

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on October 18, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the October 4, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

No public comment presented

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Street Light Report
2. Crotty Park Announcement

Mr. Eugene Richardson asked the Council why the Special Use permit has not been voted on as of this date; Mayor Spicer stated that it is a requirement that Special Use permits require prior fee payment before voting. In addition, Mr. Richardson asked the Council if it had ever been discussed to allow electric bidding to take place to create reduced sums on residential electric bills; Mayor Spicer stated that recently it was discussed but only on Village owned property. Also stated was that the discounts were mainly offered based on population.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton unveiled a large photo of the 2010 Seneca Bridge implosion donated to the Village by the Seneca Historical Guild; he offered his appreciation on

behalf of the Council to the Guild for the donation. The agenda item of Fire Department Contract was tabled until the next Council meeting due to the fact that Council wishes that Attorney Mason review.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

In Commissioner Sears' absence, Mayor Spicer announced the Village Halloween Hours of Monday, October 31st from 5-7pm. Also, the Seneca Police Department is once again asking for donations for the annual "Shop with a Cop" program in which needy children are given funds to shop for their families for the Christmas season.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Discussion held on the Special Use permit request from Mr. Gerard Keating to allow for grain elevators; grain storage and processing on the 40 acre property located at the end of East South Street. After approval and recommendation from the Seneca Plan Commission, and related fees received, it was determined that prior to construction of any building or structure, mass grading of the site or the installation of public improvements, site plan approval must be obtained from the Village. Village Engineer will review site plan to ensure that off-site barge storage will not interfere with Seneca Boat Launch.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #11-14, an Ordinance granting a special use permit for grain elevator/processing for Gerard Keating.

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

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that with the existing phone system, it is not adequate to handle the Police Station addition transferring calls from Village Hall to Police Department. A contract was drawn up by A T & T for estimate of cost and authority to work special construction on this project. The contract includes engineering labor, material cost, construction labor, misc. tax and contractor costs at a total of \$3011.33 to be taken out of the 911 funds.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Mayor to sign a contract with A T & T for police station addition at a cost of \$3011.33 to be taken out of 911 Fund.

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

Commissioner Hamilton also stated that currently the Seneca Park Board is obtaining bids to remove a portion of the Crotty Park Blacktop so as not to interfere with the Stuedemann baseball field.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb referred to Engineer Guy Christensen to discuss the proposed street light program. The Seneca Port District hired Chamlin & Associates to prepare a street light plan involving Route 170 from Route 6 to Scott Street. Mr. Christensen met with Port District as well as North Central Illinois Council of Governments to discuss grant process to obtain Illinois Department of Transportation Funds. This type of project requires the municipality to sponsor the grant application and it would be matching grant funds if awarded. It was stated that it will take several weeks involving 37 light fixtures and if approved there is a possibility this shovel ready project could begin next spring. Commissioner Lamb also stated that all expenses are to be paid by the Seneca Port Authority.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

In Commissioner Sears' absence, Mayor Spicer announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System on Wednesday, November 9th at 2:00pm eastern standard time and may last up to three and a half minutes. This nationwide test will involve broadcast radio and TV stations, cable television, satellite radio and wire line video service providers across the entire United States. Also stated was that the Seneca Fire Protection and Ambulance District is offering their services to check any resident's smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and change your batteries FREE of charge on October 22, 2011 from 10am-2pm, to schedule a visit residents were instructed to call Village Hall.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that an e-waste recycling event will be held at the Environtech Landfill in Morris on October 22, 2011 from 9am-1pm.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the October 18, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:34pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk