The Seneca Village Council held its regular meeting on April 21, 2009 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the April 7, 2009 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the payment of bills and the March Treasurer’s report as presented.

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

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Police Department Update

Ms. Kelli Walker of the United Way of Grundy County gave a presentation reviewing the assistance services that the organization provides.

Mrs. Lenore Erickson of the Seneca Park Board overviewed upcoming event information, thanked various people regarding the previous Hollywood Entertainment events and announced the vacancy on the board.

Mr. Gerard Keating of Keating Resources gave a project update relating to the Seneca I-80 Railport Project. A project timeline stated that Phase I was completed April, 2009 which included preliminary engineering studies, as well as permit process completion. A project start date was projected for September, 2009 to September, 2011.

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced that the Seneca American Legion is having a Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25, 2009 adjacent to the Seneca Library.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Resolution #461, a Resolution hosting the Seneca American Legion Memorial Day Ceremony.

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

Commissioner’s Report and New Business:

Public Health & Safety Hamilton:

Comm. Hamilton announced that the Seneca Police Department is rehiring employee Darin Crask to be a part-time police officer.
A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council appoints Darin Crask for the position of Part-time Police officer at a rate of $15.63 per hour.

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

An additional announcement relating to police department was regarding Joshua Heath, IVCC student. Mr. Heath will be interning with the department to obtain the necessary hours needed to become a police officer. It was clarified that he will not be a paid employee.

Accounts and Finance Timmons:
Comm. Timmons reviewed an agreement between the Village of Seneca and Kane, McKenna & Associates who are tax increment financing consultants. Kane, McKenna & Assoc. will be assisting the Village with various consulting services relating to redevelopment projects including project financial analysis, preparing TIF model and projections, estimating Village share of incremental tax proceeds and review of investment returns and financing gap analysis.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the Mayor signing an agreement with Kane, McKenna & Assoc. relating to consultant services on TIF districts.

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

Streets Lamb:
Comm. Lamb stated the overall Seneca street repairs are estimated at approximately $154,000. Currently, the Village projects receiving approximately $90,000 this summer from motor fuel tax funds. Comm. Lamb said he has been working with Chamlin & Associates to review the critical repair areas within the Village and will utilize the Village maintenance staff to reduce labor costs on the project.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enter into Executive Session to discuss the sale or lease of real estate.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the April 21, 2009 Council meeting be adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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

Village Clerk, Theresa L. Russell