

The Seneca Village Council held its quarterly scheduled budget meeting on January 5, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Budget meeting was called to order at 6:45PM

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

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

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

Village Treasurer Barla reported to Council the current time frame of the Village fiscal year was nearing the last quarter, and reviewed with each commissioner their department standings. Also, treasurer gave each Council member a budget worksheet for the next fiscal year and asked each to have it completed and returned to her by January 31, 2010. It was noted that the water/sewer department budget was completed in October during the process of updating the water/sewer ordinance.

Council approved the monthly transfers as follows:

1. \$2000.00 from water fund to 2003 A bond fund
2. \$1500.00 from sewer fund to 2003 B bond fund
3. \$3000.00 from general fund to 2003 C bond fund
4. \$4000.00 from sewer fund to 2003 D bond fund
5. \$3000.00 from sewer to general fund (Seneca Port Dist. Flood)
6. \$3500.00 from sewer to sewer replacement
7. \$5500.00 from water to IEPA loan fund
8. \$2100.00 from water to water replacement

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the January 5, 2010 budget meeting is adjourned at 6:56PM.

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

The Seneca Village Council held its regularly scheduled Council meeting on January 5, 2010 at the Seneca Village Hall.

Council meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Sears that the Council approves the December 15, 2009 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

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

Seneca Business Spotlight Presentation

Ms. Kara Ellis owner of Seneca Jazzercise gave an overview of her business, including hours of operation, class information and location.

Communications, Petitions, Reports and Additional Agenda Items:

Additional Agenda items:

1. Thank You Announcement
2. Appreciation Announcement

Mayor Spicer thanked Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hall for the beautiful poinsettia donation for Village Hall.

Mayor Spicer announced that Village Clerk Therese Russell obtained a Registered Municipal Clerk status through the Municipal Clerk Association of Illinois. Clerk Russell stated she will further her education by working toward obtaining the next available designation, Certified Municipal Clerk.

Mr. Vincent Pacetti, Village Zoning Officer addressed the Council regarding a request presented to him on December 15, 2009 by Mayor Spicer. Mayor reviewed a letter given to him by the Seneca Plan Commission outlining various concerns in the zoning department. Mayor, Plan Commission and Mr. Pacetti will meet next Wednesday, January 13, 2010 to discuss the controversy.

Old Business:

Public Health & Safety Sears:

Commissioner Sears stated the first Shop with a Cop program in 2009 went very well. Twelve area children were given \$300.00 each to shop for themselves or their families for the holiday season. This program will continue next year and donations will be accepted throughout the year.

Accounts & Finance Timmons:

Commissioner Timmons stated that the ABCD Bond Ordinance will be tabled until next Council meeting.

Attorney Mason stated that with the 911 Bond Ordinance, it utilizes the \$2.00 surcharge on each telephone bill.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council adopts Ordinance #10-01, an Ordinance abating the 911 bonds for the 2009 tax year.

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

Public Affairs Spicer:

Mayor Spicer stated that the State of Illinois revised the statute relating to the Freedom of Information Law; therefore the Village has amended the current ordinance to reflect the changes.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council adopts Ordinance # 10-02, an Ordinance relating to the amending of the current Freedom of Information Act.

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

Mayor Spicer opened up discussion on a liquor license request from Mr. Charles Hecht, who wants to open a restaurant/lounge at 300 North Main Street, Seneca. It was explained by Mayor Spicer that in order to obtain a liquor license in the Village of Seneca, an application was made and the Council would have to amend the current liquor Ordinance that sets a fixed limit for each category of license.

Comm. Timmons stated he would like to see the Village prosper and grow but would not like a negative effect to other businesses that have been established in that area.

Mayor Spicer called for any Council member to make a motion to increase the class A liquor licenses from 7 to 8, which would approve Mr. Hecht's request.

Motion died for lack of first.

Mayor Spicer stated that the agenda item of discussion of personnel under executive has been cancelled for this meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Sears and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the January 5, 2010 Council meeting is adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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

Theresa L. Russell, Village Clerk