The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on January 19, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the January 5, 2010 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the December Treasurer’s Report and the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Mayor Spicer announced his appreciation for being invited to participate in the Freedom Salute Campaign regarding the soldiers that deployed and returned from Afghanistan with the 33rd Brigade Combat Team with the Illinois Army National Guard.

Additional Agenda items:

1. Historical Guild Announcement
2. Bridge Report
3. Public Apology Announcement

Commissioner Timmons announced that the Seneca Historical Guild is meeting on Thursday, January 21st at the Seneca Library @ 6:00PM.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor reminded Seneca residents that the new water rates go into effect as of January 1, 2010. Also, last month there were several residents that did not receive their water bills in a timely manner due to bills being sent the same time as an ad mailing.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that the ABCD Bond Ordinance which was discussed previously is now being up for passage.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance # 10-03, an Ordinance abating A,B,C bonds and a partial abatement on D bond for the 2009 tax year.

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

Streets Lamb:
Comm. Lamb gave a Creek Project cleaning update: Stott Excavating has finished with the excavation of Crotty Creek today. Rat Run Creek will start tomorrow working from the west end toward 170 weather permitting.

A bridge report was also given by Comm. Lamb stating that the concrete portion is close to being poured.

Comm. Lamb announced an apology to zoning officer Vince Pacetti related to the last Council Meeting; a letter was sent to Mayor Spicer from the Plan Commission which outlined various concerns with the zoning department.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed the new Seneca Logo with the Council; full consensus was given to move forward on its completion.

New Business:
Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb announced that the CSX is working with IDOT regarding the rebuilding of the railroad crossing on Route 170 in Seneca. This is in a preliminary stage and according to Comm. Lamb, no timeframe has been established as of yet.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer read a letter from the American Disabled Veterans regarding their request to do fundraising in the Seneca community April 30th and May 1st. It was the consensus of the Council to allow this fundraising to occur.

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the hiring of Andrea Anseleme as an independent Contractor for animal control services at the Seneca Police Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the January 19, 2010 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:27PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk