The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 1, 2011 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the Council approves the October 18, 2011 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

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

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

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

No public comment presented

Additional Agenda Items:
1. I-Fiber Program Announcement
2. Police Station Addition Announcement

Old Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that the agenda item of Police Station Building Sale was tabled until the next Council meeting. Also stated was that the Village received bids for the removal of a portion of the Crotty Park blacktop which will improve baseball field conditions. The low bid received was by H.J. Eppel Company for $18,350.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves an expenditure of $18,350.00 for asphalt work by H.J. Eppel Company at Crotty Park to be taken out of Park Board funds.

Roll Call: Ayes: Hamilton, Lamb, Timmons, Spicer
Comm. Hamilton also stated that he received a pay request from Brandt Builders for $95,400.00 for the Police Station addition project.

A motion was made by Comm. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves pay request #3 relating to the Police Station addition in the amount of $95,400.00 to Brandt Builders.

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

Streets Lamb:

An announcement was made by Comm. Lamb that prior to the 2011 winter; contractor pavement sealing work will begin on certain streets within our Village under the Motor Fuel Tax program.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

In Commissioner Sears’ absence, Mayor Spicer announced the Seneca Police Department is once again asking for donations for the annual “Shop with a Cop” program in which needy children are given funds to shop for their families for the Christmas season. Mayor Spicer also announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Communications Commission will conduct the first nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System on Wednesday, November 9th at 2:00pm eastern standard time and may last up to three and a half minutes. This nationwide test will involve broadcast radio and TV stations, cable television, satellite radio and wire line video service providers across the entire United States.

New Business:

Public Property Hamilton:

Commissioner Hamilton stated that he met with Mr. Brian Gift of North Central Illinois Council of Governments regarding the I FIBER program proposed for LaSalle County. Previously, a letter of intent to be a participant was issued by the Village of Seneca. This program will institute fiber optic connections for not only the Village Hall but also the Seneca Police Station, schools as well as Seneca Public Library. Program will take place spring, 2013.

Comm. Hamilton also stated that Village Zoning Officer Ron Ott discovered that the Police Station addition being built by Brandt Builders did not have adequate fire code protection. The material, equipment, labor and supervision to add 1 more layer of 5/8” fire code drywall to the existing garage ceilings, 1 more layer to the existing north wall of garage, 2 more layers to the north walls of the new mechanical room and restroom
including the drywall materials and hanging/drywall taping of these new layers will be at an additional cost of $2625.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve the change order on the Police Station addition to include fire protection in the amount of $2625.00.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb previously worked with Com Ed to facilitate the installation of street lighting on River Road. Comm. Lamb referred to Comm. Hamilton to discuss the agenda item of vehicle announcement. The Village of Seneca has two vehicles being placed up for sealed bidding including a 1999 Ford F350 V-10 truck with 4 wheel drive snow plow attachment; minimum bid is $5800.00. The second vehicle is a 1996 Chevrolet 3500 Dump truck V-8 with 4 wheel drive with plow & salt spreader; minimum bid is $3250.00. Sealed bids will be collected at Seneca Village Hall and bids will be opened on Monday, November 14th at 4:00pm.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer commended Emergency Management Coordinator Kathy Angelakos for obtaining donations, grants and reimbursements for the Village over the course of 2011. Ms. Angelakos also has attended trainings and increased her education in the Emergency Management field.

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. Hamilton and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council returns to regular session.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approves to hire Andrea Anselme as a contract employee at a rate of $75.00 per 8 hour day to be taken out of Police Department Fund.

Roll Call: Ayes: Timmons, Lamb, Hamilton, Spicer  
Nays: none
A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that Gayla Barla be required to attend I.M.L. Treasurer’s Conference for year 2011 and annually thereafter at the Village’s expense.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Hamilton that the November 1, 2011 Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:18pm.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Seneca Village Clerk