

The Seneca Village Council held its quarterly scheduled budget meeting on August 17, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Budget Meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council appoint Gayla Barla as recording secretary for the August 17, 2010 budget meeting.

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

Commissioner Timmons arrived at 6:47pm

Village Treasurer Barla gave a presentation to the Village Council regarding the current financial report of the Village of Seneca. It was stated that currently, the Village Council is working with a budget that has not been balanced. Village expenses are down \$46,000.00 from previous year, in addition due to the loss of sales and income taxes the revenue is also down \$114,000.00 from last year.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the August 17, 2010 budget meeting be adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on August 17, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the August 3, 2010 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the July Treasurer's Report and the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Police Department Copy Machine Request
2. Water Shut off Announcement
3. Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources Announcement
4. Cruise Night Donation
5. School Zone Announcement

Mr. Randy Timmons presented a Timmons family donation check to be used for the upkeep of the Crotty Park main shelter.

Old Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor stated that in approximately two weeks, the water will be shut off on Shipyard Road and Moline Street to rebuild lines and perform work on a metering vault. Three residents will be affected and Comm. Victor stated that Village workers will notify each resident of this upcoming work.

Comm. Victor asked the Council's approval to contact Mr. Dan Bell of Illinois Department of Natural Resources to allow Village workers to spray the I & M Canal for weed control; Commissioner Timmons offered to contact Mr. Bell on behalf of the Council's request.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears started discussion on the need for a new copy machine at the Seneca Police Department; he shared the previous research that was done regarding buying a new copier vs. leasing options. It was determined that it would be more feasible for the Village to purchase a refurbished machine for \$3500.00 than to lease one.

A motion as made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves an expense of \$3500.00 for a CopyStar copy machine at the Seneca Police Department.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that at the last Council meeting the Plan Commission presented the Council with a completed Title 10 draft revision as well as a revised Village zoning map;

Council instructed Attorney Mason to complete an ordinance amending the Title 10 and zoning map.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance # 10-09, an Ordinance amending Title 10 of the Village of Seneca comprehensive zoning ordinance.

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

Mayor Spicer reminded the community that the Village Council previously offered their support by way of Resolution for the Seneca Cruise Night Committee for the purpose of the yearly Cruise Night event. Mayor Spicer also stated that on behalf of the Village Council he would like to present a donation of \$500.00 for the committee expenses.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council donate \$500.00 to the Seneca Cruise Night Committee.

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

New Business:

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that the Village Council had previously reviewed the executive session minutes and determined which minutes could be released.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the release of executive session minutes.

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

Mayor Spicer reviewed a request with the Council from Mr. Gerard Keating of the Seneca I-80 Railport project to extend the project benchmark dates two years, providing additional time to pursue state and federal funding for public infrastructure improvements. After contacting Village special Attorney David Silverman as well as Kane, McKenna and Associates it was determined that the Village should grant the extension request, but not for the two years as requested by Mr. Keating.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the deadlines of September 1, 2010, for certification by CSX and September 1, 2010 for certification of all plans, drawings and bid documentation for milestones under the redevelopment agreement for the intermodal facility are both extended to September 1, 2011.

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

Mayor referred to Mr. Gary Hamilton, Chairman of the Seneca Cruise Night Committee to give the Village an update of 2010 Cruise Night information. Mr. Hamilton started by thanking the Village Council for the donation of \$500.00 to the committee as well as the various local businesses for their donations to the goody bags to be given to each Cruise Night participant. The 2010 Cruise Night will take place on August 28, 2010; the event is open to all cars, trucks, semi tractor trucks, motorcycles and antique tractors. Entertainment and food vendors will be present at the event.

Mayor Spicer stated that the Village Council and Plan Commission had previously worked with Mr. John Cunningham regarding the Springbrook Park development named Hunter's Ridge. One of the subdivision requirements for the developer was to provide street lighting and currently Mr. Cunningham arranged for the installation of street lighting. The residents of this area asked the Village Council to discontinue this action and it was stated by Mayor Spicer that due to safety factor, the Village asked Mr. Cunningham to continue with the lighting installation.

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

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

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

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

Discussion was held regarding the three categories of Village employees: old, union and new. Old employees were hired prior to 1994, new hired after that date. The Council was in agreement that it is feasibly responsible to combine the benefits for the old and new employee categories.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council adopts Ordinance #10-10, an ordinance regulating consolidating of vacation, personal and sick days.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the August 17, 2010 council meeting is adjourned at 8:04 pm.

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

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Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk