

The Village of Seneca budget meeting was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday August 19, 2014.

Roll call was taken. Commissioners Hamilton and Lamb were present along with Mayor Spicer. Commissioners Timmons and Sears were absent. Also in attendance were Chief of Police Ray Meglan and Officer Harry Kusters.

Commissioner Timmons arrived at 6:05pm.

Commissioner Hamilton moved to appoint Nancy Spampanato recording secretary for the budget meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lamb. Commissioner Timmons and Mayor Spicer agreed.

Commissioner Timmons opened the meeting by deferring to Treasurer Spampanato. Ms. Spampanato reviewed the budget to actual expense handouts for each department. For the first quarter of the fiscal year all departments are on track with approximately one-quarter of their respective budgets spent.

Also reviewed were the submitted budgets by each department to the suggested budgets handed out at the beginning of the year. Explanation was provided that the suggested budgets were based on expected revenues for the coming year. The Streets and Public Health and Safety departments had significant variances to these suggested budgets. It was pointed out that for Streets the difference was the Union Street project costs and the snow equipment for the truck. Public Health and Safety differences were in labor, materials/supplies and capital equipment.

A schedule of annual payments was also provided to each commissioner. Commissioner Hamilton asked Commissioner Timmons if we would save any interest on some of the bond payments if they were paid-off early. The treasurer was directed to contact John Vezzetti's office.

IEPA loans were discussed. Commissioner Lamb asked if that would be a possibility in the future for in terms of a sewer plant for a future shipyard project.

Officer Kusters and Chief Meglan mentioned that as of January 1 it is now a state law that all officers, whether full-time or part-time must be provided with a vest. This vest must be provided by the local police office. There will be a grant available that will cover 50% of the costs.

Grundy County dispatching costs were also discussed. The Village has currently paid the first installment \$37,500 the balance is due November 1st.

The maintenance costs of the current police cars was discussed. The new vehicle is performing well. There were two older vehicles that recently had some major maintenance work.

Mayor Spicer attended Festival meeting held at Village Hall recently for planning the sesquicentennial celebration next year. Attendance was high. Mayor Spicer wanted to bring to the Council's attention that this past year's carnival had not paid the festival committee and it did not look like the committee will ever get that money. Mayor Spicer would like to be able to earmark \$10,000 to give to the Festival Committee from the gaming fund. A motion will be made at the regular council meeting.

Commissioner Hamilton moved to adjourn the budget meeting at 6:47pm.
Commissioner Lamb seconded. Commissioner Timmons and Mayor Spicer agreed.