

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 5, 2013 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Lamb, Timmons, Hamilton, Spicer
Absent: Sears

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the October 15, 2013 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Payment of Bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Item:

Mayor Spicer made the following announcement: The Seneca Fire Protection & Ambulance District would like to remind residents to change the batteries in their smoke & CO Detectors. They will be offering FREE battery changes for the elderly in Seneca on November 9, 2013 by appointment only; appointments can be made by contacting Seneca Village Hall at (815) 357-8771.

The agenda item of Sharon Hess requesting Village tax abatement was tabled until the November 19, 2013 meeting.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton previously announced that bids were being accepted from contractors regarding the need for a chain link fence located at the Seneca Water Plant and 911 Tower, 615 North Main Street. Bid letting was held October 30, 2013 and two bids were submitted; low bidder was Illinois Valley Fence & Pool, Inc. totaling \$33,000.00. Commissioner Hamilton indicated that the expenditure would be split between the Water Department Capital Fund and

the 911 Fund. Commissioner Lamb expressed his concern about the fencing around the well area of the Water Plant, in the event of repair work the fencing would need to be removed; after discussion Mayor Spicer indicated it is a requirement that the Village fence the area prior to the Grundy County dispatch consolidation occurs.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure to Illinois Valley Fence & Pool, Inc. totaling \$33,000.00 for fencing at water plant & 911 tower to be split at \$22,000.00 water department capital fund and \$11,000.00 911 Funds.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Timmons, Spicer
Nays: Lamb

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that the yearly tax levy ordinance was revised to include an increase to the Garbage Fund.

A motion was made by Commissioner Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopt ordinance #13-15, the annual tax levy ordinance.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that contractor D Construction has completed Shipyard Road project, and that Village Engineer Guy Christensen has provided a final payment estimate that will be sent to the state and submitted for grant funds from the Truck Access Route Program.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Village approves an expenditure of \$51,604.97 to D Construction and final payout on Shipyard Road Project.

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

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Hamilton stated at the October 15, 2013 Council meeting he wished to pursue discussion on increasing salaries for Emergency Management employees Kathleen Angelakos and James Fiedler; during this meeting he asked that it be deferred to executive session.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that Mr. Benjamin Wilson, Community Development Director with North Central Illinois Council of Governments gave a presentation at the October 15, 2013 Council meeting on a request by the State of Illinois to amend four ordinances relating to the five jurisdictional enterprise zone. The first change involves a text amendment to amend an extension of timeframe 30 days from June 1, 2016 to July 1, 2016; the second amendment involves certain additional territory all contiguous to the existing enterprise Zone totaling up to 217.74 acres which includes a potential development in Ottawa, Illinois. The third amendment involves certain additional territory all contiguous to the existing enterprise zone and totaling up to 540.9 acres which includes a potential development in Marseilles, Illinois; the final ordinance amendment involves the correction of the scrivener's error which will include the addition of 299.56 acres and the removal of 532.57 acres, net-233.01 acres.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #13-11, amending ordinances for the purpose of consent to a text amendment which established said enterprise zone encompassing the contiguous portions of the City of Ottawa, County of LaSalle, County of Grundy, City of Marseilles and the Village of Seneca.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #13-12, an ordinance amending ordinances which established and expanded an enterprise zone within the County of LaSalle, said enterprise zone encompassing contiguous portions of the City of Ottawa, County of LaSalle, County of Grundy, City of Marseilles and Village of Seneca.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #13-13 an ordinance amending ordinances which established and expanded an enterprise zone within the City of Marseilles, said enterprise zone encompassing contiguous portions of the City of Ottawa, County of LaSalle, County of Grundy, City of Marseilles and Village of Seneca.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #13-14, an ordinance amending ordinances for the purpose of a technical correction which established and expanded an enterprise zone encompassing contiguous portions of the

City of Ottawa, County of LaSalle, County of Grundy, City of Marseilles and the Village of Seneca.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton announced that there has been revisions to the current cleaning contract and that bids are being accepted until November 22, 2013 to provide cleaning services for the Village Hall and Village Police Station.

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Comm. 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 and that the abating bond ordinance must be voted on after tax levy has been passed. This item will be on the next agenda for vote.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that the agenda item of Old Stage Road Progress Report has been tabled until the November 19, 2013 meeting.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

In Commissioner Sears' absence, Mayor Spicer announced that the Seneca Police Department is accepting applications from parents for its annual Shop with a Cop event on December 14, 2013. In addition, due to the pending Village dispatch consolidation with Grundy County, the need for a Memorandum of Understanding Agreement between Grundy and LaSalle Counties would allow both Counties dual control of the Exelon owned siren to be activated for the Village's Protection in any emergency situation.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Mayor signing a Memorandum of Understanding between Grundy and LaSalle Counties and the Village of Seneca for the conditional dual control of specific outdoor warning sirens within the Village of Seneca.

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

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that at the October 15, 2013 budget meeting it was discussed to transfer \$100,000.00 from the Fire Fund to the Grundy County Consolidation Fund.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the fire fund to the Grundy County Consolidation Fund.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that a resident has submitted her name to be appointed to the Seneca Plan Commission. It was the consensus of Council to ask that she attend the next Plan Commission meeting, which falls November 13, 2013 and the agenda item be placed on the next meeting agenda. Mayor Spicer also stated that in order to terminate the Seneca I-80 Redevelopment Agreement and dissolve the Tax Increment Finance District two ordinances will need to be voted upon, the ordinances will be on the November 19, 2013 meeting agenda. Mayor asked Clerk Russell to review the options with Council regarding the expenditure for yearly coverage renewal with the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association. Clerk announced 3 options: 1.5% discount if pay contribution in full by November 25, 2013 or pay the 1st installment by November 25, 2013 and the 2nd installment by May 16, 2014, or pay the contribution in full by December 13, 2013. Consensus of Council to take first option and save 1.5%.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure of \$97,554.40 to the Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association for 2014 renewal contribution.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel, collective bargaining and purchase or lease of real estate.

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

A motion was made by Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council returns to regular session.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb that seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the November 5, 2013 Council meeting is adjourned at 8:10pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk