Water Treatment Plant. This would provide extra storage space for equipment and spare parts. However, Comm. Timmons advised that he had just met with the guys from the Water Department and there are problems with valves in the water plant, which will be expensive to replace. At this time, the garage project will be placed on hold, as the replacement of the valves is much more important.

#### **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - BARLA:**

None.

#### **STREETS - OLSON:**

Comm. Olson presented the Council and the residents with an update regarding issues with the railroad crossing at the north end of Main Street. Comm. Olson recently contacted CSX with no result. CSX advised Comm. Olson that they will attempt to get the crossing blockages down to 10 minutes. Comm. Olson then contacted the Federal Railroad Association ("FRA") and was advised that there are no federal regulations prohibiting the railroad company from blocking the railroad crossing. Comm. Olson is looking into grants through the FRA to look into a new switch. Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Natalie Wiza also sent a letter to the FRA requesting attention to this matter. Comm. Olson advised that he will keep looking into it to see if anyone can help with this situation.

Mayor Spicer added that the Council has met with several people over the years and looked into every possibility that was thought of, to no avail.

Comm. Olson presented the Council with a request to open a separate account for the Micro Pantry in order to deposit donations, and then provide Kathy Haralson with a debit card with which to buy food to replenish the micro pantry. The Council unanimously approved the request to open a separate account and Comm. Barla will speak to Treasurer Nancy Gross about setting that up.

Kathy Haralson presented Mayor Spicer with a check from the Delta Theta Tau Sorority in the amount of \$580.00 to be deposited into the new account for the Micro Pantry.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - APPLEBEE:**

Comm. Applebee made an announcement regarding snowmobile safety reminders. The rules and snowmobile route will be posted on Facebook and the Village's website. Residents can drive their snowmobiles from their house to get to the route, but cannot drive anywhere else in town. The snowmobile speed limit in town is 25 mph maximum, and 10 mph in the alleyways. Please stay on the designated streets and the I&M Canal. Stay out of yards and obey all traffic laws. Snowmobiling is strictly prohibited in cemeteries.

Comm. Applebee reminded residents that Shop with a Cop will take place on Saturday, December 15. Donations are being accepted at the Seneca Police Department and Village Hall. Thank you to all that have donated so far.

Comm. Applebee had an additional agenda item regarding the display of house numbers. Chief Lamboley addressed the Council and residents regarding the need for visible house numbers in the event of an emergency. By not having house numbers displayed, precious time can be lost in the event of an emergency. Comm. Applebee will be looking into grants and funding to help with this project.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - SPICER:**

Mayor Spicer presented the Council with an Agreement to Exchange Real Estate with Kraus Electronic Systems, Inc.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the Agreement to Exchange Real Estate with Kraus Electronic Systems, Inc.

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Mayor Spicer announced the 2019 Council meeting schedule. The schedule will be posted at Village Hall and on the Village's website. Copies can also be requested at Village Hall.

Mayor Spicer also announced the 2019 Village holiday schedule. This schedule will also be posted at Village Hall and on the Village's website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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

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

Nays: none

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

  
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Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk