

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on September 6, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Lamb, Hamilton, Sears, Timmons, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the August 16, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

No public comment presented

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Personnel, Executive Session
2. Motor Fuel Tax Street Update

Mr. Michael Ellis, Chairman of the Seneca Festival Committee gave a presentation on behalf of the 2011 Summer Festival including a financial statement. On behalf of the Village Council Mayor Spicer congratulated the committee on a job well done.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated the 2011 Seneca Cruise Night event was a success; he personally thanked the area businesses who supported the event, Seneca Police Department, committee members as well as the Seneca Emergency Management Department for their help with traffic control.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that the 2011 Motor Fuel Taxes will pay for repair work to Sherman Street, Cash Street and Market Street. In addition Comm. Lamb stated that the Grade School Storm Sewer project will be completed after Walnut Street is paved.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated at the last Council Meeting executive session minutes were discussed and Clerk was instructed by Council on which minutes to release.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the release of executive session minutes.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that Mr. Gerard Keating of the Seneca I-80 Railport project has requested that the Village Council extend the benchmark dates to September 1, 2012 per the Redevelopment Agreement. This item was deferred to the next Council meeting date of September 20, 2011.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton announced that previously the Seneca Police Department was enrolled in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program and the Village is now submitting a request to not only renew the Police Department membership but also allow Village to participate.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Resolution #480, a Resolution for participation in the Federal Surplus Property Program.

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

Comm. Hamilton also stated the need for approval of the purchase of office furniture for the Police Station addition. He informed the Council that bids were accepted previously and the low bidder will provide new furnishings along with utilizing the existing file cabinets and lockers.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves an expenditure of \$29,762.53 to be used for the purchase of office furniture for the Police Department addition.

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

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons announced that his family had a reunion held at Crotty Park and after a collection was made by family members that a donation to the Seneca Park Board of \$133.00 was given for use of maintaining the Crotty Park shelter. Mayor Spicer thanked the family for the generous donation on behalf of the Council.

Comm. Timmons also stated that yearly Working Cash Fund Ordinance ensures sufficient funds at all times to meet demands for necessary expenditures.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance #11-10, an Ordinance for the Working Cash Fund.

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

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb referred to Village Engineer Guy Christensen to discuss possible improvements to Shipyard Road. It was announced that previously, Street Commissioner Lamb has attempted to obtain a grant which was denied, researched utilizing the existing materials by recycling the asphalt which turned out to be too costly and finally reviewed plans to possibly obtain Village ownership of the current portion of the road which is under jurisdiction of Manlius Township. It was stated that the semi truck traffic has increased to approximately 36,000 trucks per year which worsens the road causing cracking and deteriorating.

Public Affairs Mayor Spicer:

Mayor stated that he had attended the previous meeting of the Seneca Fire Protection and Ambulance District; the District has agreed to purchase the current Police Station building for \$175,000.00 in one lump payment with the exception of two requests by the District. The first request was for the Village to continue to mow grass and plow snow and the second is to continue to pay electric bill as long as 911 is located in the building. It was the consensus of the Council to have Attorney proceed with the necessary paperwork.

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. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the September 6, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:10pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk