The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on January 8, 2013 at Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the December 18, 2012 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton announced that the recent upgrade to the Village sewer plant which included installing new airline piping has eliminated the leaking of air underground; thus creating a notable savings on the sewer plant electric bill. In addition, Comm. Hamilton stated the Union & Richards Street hydrant project will be stalled until the ground thaws in spring, 2013.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated the Village Hall fire alarm system has recently indicated trouble with the police station kitchen area; it was determined that the smoke detector was defective but in researching this situation, it was also noted that the main alarm panel board is also defective and a bid from the alarm company will be produced and presented at the next Council meeting. Comm. Hamilton also announced that currently a contractor
is working on the I-FIBER project along Route 170 which provides fiber optic capabilities which will connect governmental agencies throughout LaSalle County.

Streets Lamb:

In Commissioner Lamb’s absence, Village Engineer Guy Christensen presented a resolution pertaining to withdrawing an additional $3082.77 out of Motor Fuel Tax funds relating to the 2012 street maintenance program. The extra funds incurred were due to the increased asphalt needed above bid obtained by D Construction for work in the Valley View area.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts Resolution #489, a Resolution for maintenance of streets.

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

The item of “Village Backhoe Equipment Repair Report” was tabled due to Commissioner Lamb’s absence.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated that there are two Ordinances relating to the consolidation of Seneca Dispatch with the County of Grundy; both are Illinois Commerce Commission requirements. After light discussion, Attorney Mason indicated that the normal two week wait time was not necessary due to the previously approved motion which allowed the Mayor to sign the consolidation agreement. Commissioner Hamilton indicated that he would make the motion, but after further discussion by Commissioner Timmons, a request was made to wait until Commissioner Lamb was present to have a full Council vote. This item was tabled until the January 15, 2013 Council meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council enters into executive session to discuss personnel.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Sears, Spicer
Nays: Hamilton

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the January 8, 2013 council meeting is adjourned at 7:43pm.
Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Hamilton, Sears, Spicer  
Nays: none

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk