

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on October 16, 2012 at Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the October 2, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the September treasurer's report, payroll and payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Bicycle Donation Announcement
2. Hot Water Pressure Washer Information
3. Amendment to Parking Ordinance
4. Burn Hours Reminder

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated last week during Fire Prevention Week, several area children enjoyed touring the Seneca Fire Department, and have been given the opportunity to win a free ride to school in a fire truck via a coloring contest. It was stated that the 911 consolidation with Grundy County is currently being reviewed, both entities are working to resolve technical issues and a potential special meeting of the Seneca 911 Board may occur. The agenda item of Police Union Contract has been deferred until after executive session.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated he would like to propose a change to the current water billing procedure which would require an ordinance adjustment. This amendment would provide that if any account holder has not paid their delinquent balance by the routine shut off date; that an automatic \$25.00 charge will be placed on the account that morning. Attorney Mason has been instructed to amend the current ordinance and this item will be placed on the next council meeting agenda.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Mayor Spicer spoke on behalf of Comm. Timmons regarding the current accounting firm of Mack & Associates being retained for subsequent years to perform the Village audit. It was decided by consensus of council to hire them for the next two years.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the hiring of Mack & Associates at the rate of \$6,500.00 to complete the 2012-13 village audit and additionally for \$6,825.00 for 2013-14 audit.

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

Mayor Spicer referred to Attorney Mason to cover the Tax Levy topic; Attorney Mason stated that he has released the document to Village accountant Tawnya Mack for review. According the Attorney Mason, there will be no tax increase to the Village taxpayers; this item will be reviewed and placed on the subsequent council meeting agenda. Mayor Spicer stated that the item of information on the Green Legacy Project has been tabled.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that sealed proposals for East Shipyard Road improvements will be accepted by the Village Clerk until 11:00am, Monday, October 22, 2012 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Also mentioned was weather permitting, SKC Construction will perform crack sealing on various streets next week. Commissioner Lamb indicated that he is currently researching hot water pressure washer units and is collecting bids, it was stated this item may be on the next meeting agenda as an expense purchase.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears announced the Seneca Police Department is hosting a e-waste event on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 10am-2pm in which electronic items will be collected and recycled; Village trick-or-treat hours will remain 5-7pm on October 31, 2012 with a costume contest at Ace Hardware at 4:30pm. It was stated that Attorney Mason is working with Chief Meglan to amend the current parking ordinance to include a

trailer revision. A Seneca resident has donated several children's bicycles; they are currently at the Police Department and offered free to anyone who would like one. Commissioner Sears received an anonymous note regarding the burn ordinance; he stated that usually once yearly the Village is contacted by someone wishing to change the hours and after discussion, it was consensus of council to continue with the current burn ordinance regulation.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated after reviewing the 2013 council meeting schedule, the first meeting will fall on New Year's Day; after discussion it was determined to hold the first meeting on January 8, 2013 and the second meeting on January 15, 2013. Clerk instructed to inform press of this change.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the council enters into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the council authorizes Mayor Spicer to sign agreement between Village and Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Seneca Chapter #396.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the October 16, 2012 council meeting is adjourned at 8:15pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk