The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on July 5, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves the June 21, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

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

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

Seneca Business Spotlight presentation: Riverside Chiropractic Center
Dr. Christa Velos and Dr. Sean Gibbs were present to highlight their new location at 260 S. Main Street including services offered. Mayor Spicer wished the doctors congratulations from the Village and many continued years of success in the Village of Seneca.

Communications, Petitions, Reports, Additional Agenda Items & Public Comments:
   1. Park Board Information

No public comment presented.

Mr. Mike Sparrow of Progressive Energy presented the Council with a detailed summary of an audit for the Village which gave an overview of cost savings relating to the electric billings.

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that sealed bids were received and opened today at 11:00AM for the sale of the Village owned 1991 Dodge Power Ram 250 Truck. The highest bid was submitted by Mr. Paul Ringer of $1131.00.
A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopt Ordinance #11-07, an Ordinance authorizing the sale of 1991 Dodge Power Ram 250 truck.  

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

Streets Lamb:  

Commissioner Lamb said he would like to congratulate Michael Ellis on the fine job that the Seneca Summer Festival Committee did with the 2011 festival.  

New Business:  

Public Property Hamilton:  

Comm. Hamilton stated the Village will be starting to replace fire hydrants on Thursday, July 7th at 9:00am in the Englewood Drive area. It was announced that anyone living in that area will be without water during that time and that after water has been turned back on then a boil water order will be in effect until further notice. In addition, Commissioner Hamilton stated that previously the Park Board presented the Council with a motion allowing Margaret Grober to hire a summer part-time temporary employee to work at the various park areas throughout the Village at $10.00 per hour. It was discussed by the Village to allow Margaret to interview candidates and hire such employee.  

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Village Council authorizes the Seneca Park Board to hire up to two part-time temporary employees utilizing Park Board funds.  

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

Accounts & Finance Timmons:  

Commissioner Timmons stated the Sea Cadets have started working in the Village of Seneca at the Crotty Park to build a basketball court and at the Seneca Boat Launch to install BBQ grills/concrete pads as well as other community projects. Commissioner Timmons publically thanked the Sea Cadet program for their time and efforts within our community. Comm. Timmons announced that the Village will hold a Budget Meeting on July 12, 2011 at 6:30pm.  

Streets Lamb:  

Comm. Lamb referred to Village Engineer, Guy Christensen for explanation of the Village Motor Fuel Tax program. As explained, The Motor Fuel Tax Funds that the
Village of Seneca receives are distributed by the State of Illinois from taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel. After the State funds various administrative, regulatory, railroad, and boating requirements, the balance of the funds are allotted monthly to Counties, Townships, and Municipalities, with municipalities receiving about 27% of those available funds. A municipality's share of the total MFT municipal allocation is based on the ratio of that municipality's population to the total population of all incorporated areas in the State. The allotment of each municipality is not based on the total fuel tax collected within that municipality's boundary. It is based on State wide sales.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council appropriate Motor Fuel Tax funds for the 2011 street maintenance program.

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

Under intersection lighting announcement, Comm. Lamb stated that the Village is working with Commonwealth Edison to provide lighting to the intersection of River Road and Dupont Road as well as River Road and 29th Road. For the storm sewer announcement he stated if all materials are received that the project will begin approximately July 11, 2011. It has been determined that the culvert on Commerce Street has become filled with gravel and sand and Village will need to hire A & E Septic to utilize a special Vactor machine for the removal job.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves A & E Septic to be hired to clean culvert on Commerce Street.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that he received a request from Michael Ellis to change the name from the Seneca Summer Festival Committee to the Seneca Festival Commission. Michael explained that the Seneca Park Board has given him the authority to begin preparations for the Fall Festival and Golf Cart Cruise and by changing the name it will allow the committee to plan for other events and festivals that are other than just summer months. It was determined by the Village to appoint the Seneca Festival Commission board members as well.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves a name change from Seneca Summer Festival Committee to the Seneca Festival Commission.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Timmons, Lamb, Spicer
Nays: none
A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council adopts Resolution #479, a Resolution regarding the 2011-12 Seneca Festival Commission.

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

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the July 5, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk