

The Seneca Village Council held a special budget meeting on March 11, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Lamb, Hamilton, Timmons, Victor, Spicer

Absent: none

Additional: Attorney Mason and Treasurer Barla

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council appoints Gayla Barla as recording secretary.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Timmons, Hamilton, Lamb, Spicer

Nays: none

Meeting opened with Mayor Spicer stating that due to the state of the economy, Seneca businesses will possibly be lacking in business revenue, therefore the sales tax distribution to the Village of Seneca could be drastically reduced. Discussion was held on Village financial, budget items and possible options for relief. Some options discussed: possibly abolishing the working cash fund and using that money for budget purposes. Attorney Mason stated that if this were done, that the Village could not tax for working cash for a period of four years. In addition, discussion was held on raising the water/sewer rates.

Village Treasurer Barla was instructed by the Council to do the following:

1. To use funds from the water and sewer surcharge for the water and sewer projects that were previously under budgeted.
  - a. \$124,179.04 transferred to the (125) water tower EPA project.
  - b. \$48,892.43 transferred to the (220) Illinois First account.
2. To reimburse the sewer fund with the money from the sewer project fund.
3. Utilize the garbage fund for payroll purposes when maintenance employee's duties involve the cleaning of streets, garbage pick up, summer festival duties and during Seneca clean up days. Future discussion on this subject to be held by Council and treasurer's responsibilities to be determined.
4. Utilize the Richards Street fund for the use of television inspection purposes.
5. Use the summer construction fund for the final payment to Seneca Grade School in relation to the Oak and Walnut Street projects.
6. Remove \$5,000.00 from the Police building fund to reimburse the public property fund for work done at the Seneca Police Department.

7. Utilize the public comfort fund ONLY with Council approval.
8. Close the boat launch fund and deposit any remaining funds into the Park Board fund.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the special council meeting of 3-11-09 is adjourned at 9:01PM.

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

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Gayla Barla, Recording Secretary