

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on December 1, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the November 17, 2009 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda items:

1. Seneca H.S. Band/Chorus Announcement
2. Shop With a Cop Reminder
3. Police Department Announcements

Commissioner Victor announced upcoming band & chorus concert announcements at the Seneca High School on December 9th & 13th. A canned food collection will take place for the Seneca Food Pantry during these community events.

Mr. Bob McDonald of the Upcycle Product Company presented the Council with information available for residents concerning water conservation by purchasing the company's products.

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated the Police Department is currently collecting donations for the December Shop with a Cop Program.

Commissioner Sears also stated that officer Tyson Szafranski has completed a 32 hour course to be a juvenile officer. He has been appointed as the Seneca Police Department Juvenile Officer.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced the Village was supposed to have vacated Bluff Road no later than 90 days after the annexation of the property under the annexation agreement with the Seneca I-80 Railport. The Seneca I-80 Railport, LLC has provided a letter agreement with the Village stating the Village shall vacate Bluff Road on a date that is no later than 90 days after the Village issues the first site development permit to the owner for the property.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves a letter agreement between the Village of Seneca and the Seneca I-80 Railport, LLC relating to the postponement of the vacation and closing of Bluff Road no later than 90 days after the Village issues the first site

development permit for the property.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Resolution #465, a Resolution approving a letter agreement modifying a provision in the annexation agreement between the Village of Seneca and the Seneca I-80 Railport.

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

Comm. Lamb announced that an agreement has been drawn up regarding the cost sharing for the mapping products and services for LaSalle County through the Where Technology Happens Company.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the Mayor signing an agreement between the Village, the Seneca Fire & Ambulance and the 911 Board for mapping related products cost sharing.

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

In addition to above agreement, Comm. Lamb stated currently the Village is working with Grundy County to update mapping program to Grundy as well as LaSalle County. It was pointed out that 1/3 of Fire District is located in Grundy County.

Comm. Lamb stated he has received complaints regarding the grading of alleys. It has been determined that due to fallen leaves; the equipment can not handle grading until the leaves have dissipated.

The Village maintenance workers have assembled the salt storage building and plan to finish the project by the end of next week.

Comm. Lamb stated the Seneca bridge pier 4 concrete was poured last week and it is now above river level. The remaining concrete pour target date will be end of December with steel erection by January, 2010.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated the Seneca I-80 Railport developer has asked the Illinois Department of Transportation to create a village-state agreement relating to the proposed preliminary engineering study for a five lane box culvert on US 6 at Rat Run. The state will seek the services of a consulting engineering firm to conduct the preliminary engineering study but will charge the village for reimbursement, estimated at \$65,000. Consequently, the village asked developer Gerard Keating for an escrow agreement relating to this subject.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the Mayor to sign an escrow agreement relating to the engineering for replacement of bridge structure on US 6 at Rat Run.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the Mayor to sign a cost participation agreement regarding engineering for replacement of bridge structure on US 6 at Rat Run.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council

approves the Mayor to sign an agreement between the State of Illinois Department of Transportation and the Village of Seneca for the preliminary engineering for construction of a five lane box culvert on US 6 at Rat Run.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council adopt Resolution # 464, a Resolution for appropriation of funds for the preliminary engineering of a five lane box culvert on US 6 at Rat Run.

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

New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor announced that the Illinois Emergency Management Agency has contacted the Village regarding their intention not to renew the lease with the Village of Seneca. They have given notice to vacate by 3-6-2010.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears reviewed the previously mentioned impound ordinance which provides for the seizure and impounding of vehicles for the following reasons: a motor vehicle that is used in the offense of driving under the influence of alcohol, drugs and/or intoxicating compounds, a motor vehicle that is used in conjunction with the offense of driving on a suspended or revoked license, a motor vehicle that is used in the offense of unlawful use of weapons and a motor vehicle used in the commission of possession or attempted possession of cannabis, drug paraphernalia or a controlled substance.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance # 09-21, an Ordinance regulating the seizing and impounding of vehicles.

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

Comm. Sears asked the residents to offer their opinions on the current burn ordinance; he stated he has received numerous calls regarding pros and cons of the Village allowing the burning of leaves. This item will be revisited prior to spring, 2010.

Comm. Sears stated that the Police Department currently has three laptops for squad car use. The fee to activate and install the computers would be approximately \$3100.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves three computers to be installed and activated in the police squad cars with total cost to be approximately \$3100.00.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated the Canal Corridor Association requested that the Village participate in the development and completion of a management plan for the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor. This plan will involve the preserving of the corridor, establishing and maintaining exhibits in the corridor, developing recreational resources, increasing public awareness and facilitating the restoration of any historic building relating to the themes of the corridor.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves Michael Ellis to be appointed as Village representative for the Canal Corridor Association Plan and the Village to donate \$500.00 toward the plan.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopt Resolution #466, a Resolution concerning I & M Canal National Heritage Corridor and Canal Corridor Association.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Lamb, Sears, Spicer
Nays: none
Abstain: Timmons

Village Engineer, Guy Christensen stated the Crotty Creek, I & M Canal and Rat Run Channel improvement project has been delayed due to weather conditions; however soil sample test results have cleared and work is set to resume in the near future.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the December 1, 2009 Council meeting is adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk