

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 15, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the November 1, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the October Treasurer's report and the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Items:

1. New Furniture Request
2. Snow Reminder

Public Comment was presented by resident Mrs. Stephanie Taylor. Mrs. Taylor stated that her water was shut off due to delinquent payment on billing; routinely a fee of \$100.00 is charged to turn water on after hours and she felt this was not handled fairly. Comm. Hamilton spoke to Mrs. Taylor earlier in the day and stated he would investigate her situation and return her call; at the Council meeting he re-iterated that he would be investigating and returning her call when details are finalized.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that a sealed bid process was completed on November 14, 2011 at 4:00pm in conjunction with the sale of a village owned 1999 Ford F350 Truck and a 1996 Chevy 3500 Dump Truck. The highest bidder was chosen to purchase each vehicle.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopt Ordinance #11-16, for the sale of a 1999 Ford F350, to Mr. George McCoy for \$6,700.00

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopt Ordinance #11-15, for the sale of a 1996 Chevy 3500 Dump Truck to Rose Motors, LLC for \$3,000.00.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that the Illinois Department of Transportation has approved an expenditure of \$15,840.00 out of the Village Motor Fuel Tax fund for SKC Construction Company to seal paving joints and pavement cracks throughout the Village. This work will be completed when streets are dry and temperature is above 40 degrees.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approve an expenditure of \$15,840.00 to SKC Construction to be taken out of Motor Fuel Tax Funds.

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

Also reported by Comm. Lamb was a street lighting report which had been previously misinterpreted and consequently incorrectly stated in the minutes that the Seneca Port District would be funding the project entirely; the Seneca Port Authority had previously agreed to finance up to \$18,000.00 toward the engineering portion by Chamlin & Associates of the proposed project. Also stated was that project plans also include completing a grant application for the remainder of the costs.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

On behalf of Comm. Sears, Mayor Spicer stated that donations are still being accepted by the Police Department for the 2011 Shop With a Cop program.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that the Seneca Fire Protection & Ambulance District has agreed with a final version of the agreement for sale of the current Police Station building located at 303 North Cash Street for a price of \$175,000.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Mayor to sign an agreement for the sale of real estate by the Village to the Seneca Fire Protection and Ambulance District.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve Resolution #481 authorizing the sale of municipality owned real property.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that the Village recently received a full payment from the Seneca I-80 Railport and therefore the extension request of one year for the project will be up for passage. A formal request by Mr. Gerard Keating was made on August 9, 2011 that the Village Council extend the benchmark dates as defined in Section 2.3 of the Redevelopment Agreement.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the deadline of September 1, 2011 for certification of all plans, drawings, and bid documentation for milestones under the redevelopment agreement for the intermodal facility are extended to September 1, 2012.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that a request was made by Mr. Brian Gift, Community Planner with North Central Area Council of Governments to produce a non-binding letter of intent prior to construction on the iFiber project that is being proposed for LaSalle County. This program will institute fiber optic connections for not only the Village Hall but also the Seneca Police Station, schools as well as the Seneca Public Library and is due to take place spring, 2013. A signed letter of support will be mailed November 16, 2011 per Council recommendations.

Comm. Hamilton also stated that bids will be accepted for new furniture at Seneca Village Hall including replacement chairs for the Council Chambers. After bids are received, this item will be placed on an upcoming agenda.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons deferred to Attorney Mason for explanation of the ABCD Bond Ordinance; he stated with a general obligation bond, the Village receives better terms and

interest rates. This Ordinance will be up for passage at the December 6, 2011 Council Meeting. Also stated was that the proposed tax levy will have less than 5% increase so a truth in taxation hearing will not be required; this item will also be placed on the next agenda.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that fall alley grading work has begun and is normally completed three times yearly; due to the upcoming snow removal season, gravel will not be added until spring, 2012.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears reminded everyone with the upcoming snow season upon us, if there is more than 2" of snowfall if at all possible do not park on Village streets so that snow removal is completed in a safe and timely manner.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the November 15, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:33pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk