

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on June 4, 2019 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Olson, Commissioners Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Timmons

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the May 21, 2019 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Timmons

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan that the Council approve the May 24, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins and Lamb

Nays: None

Abstain: Timmons

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Timmons

Nays: None

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

Mayor Olson announced that we have two new businesses in town: Fitness Factory 24/7 and Starved Rock Connections. Both have had ribbon cutting ceremonies recently.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Austin Taylor of North Central Illinois Council of Government (NCICG) made a presentation regarding the service NCICG can provide the Village with regard to finding grant opportunities for the Village.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Olson:

Mayor Olson presented Ordinance No. 19-08, Ordinance Concerning Procedures for Public Discussion at Public Meetings for adoption. Currently, the Village does not have an ordinance in place with regard to

time limits for public discussion. The adoption of this ordinance will put a 30 minute limit on public discussion, five minutes per person.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Callahan to adopt Ordinance No. 19-08, Ordinance Concerning Procedures for Public Discussion at Public Meetings.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Timmons

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER - TIMMONS:

Comm. Timmons made an announcement regarding mosquitoes in the Village. He asked that residents be mindful of dumping out containers of accumulated rainwater, as they are breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Comm. Timmons presented an expenditure to Chamlin & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$2,755.00 for approval. Casey McCollom advised the council that this is for eventual replacement of the clarifier tanks at the Waste Water Treatment Plant that have degraded over the years. Bids have been accepted for replacement of the clarifiers and possibly converting them to stainless steel.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the expenditure to Chamlin & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$2,755.00 for services related to replacement of existing clarifiers at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to be taken out of Sewer.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Timmons

Nays: None

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

Comm. Callahan made an announcement regarding changes to the Prevailing Wage Act. The Act no longer requires passing an annual prevailing wage act ordinance. The Village is still required to pay prevailing wages, but the state will be responsible for establishing and reporting prevailing wages.

Comm. Callahan gave a reminder that the annual appropriation ordinance will be on the agenda for adoption at the June 18, 2019 meeting. If any council member has changes to the ordinance, they should contact Comm. Callahan quickly.

STREETS - LAMB:

Comm. Lamb presented an Ordinance Authorizing Sale and Disposal of Surplus Village Property for discussion, to be adopted at the June 18, 2019 council meeting. The Village has a surplus of equipment in the maintenance department that it would like to sell. Various means for selling the property were discussed and will be explored before the June 18, 2019 council meeting. Comm. Lamb will also research the value of the property in order to ascertain minimum bids.

Comm. Lamb announced that a stop sign will be installed at the intersection of Christy Street and Hossack Street on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, for traffic coming from Mariner's Village.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Comm. Higgins presented an Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 of the Seneca Village Code Regulating the Sale and Purchase of Tobacco Products, Smokeless Tobacco or Electronic Smoking Devices by Persons Under the Age of Twenty-One (21) for discussion. This ordinance will amend the current ordinance to conform with the new tobacco usage age of 21. Language is also being added with regard to electronic smoking and vaping. This ordinance will be adopted at the June 18, 2019 council meeting following review by Attorney Russo.

Comm. Higgins presented for approval a subscription to Lexipol in an amount not to exceed \$7,300.00. This is a one-time expense, with an annual subscription renewal of \$3,000.00. Chief Lamboley explained that Lexipol is a subscription law enforcement operating service which will give the police department guidelines and departmental rules that will keep them current with ever changing state laws. These policies will be readily available to all officers as the laws change and go into effect.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the Lexipol subscription in an amount not to exceed \$7,300.00 to be taken out of Public Health & Safety Savings Account – Warrants.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Timmons

Nays: None

Comm. Higgins made an announcement regarding cleaning up properties around the Village. Letters are being sent out by the police department in the coming days asking residents to clean up their properties. The goal is to have the properties cleaned up prior to Shipyard Days. Comm. Lamb advised the council that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has been in contact with him about mowing the canal, but that will probably not be done until mid-July due to the wet ground conditions.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson announced that a new IT provider has been hired for the Village, Dr. Megabyte.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Higgins to enter into executive session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss pending litigation.

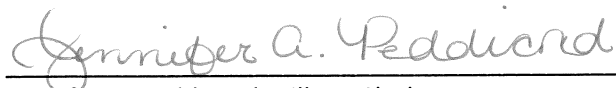
Council returned to regular session at 7:48 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to adjourn the council meeting.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Timmons

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk