The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on September 7, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

Roll Call: Present: Victor, Lamb, Sears, Timmons, Spicer
Absent: none

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approves the August 17, 2010 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer’s Report:

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

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

Seneca Business Spotlight presentation

Morgan Caracci of Morgan’s Chicago Style Eatery gave a presentation about the Seneca business. Mayor Spicer welcomed her to the Seneca business community and presented her with a business certificate.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

1. RR Crossing Project announcement
2. Fire Hydrant Replacement Project announcement
3. Day of Remembrance Event information

Julie Alaimo of the Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation regarding the Chamber’s goals and member information; she also discussed the “Chamber of Commerce Week” which falls September 13th through September 17th.

Gary Hamilton of the Seneca Cruise Night Committee gave a presentation regarding the 2010 Cruise Night event which was a success. Over 300 vehicles were involved and Mr. Hamilton thanked the many people who helped with the event.

Old Business:

Streets Lamb:
Commissioner Lamb gave a Seneca bridge update stating that the main deck has been poured and curbing will be poured in the near future by slip form. Weather permitting preliminary finish work to commence as soon as possible.

Commissioner Lamb also spoke about the Route 170 RR Crossing project which is to be started when all materials are obtained by the Department of Transportation.

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated the Seneca Police Department has recently purchased a Copy Star copy machine.

New Business:

Commissioner Victor gave an update on the fire hydrant replacement project which will resume on September 9, 2010 at East Armour Street, East Street, Valley View Drive, Vaughey and the 100 block of East Union Street. A boil water order will be in effect and will be posted on the Village website, Twitter and Facebook account.

Commissioner Victor invited the community and any military service men and women to attend the upcoming Day of Remembrance taking place on Friday, September 10, 2010 at the Seneca Grade School South Campus parking lot.

Streets Lamb:

Commissioner Lamb gave an update regarding the reason traffic was brought down to one lane for most of the 2010 summer months in the eastbound lane of Route 6; due to heavy load road restrictions, when a subsequent IDOT project near Marseilles was completed, lanes on Route 6 were re-opened and heavy, oversized loads are now re-routed.

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer gave a brief overview of a yearly donation request from North Central Illinois Council of Governments in relation to supporting the Economic Development District Annual Planning Grant.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approves a donation of $1000.00 to the North Central Illinois Council of Governments in regards to the Annual Planning Grant.

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

Mayor Spicer reviewed the request from Julie Alaimo of IRACC to proclaim the week of September 13th through 17th as “Chamber of Commerce” week.
A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Mayor proclaims Chamber of Commerce week for September 13th through September 17, 2010.

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

Mayor Spicer made two additional announcements; firstly, there will be a “Fill the Bag” fundraiser on October 2, 2010 at the intersection of Route 6 and Route 170 to solicit funds for the Spay it Forward, NFP group. Spay it Forward provides for spaying, neutering and vaccinating of cats and dogs in LaSalle County. The second announcement was that the Lion’s Club will be holding their annual candy day on the weekend of October 8th & 9th which is to raise money to help the visual and hearing impaired in Illinois.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council enters into executive session to discuss litigation, lease agreement and personnel.

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

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Sears that the September 7, 2010 council meeting is adjourned at 8:05 pm.

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

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Theresa Russell, Seneca Village Clerk