

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on November 16, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the November 2, 2010 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the October Treasurer's Report payment of bills as presented.

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

No Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. Bridge Report

Old Business:

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

In Commissioner Timmons absence, Attorney Mason stated that the Tax Levy was presented at last Council meeting. There will be less than a 2% increase due to slight increase to both the Village insurance program as well as the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and in addition, it was stated there would be no increase in discretionary tax line items.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council adopts Ordinance #10-13, an Ordinance regarding the tax levy.

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

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that the old Seneca Bridge will be demolished by two implosion dates; first one set for Thursday, November 18th at 7:00 AM and the second date is to be announced. He added that Coast Guard regulations state that anyone attending the implosion will be asked to remain 1000 ft away from the site and that the Seneca Boat Launch will be the designated viewing area. Fire and Police protection will provide traffic control.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears reminded residents about the free opportunity to have their children participate in the ICHIP program provided by the Illinois Masons and the Village of Seneca Police Department. The children will be fingerprinted; videotaped, photographed and interviewed in the event of their abduction this will take place at the South Campus on November 18th at 8:00AM.

Comm. Sears also reminded anyone who would like to donate to the “Shop with a Cop” program can do so by contacting the Seneca Police Dept. Date for this community event has not been released. He also stated that information has been given to each Council member regarding fee changes for violations as well as an impound ordinance fee change; Council was asked to review the information and Comm. Sears stated he would be in contact with Attorney Mason for Ordinance changes to be presented again at the next Council meeting.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced at the last Council meeting that a resignation was given from the Seneca Plan Commission; Mr. Ron Ott attended the last Plan Commission meeting and indicated he would like to fill the vacancy.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council appoints Mr. Ron Ott to the Seneca Plan Commission with term expiring May, 2014.

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

New Business:

Accounts and Finance Timmons:

In Commissioner Timmons absence, Mayor Spicer referred to Attorney Mason for review of the 911 Bond Ordinance as well as the Abating ABCD Bond Ordinance. With a general obligation bond, the Village receives better terms and interest rates. It was explained that this is the last year for the 911 Bond Ordinance. These two Ordinances will be up at the next Council meeting.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb announced that the Village removed all business banners from electric poles; the banners will be replaced in the spring. A thank you was given to Pat Shea of Kramer & Sons construction for the use of their man lift equipment for this project. It was noted that it is an OSHA violation to have anything hanging on the electric poles.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer announced that Michael Ellis worked with Ron Ott to submit a grant application for the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program regarding the beautification of downtown Seneca. This application was not approved but can be resubmitted at a later date. Mayor commended Michael and Ron for their efforts in trying to obtain the grant.

Mayor Spicer asked lifetime resident Bill Steep to pull a name for the old Seneca Bridge implosion raffle; the first implosion of two is set to take place on Thursday, November 18, 2010 at 7:00AM. Resident Jacob Weinreich's name was pulled as the winner giving him the right to push the button to implode the bridge. Raffle ticket money will be split between the Seneca Development Organization and the Seneca Historical Guild.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the November 16, 2010 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:21pm.

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

Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk