The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on February 21, 2012 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the February 7, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Additional Agenda Items:
  1. Police Station Vehicle Equipment Request
  2. Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce Billing

Commissioner Sears stated that the Police Department is requesting that a vehicle equipment request for new squad car be made at the March 6, 2012 Council meeting; clerk was instructed to put this onto the upcoming meeting agenda.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that no sealed bids were obtained for the 2001 Chevy truck for sale; therefore it was discussed that it may be put up for sale on a future date. In addition, Comm. Hamilton stated that two bids were received for the Police Station security camera system and Commercial Electronic Systems, Inc. had the lesser of the two for $13,810.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approve an expenditure of $13,810.00 to Commercial Electronic Systems, Inc. for the
Police Department addition camera system to be taken out of Public Health & Safety Department.

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

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that to date five bids have been received for the 2011-12 Village audit completion; two of which did not include critical information to determine the full scope of work bided. This subject will be on the next Council meeting agenda.

Public Affairs Mayor:

Mayor Spicer stated that at previous Council Meeting it was discussed and determined which Executive Session minutes were to be released.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the release of certain executive session minutes for public viewing.

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

Mayor Spicer stated that if the Village Council approved the Mayor to sign an agreement allowing Integrys, to provide electrical aggregation at a 5.3 kWh rate which would be for one year to the Village residents, as well as institute pre and post referendum education to our Village. The question was asked by Comm. Hamilton whether the allowance of Wisconsin based Integrys to provide the energy portion of the Com Ed billing would affect the distribution of the Village Municipal Utility Tax rate because the company is not based in Illinois. It was the consensus of the Council to allow the motion for the Mayor to sign the agreement subject to verification that the Village utility tax would not be affected.

A motion was made by Commissioner Sears and seconded by Commissioner Timmons that the Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the aggregation program agreement between Integrys Energy Services and the Village of Seneca subject to verification that the Village utility tax is not affected.

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

Mayor Spicer asked the Village Council for direction on a billing from the Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce billing for 2012 membership dues. Previously it was the consensus of the Village council to ask for a reduction in dues and it was discounted by $50.00 bringing the total current membership dues to $700.00. The Council agreed to
send full payment of $700.00 to the Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce for this year along with a letter asking for additional decrease in dues amount for 2013.

No new business presented.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council enters into executive session to discuss collective bargaining, purchase or lease of real estate and personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the February 21, 2012 Council Meeting is adjourned at 9:03 pm.

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

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Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk