

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on October 20, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Roll Call: Present: Victor, Lamb, Sears, Spicer
Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the October 6, 2009 Council meeting and budget meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, 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 and the September Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda items:

1. Bridge Update, Jim Snyder IDOT
2. Shop with Cops Announcement
3. Oak Tree Planting Announcement
4. Food Pantry Announcement

Mr. Jim Snyder of Illinois Dept. of Transportation gave a bridge update. The road and bridge are partially completed; the project was delayed by the extra time for removal of bedrock. It is proposed that steel work will be completed over winter 2009 and bridge completion is set for mid 2010. It was also noted that demolition of existing bridge will take place fall of 2010. Commissioner Lamb thanked IDOT for their cooperation in working with the Seneca Grade School officials to provide traffic safety; it was also mentioned that Village Council appreciated the cooperation with the storm sewer project.

Mayor Spicer announced that the Seneca Police Department will host the first Shop with Cop Program in December, 2009. Donations will be accepted at the Seneca Police Department for this event. Event will include children ages 5 to 10 years, and applications can be picked up at the Seneca Police Department.

Mayor Spicer asked the community for volunteers planting trees at the Fallen Illinois Soldier's Memorial at Illini State Park on October 24, 2009.

Mayor Spicer announced the Seneca Food Pantry is currently in need of donations.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor referred to Attorney Mason for information on the proposed water and sewer rate ordinance as well as the tax levy. Attorney Mason presented information relating to the current ordinance which provides a surcharge on the water and sewer accounts to accommodate for bonds that were paid off previously. It was determined to remove said surcharge fee,

therefore, water and sewer base rate and consumption rate will increase to accommodate loss of revenue due to the removal of surcharge fees. In addition there will be no senior citizen discount applied to water billings. If ordinance approved, proposed changes will take place January 1, 2010.

Attorney Mason stated the changes reflected above will also make the tax levy decrease due to the decrease in the IMRF and liability tax levies providing an overall tax savings to the Village residents.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that the Village, Seneca Fire & Ambulance District as well as the Seneca 911 Board have reached an agreement to share Village mapping costs to be a part of the county wide mapping system. This system will be utilized for 911 dispatching, utility maintenance locates as well as Village information. Completion is scheduled for spring, 2010.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer made an announcement that the Seneca Village Hall is collecting military photos to be displayed during November and December in honor of Veteran's Day.

Mayor Spicer also stated that the Council has received a copy of the Seneca Summer festival Committee's bylaws for review. Attorney Mason commented that the bylaws were created by the committee, and he told Council that they were legally sound.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the Shipyard Festival bylaws.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that Mr. Fran Kasten had submitted a letter regarding his desire to be appointed to the Seneca Park Board.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council appoints Fran Kasten to the Seneca Park Board for a term expiring 08-2012.

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

Mayor Spicer announced that the previously discussed IDOT agreement regarding the replacement of the US 6 bridge over Rat Run; widening of culvert US 6 to 5-lanes has been on hold pending an agreement with the Seneca I-80 Railport to provide the Village portion of costs related to the project. At this time, no such agreement has been produced; therefore the Village will not approve the IDOT resolution of Intent relating to this subject.

Mayor Spicer stated relating to the subject of Bluff Road, that it was determined by the Village that the developer has agreed to provide costs relating to snow removal and salt for the 2009-2010 season by purchase of a Flink spreader and therefore agreed to keep the road open until 90 days after the first permit is issued for the Seneca I-80 Railport project. An agreement will be forthcoming.

Commissioner's Report and New Business:

Streets Lamb:

Comm. Lamb announced that weather permitting; D Construction will start repaving work this week and the canal/creek cleaning project will begin

shortly after. It was noted that IDNR consented to the canal/creek cleaning project and no formal agreement will be needed; however, the Village will be responsible for collecting soil samples for contaminant check that will include many parameters which will total approximately \$1000.00.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer gave a flu clinic announcement for October 26, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall from 12 noon to 2pm.

Mayor Spicer announced that the current liquor license does not stipulate a limit on the amount of licenses issued for each license class. A copy of the proposed liquor license amendment was posted properly and also given to Council for review.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance #09-17, an Ordinance amending the number of liquor licenses issued in the Village of Seneca.

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

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the October 20, 2009 Council meeting is adjourned at 8:10 PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk