

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on November 17, 2015.

Village council meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approves the November 3, 2015 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Olson, Timmons, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves the October Treasurer's Report, Payroll and Payment of Bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items

Mr. Josh English of Horton Insurance presented a proposal to the Village Council including information on the service team, cost summary, municipalities currently working with, cyber liability, worker's compensation and customizes services provided by Horton. In addition, Mr. Tyler Lamantia of Arthur J. Gallagher also provided an insurance presentation and proposal.

Old Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Comm. Timmons explained a billing for \$18,540.00 to Putnam County Painting which was for repair work to a water tank leak which utilized a rubber lining material. Mayor Spicer indicated the billing was higher than originally anticipated due to the work being done over a weekend thus incurring overtime.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves an expenditure of \$18,540.00 to Putnam County Painting out of the water department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Barla, Applebee, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

Streets Olson:

Comm. Olson stated the final Village leaf collection will be held November 23rd, weather permitting.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee thanked all who have donated to the 2015 Shop with a Cop program; reminded everyone interested in taking part in the program to sign up by December 4th and event donations will be accepted up until the event on December 12th.

New Business:

Public Property Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that this week the water department had experienced emergency repairs made to well #3; after well was pulled, it was determined that a short pipe that housed couplings came loose and consequently spun the motor causing wires to be pulled. He announced that this repair work will be covered under warranty. In addition, a portion of payment to Universal Asphalt & Excavating for Crotty Park asphalt work had been retained due to repairs to path; it has since been resolved and treasurer will be informed to release final payment. Comm. Timmons has stated the need for security cameras for the Village Hall area; one quote was received and he has asked Chief Ray Meglan to research additional quotes. A discussion was held on the vacant room located in the north east corner of Village Hall; Comm. Timmons wanted to announce he is having room painted and Council to return with ideas on how to utilize the space. Comm. Timmons stated the Valley View sanitary sewer lining project has been completed and an expenditure of \$4,480.00 is now due to Chamlin & Associates for their services.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an expenditure of \$4,880.00 to Chamlin & Associates out of the Sewer Department.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Applebee, Barla, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

Accounts & Finance Barla:

Comm. Barla stated that the yearly tax abatement ordinance has not changed and will be up for passage at the following council meeting. In addition, the yearly tax levy will also be up for vote at the subsequent council meeting, and after stating that Attorney Bob Russo, Treasurer Nancy Spanpanato as well as CPA Erica Blumberg have worked together to refigure the levy there will be no need for a public hearing beforehand.

Streets Olson:

Commissioner Olson announced that the Village holiday decorations will be delivered and set up approximately November 27th or 28th.

Public Health and Safety Applebee:

Comm. Applebee stated he has done extensive research on the State of Illinois WEX Fuel Card Program and after review with the Council; it was consensus to proceed with filing the application. The program will allow employees to utilize a gas card for each vehicle in which a code will be used to acknowledge specific employee usage.

As a FEMA requirement, Comm. Applebee stated he had been asked to provide a resolution to the council regarding adopting the county hazard mitigation plan which requires a vote.

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council adopts resolution #518, regarding the Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Roll Call: Ayes: Applebee, Olson, Barla, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: none

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced the Plan Commission recommended the Village begin annexation process for the former Huss property located on River Road as well as installation of storm sewers in the Partridge Subdivision; it was announced that Chairman Tom Justice will attend the December 15th Council meeting to discuss subjects further. Information was presented regarding the 2016 renewal of coverage with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association; it was consensus of Council to proceed with full contribution amount thus incurring 1% savings discount.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approves an expenditure of \$95,165.73 to the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association out of the Liability Fund \$61,319.73, Water Department \$17,013.00, Sewer Department \$15,869.00 and Park Board \$944.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: Barla, Applebee, Timmons, Olson, Spicer
Nays: none

Mayor Spicer announced to the Council that the Heritage Corridor has asked whether the Village would like to advertise in the 2016 Annual Visitors Guild; consensus of Council was to proceed with a 1/6 page ad at a cost of \$410.00. Mayor Spicer asked for Council's input on whether to proceed with membership with Grundy County Chamber of Commerce; consensus was to allow the \$100.00 expenditure.

No Public comment

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the November 17, 2015 is adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Barla, Timmons, Applebee, Spicer
Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell,
Seneca Village Clerk