

Seneca Village Council held a public hearing at Seneca Village Hall on January 15, 2019 to consider a proposal to exchange a parcel of land owned by the Village of Seneca for a parcel of land adjacent to Village Hall with Kraus Electronic Systems, Inc.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Absent: Timmons

Also Present: Attorney Robert Russo; Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord

Attorney Russo explained this is an exchange of the land in front of Village Hall owned by the Village of Seneca with the land at the top of the hill where the Kraus Cable tower is with Kraus Electronic Systems, Inc. The property had been previously been leased to Kraus Electronic Systems, Inc. There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Olson and seconded by Commissioner Barla to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Absent: Timmons

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on January 15, 2019 and the meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Absent: Timmons

Also Present: Attorney Robert Russo; Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approve the January 2, 2019 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee that the Council approve the January 4, 2019 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Applebee and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approve the January 7, 2019 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approve the December Treasurer's Report, payroll and payment of bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

No Seneca Business Spotlight presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Applebee reminded the Village residents that there are designated snowmobile routes in the Village and that all snowmobile safety rules should be followed, as the police officers will be enforcing the snowmobiling rules.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER - TIMMONS:**

Due to the absence of Comm. Timmons, Mayor Spicer presented for approval an expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$2,992.50 for cleaning out all five lift stations to be taken out of Sewer. This expense was incurred due to the breakdown of the Village's vac truck, which required by A&E Septic Services vacuuming out of the five lift stations.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves the expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$2,992.50 for cleaning out all five lift stations to be taken out of Sewer.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - BARLA:**

Comm. Barla tabled the approval of the Interest Repayment Agreement between the Village of Seneca and Shipyard Industrial Park, Inc. until after executive session.

**STREETS - OLSON:**

Comm. Olson presented for approval the contract with LED Experts, Inc. in the amount of \$32,678.00 to be taken out of Public Benefit. Comm. Olson outlined the cost savings to the Village, which will pay for itself in two years. A portion of the lighting project as it pertains to the shipyard TIF area will be paid by TIF funds.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Barla that the Council approves the execution of a contract with LED Experts, Inc. in the amount of \$32,678.00 to be taken out of Public Benefit.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - APPLEBEE:**

Comm. Applebee presented an Ordinance Amending Chapter 6 Section N(1) of Ordinance No. 1-6-2 and Ordinance No. 96-08 Pertaining to the New Employee Evaluation Program for the Village of Seneca for discussion. Comm. Applebee advised the Council that non-union Public Health & Safety employees are currently under a 365 day evaluation period. This evaluation period currently only applies to one employee. The purpose of the ordinance would be to make all non-union village employees equal by having a 90-day evaluation period, rather than a 365-day evaluation period. The ordinance would strike language regarding increases which has not been followed for many years, and changes wording in the ordinance. Discussion occurred. The ordinance will be presented for adoption at the February 5, 2019 meeting.

Comm. Applebee presented for discussion the possibility of creating a new position of Workplace Safety Coordinator. Several possibilities were presented: 1) Commissioner of Public Health & Safety being safety coordinator; 2) Creating a new position; or 3) Add duties to the existing workers. Discussion occurred with regard to pros and cons of each option and it was agreed that the Council will take time to think about this and present it for further discussion at a later council meeting.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - SPICER:**

Mayor Spicer presented Ordinance No. 19-02, An Ordinance Authorizing the Exchange of Certain Real Estate in the Village of Seneca for adoption. This is the real estate that was the subject of the public hearing earlier in the evening.

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee to adopt Ordinance No. 19-02, An Ordinance Authorizing the Exchange of Certain Real Estate in the Village of Seneca.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Resident John Lamb had a question regarding the traffic pattern during the roadwork to be performed on Route 170 this summer. Comm. Olson advised Mr. Lamb that he will explore the matter further.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Applebee to enter into executive session to discuss Litigation (Section 2(c)(11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation) at 7:25 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

The Council returned to regular session at 7:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson to approve an amendment to the Shipyard Industrial Park Redevelopment Agreement as stated, and that an ordinance be prepared for presentation and adoption at the next Village Council meeting on February 5, 2019.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Applebee to adjourn the council meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, and Olson

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Jennifer A. Peddicord  
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