The Seneca Village Council held its quarterly budget meeting on January 18, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Budget meeting was called to order at 6:45pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council appoint Gayla Barla as recording secretary.

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

Village Treasurer Gayla Barla reviewed reports given to each Council member previously regarding the budget. Firstly, general fund expense report which included the total expenses from April 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 which was $822,275.93. Second report compared 09/10 fiscal year to 10/11 thus far; expenses were down $75,326.41. Third report was a comparison of income from 09/10 fiscal year to 10/11 thus far income was down $69,427.98. At the end of December 31, 2010 the shortfall between income and expenses is $4,205.19. Commissioner Timmons asked each Council member to minimize their department’s expenses if at all possible.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the January 18, 2011 budget meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm.

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

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on January 18, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the January 4, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Victor, Lamb, 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 December Treasurer’s report and the payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Historical Guild Announcement
2. Police Department Grant Update

Old Business:

None given

New Business:

Public Property Victor:

Comm. Victor tabled the agenda item “purchase for sewer plant” until a future meeting.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Comm. Sears announced that the 2010 Shop with a Cop program was a success; nine children participated and there was enough money left over to be used as seed money for the 2011 event. Comm. Sears also reviewed with the Council a packet provided by the Seneca Police Department which reviews department activity and financial reports as of December, 2010.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer asked the Council to review a surplus ordinance which 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 Village to proceed with the surplus division. This ordinance will be on file with the clerk’s office and placed on the next agenda.

Mayor Spicer made additional announcements regarding the June 18, 2011 Dollars Against Diabetes collection, February 19, 2011 Alumni Basketball game as well as the Seneca Youth Baseball Softball Association registration dates being January 22nd and 29th at the Seneca Fire Station.
In closing, Guy Christensen stated that the Police Station Grant is on file with the State of Illinois and once the first payment is received, work will commence on the project. Additionally, Commissioner Timmons reminded all that the Seneca Historical Guild meeting will be Thursday, January 20th at 6:00 pm at the Seneca Village Hall.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the January 18, 2011 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:16pm.

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

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Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk