

The Seneca Village Council held a budget workshop meeting on May 10, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Budget meeting was called to order at 5:30PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council appoints Gayla Barla as recording secretary.

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

Village Treasurer Gayla Barla gave the Council a report on the finances for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2011. Council discussed the 2011/12 working budget and different options on financing projects.

Council instructed Treasurer Barla to split the garage building payment between the water and sewer departments. Previously it was taken out of the general fund. The fire hydrant program was discussed; it was estimated that the 2011 program costs will be approximately \$27,000.00. The current fire savings balance is \$110,000.00; which will be depleted to \$83,000.00 after the 2011 fire hydrant program. Attorney Mason discussed using the remaining funds for a storm water project, dispatcher wages and tools; it was the consensus of the Council to use the funds for the tools and storm water project but felt that further discussion would be held on whether it will be used for dispatch wages. The Village Clerk was instructed to produce a monthly breakdown of all expenses relating to dispatch wages which will start in June, 2011. Discussion was held on utilizing 911 funds to pay for dispatch wages; no decision was made to change current procedure. Discussion held on new police department addition equipment; it was determined that funds from the sale of the existing police department building as well as police department building savings fund would be used for chairs, desk and other office equipment. It was determined that the approximate cost for 911 equipment will be \$150,000.00 and at this time 911 has \$50,000.00 in savings; it was stated that the balance would most likely be paid with bonds. Commissioner Hamilton stated he would like to purchase a small truck to be used in the Water/Sewer Department. Cost is \$12,800.00 and would be split between the two funds. The current truck would be utilized for snow removal purposes. Mayor Spicer discussed the project with the Seneca Grade School which ties in with the Route 170 storm water line; the Village asked the school to upgrade their project which will eliminate flooding on Walnut and Crotty Park. The upgraded amount will be approximately \$9,700.00 and including the engineer cost, Village amount will be \$20,000.00. It was determined that this expense will be paid by the storm water fund and/or the windmill fund. In addition, the Valley View project will be paid by the storm water fund. The Council discussed the Park Board purchase of property for future swimming pool. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Park Board should attend a Council Meeting with their presentation. The Council will then make a decision on how to proceed with the matter. Commissioner Lamb reported that the Council will also need to determine funding for the Old Stage Road/Grundy County Project. The estimated cost for engineering is \$50,000.00 and construction is \$600,000.00. At this time, the TIF District revenue funds will not cover this amount. The Village will need to determine other funding options for this expense.

Commissioner Sears arrived to the meeting at 7:10pm.

Commissioner Sears was directed to include a final Ford payment of \$17,947.00 into this year's working budget. Pipe and Piling agreement will connect Union Street to the TIF; therefore TIF funding will allow improvements to that street. Council members to having a first draft of their working budget into Village Treasurer by May 25, 2011.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the May

10, 2011 budget workshop meeting is adjourned at 7:35PM.

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

Gayla Barla, Recording Secretary