

The Seneca Village Council held a budget workshop meeting at Village Hall on July 12,2011 at the Village Hall.

Budget Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Hamilton, Lamb and Mayor Spicer

A motion was made by Commissioner Lamb and seconded by Commissioner Timmons that the council appoints Gayla Barla as recording secretary.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Hamilton and Spicer

Commissioner Sears arrived.

Village Treasurer Barla gave a short report with the 2011/2012 first draft working budget. With the capital expenses, general fund has a shortfall of \$1,436,750.04, without capital improvements the shortfall is \$341,750.00

The council then discussed ways of cutting expenses for the general fund.

Ideas that were presented are as follows:

- 1.) Attorney Mason mentioned that Richard St. fund balance could be used for general fund. Commissioner Hamilton stated that he planned on using that for Sewer capital expenses, so at this time he would like to table that idea until he finds out how the sewer fund budget balances.
- 2.) Commissioner Sears is going to look into changing police schedule where there is someone on duty with Chief Meglan 3 days a week. This could be a savings of \$50,000.00
- 3.) Discussed that the dispatch expenses are approximately \$20,800.00 a month. The 911 fund could be paying these wages. It was also discussed that LaSalle Co 911 is testing the Enhanced 911 system and hopefully will be in service for non-municipality residents by October 2011.
- 4.) Fire Department will possibility start paying for dispatch cost in 2012
- 5.) The council directed Mayor Spicer to talk with Grundy/Morris, LaSalle Co and City of Marseilles to review costs and availability of merging with their 911 systems.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lamb and seconded by Commissioner Timmons that the budget meeting of July 12,2011 is adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Lamb, Timmons, Hamilton, Sears and Spicer

Gayla A Barla,
Recording Secretary

