The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on August 3, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M.

Roll Call: Present: Sears, Lamb, Victor, Timmons, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the July 20, 2010 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Shelton Tree Service Thank You
2. Fire Hydrant Project Update
3. Drum Corps Thank You
4. Detour Information
5. Seneca Shipyard Days Festival Update
6. Scholarship Information

Mr. Michael Ellis presented information to the Council relating to the Seneca Shipyard Days Festival; including a financial statement as well as a yearly comparison report. Mr. Ellis mentioned that there are bills not yet received, therefore a bottom line amount has not yet been calculated. According to Michael, the balance on hand at this time is $4196.63. The festival hopes to combine the 2011 Seneca Cruise Night with the next Seneca Shipyard Days Festival.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:

Due to wind damage on the Seneca bridge project, progress has been hindered but the contractor continues to work toward the project completion.
According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Route 6 detour west will be removed approximately August 22, 2010.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer referred to Tom Justice, Chairman of the Seneca Plan Commission for the Plan Commission update. Mr. Justice started by announcing that residents that have erected swimming pools on their property containing the capacity of 24” or more of water should procure a Village building permit prior. The Seneca Plan Commission had recently held a public hearing relating to the Title 10 revisions and the Village Zoning Map; a copy of the Title 10 revision index as well as the zoning map had previously been released to the Village Attorney as well as Village Clerk Therese Russell for public review. Mr. Justice indicated that the Plan Commission would authorize the Village to proceed with the necessary steps to be taken for final approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopt and approve recommendation by the Seneca Plan Commission for Title 10 changes and zoning map; authorizing Attorney Mason to prepare Ordinance for presentation at the next Council Meeting.

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

Mayor Spicer stated that the Village attorneys had worked with the Seneca I-80 Railport project attorneys to perfect an escrow agreement, a cost participation agreement as well as an agreement and resolution between the State of Illinois Department of Transportation and the Village of Seneca for the construction of a 5 lane box culvert on U.S. 6 at Rat Run. The first phase of the project included the preliminary engineering and has been completed. It was noted by Mayor Spicer that the Village will not incur any expenses on this project; it was stated that these documents are now up for review. It was stated that this project work will begin this year after an upcoming bid letting and the date is yet to be determined.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the Mayor to sign a cost participation agreement regarding the construction of a 5 lane box culvert on U.S. Route 6 at Rat Run.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the Mayor to sign an escrow agreement relating to the construction of a 5 lane box culvert on U.S. Route 6 at Rat Run.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Victor, Timmons, Sears, Spicer
A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves the Mayor signing an agreement between the State of IL Department of Transportation and the Village of Seneca for the construction of a 5 lane box culvert on U.S. Route 6 at Rat Run.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the Mayor signing Resolution # 473, a Resolution for appropriation of funds for the construction of a 5 lane box culvert on U.S. Route 6 at Rat Run.

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

New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Commissioner Victor stated that the next phase of the Fire Hydrant Replacement project will include the following areas: 100 Block of East Union, Valley View to East Street and Douglas Street to Armour Street; start date has not yet been disclosed.

Comm. Victor thanked the Shelton Tree Service for their work on the emergency brush removal last week; also thanked the community for their support for the Blue Devil Drum Corps.

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated the agenda item of Contractor Registration procedure has been cancelled for open session and referred to executive session.

Streets Lamb:

An announcement was made by Comm. Lamb that asphalt repair work will soon begin on the following streets: Commerce, Lincoln, Oak, Railroad, Hossack and Cash.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears announced that the Seneca Police Dept. photo copier is currently in need of major repair work; Sears stated that he is checking on pricing for a refurbished machine vs. leasing a copier.

Public Property Victor:
Comm. Victor announced that the Council thanked Village Clerk Therese Russell for obtaining a $400 scholarship to be used for the 2010 Municipal Clerk Institute.

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the August 3, 2010 council meeting is adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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

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Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk