

The Seneca Village Council held a scheduled Public Hearing at Seneca Village Hall on October 7, 2014.

Public Hearing called to order at 6:45 pm.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that a petition for annexation was received by the Village Clerk for 1.6 acre property located at 2990 N. 26th Road, Morris, IL 60450 by Stephen S. Mann and Gloria J. Mann. Legal notices regarding the intention of the Village to annex said territory were previously sent to all public bodies required to receive such notice by State statute. The request made by Stephen S. Mann is as follows: ten years tax abatement as well as two building permits with fee waived on said property; discussion held by Council and no public entities had comment.

Mayor Spicer adjourned the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 6:52pm; Council meeting proceeded with roll call procedure.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the September 16, 2014 Council Meeting minutes as presented.

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

Mayor Spicer announced the retirement of Village Attorney Michael Mason; thanked him for his many years of service and proceeded to welcome Attorney Robert Russo.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council appoints Mr. Robert Russo as Village Attorney with term ending May, 2015.

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

Village Clerk Therese Russell gave Mr. Russo the official oath; and Attorney Russo took his seat as Village Attorney.

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

The agenda item of Brian and Erica Barla, Jason ELtrevoog, Seneca Residents with Public Health and Safety Concerns was cancelled by Mr. & Mrs. Barla.

Old Business:

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that the yearly working cash ordinance is up for approval; the Village finds that to ensure sufficient revenue in the treasury at all times to meet demands for necessary expenditures a working cash fund is maintained.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts ordinance #14-07, the yearly working cash ordinance.

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

Streets Lamb:

In Commissioner Lamb's absence, Mayor Spicer stated a trial leaf collection schedule has been released; this collection is for leaves only, no sticks garbage or newspapers allowed and service will be performed weather permitting; he gave an overview of the actual pick up schedule.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer revisited the item of annexation request by Stephen S. and Gloria J. Mann for property located at 2990 N. 26th Road, Morris; no further questions were asked.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopt ordinance #14-08, an ordinance annexing certain territory to the Village of Seneca.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts ordinance #14-09, authorizing the execution of an annexation agreement with Stephen S. Mann and Gloria J. Mann.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that the Plan Commission reviewed and approved a request by Rodney and Patricia Engstrom, 201 East Jackson Street, Seneca for the subdivision of their property. After discussion, it was determined by Village Council to create an ordinance which included that the land could be divided into two parcels provided that no new streets or public improvements are required and the new lots meet all the applicable zoning criteria.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts Ordinance #14-10, approving a subdivision of land.

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

At this time, Mr. Robert Anselm, Jr. appeared and asked to give his public comment regarding the repair of Valley View subdivision streets; he indicated that previously, he complained to the Village Street Commissioner, John Lamb and afterwards a large pot hole was filled in with materials that have since come loose. Mr. Anselm felt road conditions are unacceptable and asked for a solution; Mayor Spicer stated due to Commissioner Lamb's absence, he would ask him to contact Mr. Anselm.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated an emergency repair at the waste water plant came to his attention on September 22, 2014; consequently a removal and reinstallation of a pump took place.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves an expenditure of \$10,594.77 to Complete Industrial for the removal and reinstallation of a Worthington pump at the waste water plant out of the sewer capital fund.

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

Commissioner Hamilton stated the necessity of replacing the current Vactor unit; he researched several opportunities and gave the Council a proposal from Standard Equipment Company for a 2003 International Tandem Axle Chassis, Vactor 2110 Combination Sewer Cleaner for \$165,000.00. After discussion, it was determined to allow the vote on this item with the condition that Commissioner Lamb give his approval at a later time.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves an expenditure of \$165,000.00 for a 2003 Vactor out of the water and sewer funds contingent upon Commissioner Lamb's approval.

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

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons referred to Attorney Russo for explanation of the proposed tax levy; this item will be placed on the next agenda. Mr. Russo explained each fund percentage fluctuation and explained the tax levy is in compliance with the provisions of the "Truth in Taxation Act".

Public Health and Safety Sears:

Due to Commissioner Sears' absence, Mayor Spicer announced the Trick-or-Treat hours for the Village of Seneca will be 5-7pm on October 31, 2014.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the October 7, 2014 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:25pm.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Timmons, Spicer

Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk