

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on January 19, 2021 and the meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Olson and Commissioners Higgins, Victor and Weber

Absent: Commissioner Callahan

Also Present: Village Attorney Robert Russo, Village Engineer Casey McCollom and Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approve the January 5, 2021 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Weber that the Council approve the December treasurer's report, payroll and payment of bills as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Old Business/Commissioner Victor: Thank you for work at boat launch.
2. New Business/Commissioner Higgins: 2020 annual statistics.

Tom Livingston of CSX Railroad spoke regarding the traffic delays at the Route 6 train crossing by BP.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER VICTOR: Commissioner Victor thanked Commissioner Higgins, Jim Johnson and Kale Walsh of Holler Tree Service for their work at the boat ramp.

MAYOR OLSON: A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the Vacation of Easement for 709 Forrest Drive and authorizes Mayor Olson to execute same. Attorney Russo advised that this was brought up at a previous council meeting. The purpose of the original easement

was to allow for water service in Spring Brook Park Subdivision, which the village does not anticipate ever happening.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$4,349.10 for water plant chemicals.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the purchase of a mower from The Turf Team in the amount of \$9,449.00. Comm. Victor advised that we will be trading in the old X-mark mower, but keeping the Torro as a back-up. It has been discussed possibly selling the Torro to the Park Board in the future.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

Due to Comm. Callahan's absence, Comm. Weber presented the Accounts and Finance agenda items.

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to First Midwest Bank Visa in the amount of \$2,944.37 for miscellaneous credit card expenses. Comm. Weber advised that one of the credit card expenses was the purchase of a new refrigerator for village hall, because the old one unexpectedly died.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

Discussion regarding establishment of a scholarship fund will take place at the next council meeting so that Commissioner Callahan can present that himself.

STREETS - WEBER:

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the purchase of a new pick-up truck from National Auto Fleet Group in an amount not to exceed \$43,000.00. This will be a three-quarter ton pick-up with snow plow. We will be keeping the old truck.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Commissioner Higgins advised that the 2020 annual statistics will be posted on the Village's web page.

Commissioner Higgins presented an Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Adopting Certain State Law Provisions with Respect to Possession of Alcohol by Persons Under the Age of 21 for discussion. This will revise the code of ordinances to include possession of alcohol by persons under the age of 21 as an ordinance violation. The ordinance will be presented for adoption at the next council meeting.

Commissioner Higgins presented an Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Minimum Fines for discussion. This ordinance will make the minimum fines more consistent, as many have not been updated for a long time.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Will and Grundy Counties Major Crimes Task Force and authorizes the mayor to execute same. The cost of this program will be approximately \$2,000.00 per year. Chief Lambole advised that Officer Erickson may be called to major crime investigations in Will and Grundy Counties from time to time for purposes of assisting with investigations. In exchange, if the village ever has a major crime, investigators from Will and Grundy Counties will come here to assist with the investigation. Officer Erickson will be able to gain valuable experience for use in potential investigations here in the village in the future.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to adjourn the January 19, 2021 council meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk