

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on September 20, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

Commissioner Timmons arrived at 7:02pm

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the September 6, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the August Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Commissioner Hamilton gave a short presentation announcing that employee Paul Rivett, Superintendent of the Water & Sewer Department was recognized as "Water Operator of the Year" by the Illinois Potable Water Operators Association and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. He was congratulated by the entire Council for his dedication to the Village of Seneca.

Tom Justice, Chairman of the Seneca Plan Commission presented findings from a Public Hearing of the Plan Commission that took place September 14, 2011. The Plan Commission recommended to the Village Council the granting of a Special Use Permit for the Grain Loading Facility for George Lamb per legal description on the Special Use Application. Considerations for dust and noise control need consideration per Mr. Justice.

Frank Hall, Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals stated that the ZBA had a Public Hearing on September 14, 2011 for applicant, Randy Spradling regarding a variance request. The ZBA recommends that Mr. Spradling's request be granted for one variance for the size of the auxiliary building for an additional 276 square feet above 900 square

foot. The second variance requested pertained to the side yard set back from property east lot line at 10 foot from 25 foot as stated in Village regulations.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #11-11, an Ordinance approving a variance to Mr. Randy Spradling.

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

No public comment presented

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb gave a department update that D Construction will begin work within the next two weeks for Motor Fuel Tax street repairs on Sherman, Cash and Market Streets. Also stated was the Shipyard Road work will now be slated for summer of 2012.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor Spicer gave an update on the purchase of the existing Police Station building by the Seneca Fire Protection and Ambulance District for \$175,000.00 in one lump sum. He stated that the Fire Protection District's attorney will be responsible for drawing up the agreement document, Attorney Mason will review and present to the Council for approval.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that electrical work is necessary at Crotty Park including relocating a light pole from the baseball field to the basketball court, adding an additional pole and photo cells to conserve energy; he obtained bids, all work not to exceed \$3400.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the expenditure of \$3400.00 to P & M Electric for electrical work at Crotty Park to be taken out of Park Board funds.

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

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears announced that he confirmed with Village Treasurer Barla that in the impound fee fund there is currently enough funds to pay for a new police vehicle. After obtaining bids, he researched the options and asked the Council to approve the expenditure to cover a 2012 Explorer.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of \$25,101.00 for the purchase of a 2012 Explorer to be taken out of the Public Health & Safety Department funds to include a police package.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that previously Jennifer Bilyeu of “Spay it Forward” has asked for permission to hold its annual “Fill the Bag” campaign at the intersections of Route 170 and Route 6 on Saturday, October 1st from 10am-2pm. It was the consensus of the Council to allow this fundraiser event.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the September 20, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:10pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk