The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on February 15, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the January 18, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the January Treasurer’s report and the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation.

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

No public comment presented.

Old Business:

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer reviewed the surplus Ordinance presented at the previous Council meeting; this Ordinance is in relation to TIF 3. At the December 9, 2010 Joint Review Board meeting it was recommended by Mr. Rychlicki of Kane, McKenna & Associates to institute a surplus ordinance due to the TIF structure of 50/30/20. In the event that there is a surplus not used, the surplus reverts to the taxing entities and due to the inactivity of TIF 3 the current surplus will need to be divided amongst the taxing entities involved. Ordinance passage will allow the Council to proceed with the surplus division. Mayor also asked Attorney Mason if this will be a yearly Ordinance and he indicated yes.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Ordinance #11-01, an Ordinance declaring surplus revenue in the Village of Seneca for tax increment redevelopment plan for the Seneca I-80 Railport Project and authorizing payment of surplus revenue to the Grundy County Treasurer for distribution to taxing districts on a pro rata basis.
Roll Call: Ayes: Sears, Timmons, Spicer  
Nays: none

New Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears announced the 2011 Shipyard Committee information. Committee members as well as festival dates have been chosen and forwarded to the Village Clerk for yearly Resolution passage.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Resolution #474, a Resolution supporting the 2011 Seneca Shipyard Days Festival.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer spoke of the Seneca Cruise Night committee meeting and providing information to the Village Clerk on the 2011 Seneca Cruise Night.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council adopts Resolution #475, a Resolution supporting the 2011 Cruise Night.

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

Mayor Spicer also spoke about documents that were received regarding deleting of territory from the Ottawa/LaSalle County/Grundy County Enterprise Zone. No questions asked.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council allows the Mayor to sign an application to delete territory from the Ottawa/LaSalle County/Grundy County enterprise zone.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance #11-02, an Ordinance amending Ordinances which established and expanded an enterprise zone within the Village of Seneca encompassing contiguous portions of City of Ottawa, County of LaSalle, County of Grundy and City of Marseilles.
A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the Mayor to sign an amendment to the enterprise zone intergovernmental agreement.

Mayor Spicer also spoke regarding the previous West Street vacation completed June 16, 2009. It was discovered that there was an encroachment from a deed between private parties into the vacated area. In order to amend the documents, the Village Council has been provided with a copy of the Ordinance vacating the additional portion.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons, and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council adopts Ordinance #11-03, an Ordinance amending the Ordinance vacating West Street by including an additional parcel.

A representative from the Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce had previously contacted Mayor Spicer regarding a request to jointly advertise in the 2011 LaSalle County Visitor Guide; by sharing the cost with the IRACC as well as the City of Marseilles, it was discussed that Seneca’s portion would be $266.00. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the advertising.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the February 15, 2011 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:17pm.

Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk