The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on August 2, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the July 19, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports, Additional Agenda Items & Public Comments:

Additional Agenda Items:
  1.  Grade School Storm Sewer Project Announcement
  2.  Sea Cadet Thank you Announcement

No public comment presented.

Mr. Mike Sparrow of Progressive Energy Group had previously attended a council meeting presenting information that the company had compiled regarding a survey on Village owned properties receiving ComEd electricity service. He gave the recommendations for the Village of Seneca and reviewed the cost reduction initiative with the Village Council.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated the Seneca Plan Commission met recently and recommended to the Council to vacate 16 x 100 feet of an alley between Cash and Market on the south side abutting Armstrong Street. In approximately 1950, a garage was built on an official Village alley at that location and after review by Plan
Commission at a Public Hearing it was determined to recommend the Village to vacate the property and sell to the garage owner.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council accepts the recommendations of the Plan Commission to vacate the alley adjacent to Armstrong Street for an agreed amount of $2500.00.

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

Commissioner Hamilton announced that previously motions were made to appoint both Patty Newberry and J.D. Mott to the Seneca Park Board. It was determined that the term ending date was incorrect on those previous motions and he asked that a new motion be presented for passage.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council appoints J.D. Mott and Patty Newberry to the Seneca Park Board with terms ending May, 2015.

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

Commissioner Hamilton also reminded residents that the fire hydrant project will resume next week at Clark & Lincoln Street and that information will be posted as project continues on the Village Facebook/Twitter and cable system.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons announced his appreciation for all involved with the 2011 Sea Cadets projects within our community. He publically thanked Commissioner Hamilton, Commissioner Lamb, maintenance staff, Village office staff, Seneca FFA, River RediMix, Park Board members and Mr. Ed Callahan.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that the traffic is being controlled during the grade school project and that the project is progressing. On the route 6 bridge project, placing of the pre-cast is completed and the project target completion date still remains at August 12, 2011.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton reminded everyone that the 2011 Seneca Cruise Night will be held August 27, 2011 from 6-10pm; the committee is working hard to complete all
necessary plans and he thanked local businesses for donating goody bag items as well as door prizes. Also announced was the need for electrical work to be done at Crotty Park. He stated that he is currently obtaining quotes for applying photocell lighting and repair of other lighting; it was the consensus of the Council to proceed with improvements.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb stated that the Village is currently reviewing an Ordinance that will authorize and regulate golf cart use within the Village of Seneca. A copy of proposed Ordinance was given to the Council for review and will be placed on the next agenda. Also announced was the bid letting for Motor Fuel Tax fund expenditures on street repair work which is set for Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 11:00AM Seneca Village Hall.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

In Commissioner Sears’ absence, Commissioner Hamilton announced that Village Zoning Officer Ron Ott has requested new ICC code books for his use, Village Hall copy as well as one to be placed at the Seneca Library.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approve an expenditure for the purchase of ICC Code books out of the Zoning Department.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the August 2, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk