

The Seneca Village Council held its quarterly scheduled budget meeting on April 20, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Budget meeting was called to order at 6:45PM

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

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

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

Mayor Spicer referred to Accounts & Finance Comm. Timmons for information pertaining to the quarterly budget meeting. Commissioner Timmons asked Treasurer Barla to give the village budget report.

Treasurer Barla explained the reports that were given to each Council member regarding the financial status of the Village budget ending March 31, 2010. The first report included expenses and income for general fund. The second report was a comparison of 2009-10 working budget expenses and the proposed budget for 2010-11. The third report was a comparison of last year's general fund income and this year's proposed income; this report reiterated that income for the general fund will be significantly lower due to loss in income tax, sales tax and other miscellaneous income. The fourth report was a comparison between the proposed expenses and the estimated income for fiscal year 2010-11, showing that at this time the Village does not have a balanced working budget.

Commissioner Sears arrived at the budget meeting at 6:55 pm.

Comm. Victor asked Treasurer Barla to present the council with information relating to the village lawn mower. Currently, there is in excess of \$1300 in repair costs to the machine and he felt it was a good time to trade in the mower and purchase a new model. Comm. Victor provided the council with the estimate on repair costs as well as the cost of a new replacement model. Mayor Spicer asked the council to discuss this at the council meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the budget meeting of April 20, 2010 be adjourned at 7:05pm.

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

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on April 20, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:06pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the April 6, 2010 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: 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 March treasurer's report and the payment of bills as

presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Mower discussion
2. Veteran of the Month Ceremony

Mayor Spicer announced that community resident Russell Tendall was nominated the Veteran of the Month for April for the state of Illinois.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb gave an update regarding the Crotty Creek, Rat Run and I & M Canal Improvement project. Work will continue on clean up and plans to clean out the culvert on Commerce Street. Engineer Christensen stated that cross sections of the project will produce computations for the next council meeting to proceed with a final payout on the project; final payout will not be made until all clean up and re-seeding is performed.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer gave an overview on the current status of the well #1 project; it was the consensus of the council at the previous council meeting to proceed with filling in the well. Village engineers have sent bid letters to ask local contractors for quotes on the project to be sent in by April 30, 2010.

New Business:

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Comm. Timmons confirmed that on behalf of the Village, Comm. Lamb, Scott Holman and possibly Bill Steep will be attending the open house meeting regarding the newly produced digital flood insurance rate maps (FIRMs) for LaSalle County.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated he has been asked to give an overview on the traffic control devices that are in place east of town. Due to the unsafe conditions for heavy traffic in that area, these devices have been initiated by the Illinois Department of Transportation to keep traffic off of the east bound lanes.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed a proclamation relating to A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois, promoting the safe operation of motorcycles, education and awareness. He stated on behalf of the village he would be signing the proclamation.

Mayor Spicer announced that the Seneca Park Board recently passed a motion relating to the size of the board decreasing the members from 9 to 7.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the council adopts ordinance #10-05 an ordinance amending the ordinance regulating the Park Board.

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

An announcement was made by Mayor Spicer regarding the village launching Facebook & Twitter accounts. Event posting, as well as other important facts will be posted.

Mayor Spicer encouraged all residents to comply with sending in their Census forms and offered if anyone had not yet received their form to contact Village Hall, also indicated that the village was contacted to inform residents that if their form is not sent in a representative from the census will visit each home in person to ensure that there is an accurate count taken for Seneca.

Mayor Spicer returned to the subject of whether the council felt the village should proceed with the purchase of a new lawn mower, or service the existing one. The consensus of the council was to proceed with obtaining bids from the local Ace Hardware for the possible purchase.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the April 20, 2010 council meeting is adjourned at 7:35PM.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk