

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 19, 2013 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the November 5, 2013 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Item:

1. Burn Ordinance Revision Request

The agenda item of Sharon Hess requesting Village tax abatement was tabled until a future meeting.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton tabled the agenda items of real estate contract with Forrest Woods, Inc. and Mr. William E. Graves.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons referred to Attorney Mason to discuss yearly abating bond ordinance; he stated with a general obligation bond, the Village receives better terms and interest rates. Attorney Mason stated the Ordinance pertains to four specific outstanding bonds and because the Village collects revenue by other means than tax money, the Ordinance will be filed with each County for abatement.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #13-16, an Ordinance abating the Series 2012A, General Obligation bonds, Series 2012B, a portion of Series 2012C and Series 2003 General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

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

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that Ms. Diane Twohill attended the previous Plan Commission meeting and it was recommended by Chairman Justice to appoint her to the board.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council appoints Diane Twohill to the Seneca Plan Commission with a term expiring May, 2014.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that three documents were created to essentially dissolve the Seneca I-80 Railport TIF District. Commissioner Lamb asked when the Port Authority would be reimbursed; Mayor Spicer stated within 20 days of passage.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #13-17, authorizing the termination of the Seneca I-80 Railport Redevelopment Agreement.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Mayor signing the Termination Agreement for the Seneca I-80 Railport.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopt Ordinance #13-18, an Ordinance dissolving the Seneca I-80 Railport tax increment finance district.

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

Mayor Spicer stated that due to a clerical error when publicizing, the Plan Commission re-held a Public Hearing on November 13, 2013 regarding the Seneca Public Library requesting a change

of zoning for 118 Scott Street from R-4 to B-1 and also a variance over the 20' rear setback for Lot 20.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #13-19, approving variance & zoning amendment for the Seneca Public Library.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated a need to transfer funds from the sewer capitol fund to the sewer operating fund due to repair work costs.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve a transfer of \$70,000 from sewer capitol fund to the sewer operating fund.

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

Comm. Hamilton stated future bids will be obtained for replacement of non-lead based water meters due to legal requirements. Also announced was a holiday decorating contest for Village residents with first and seconded cash prizes and judging the week of December 15, 2013 by the Seneca Park Board as well as an opportunity for anyone wishing to volunteer to decorate Crotty Park on November 23, 2013 at 1:00pm for the holiday season; in addition, donations of white lights and extension cords are welcome.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb gave an update on the Old Stage Road construction; final layer of asphalt will be finished in Spring, 2014 and ditch and culvert work is being completed now weather permitting. Comm. Lamb stated the Village holiday decorations have been displayed.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated he was asked to extend the Village burn hours during November to April to seven days weekly due to rain; it was consensus of Council to revise the ordinance and place it on subsequent agenda for passage.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced he is taking names of anyone interested in being appointed to the Seneca Park Board. Mayor also publically thanked Village dispatchers for their service to the Village of Seneca and extended his well wishes.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton that seconded by Comm. Timmons that the November 19, 2013 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:39pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk