

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

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Spicer, Commissioners Barla, Applebee, Olson 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. Barla and seconded by Comm. Olson that the Council approve the April 16, 2019 Budget meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Spicer, Barla, Applebee, Olson and Timmons

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Olson and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approve the April 16, 2019 Council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Spicer, Barla, Applebee, Olson and Timmons

Nays: None

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Spicer, Barla, Applebee, Olson and Timmons

Nays: None

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Commissioner Olson thanked Commissioners Applebee and Barla, and Mayor Spicer, for all of their work over the past four years.
2. Commissioner Barla announced that Nancy Gross recently attended a grant writing workshop which covers federal, state and private grants and how to manage those types of grants.
3. Mayor Spicer thanked the present and past councils, and the Village staff, for all of their hard work and support over the past twelve years.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Timmons: Commissioner Timmons gave an update regarding leak alarm checks. The weekly checks have been well received by the residents and several leaks have been found as a result.

Commissioner Barla: Commissioner Barla announced that a couple of the department budgets need a closer look, and that the appropriation ordinance is in the process of being drafted and will be available soon for review. The appropriation ordinance needs to be passed by the second meeting in June.

Commissioner Applebee: Commissioner Applebee presented Natalie Wiza's resignation as Emergency Management Agency Coordinator and commended Ms. Wiza for her work and dedication to the Village.

SINE-DIE

A motion was made by Commissioner Barla and seconded by Commissioner Applebee to sine-die.

Roll Call: Ayes: Spicer, Barla, Applebee, Olson and Timmons

Nays: None

Commissioners Timmons, Callahan, Lamb and Higgins, and Mayor Olson took their Oaths of Office.

Mayor Olson proposed the following Commissioner designations:

- Brennan Callahan, Commissioner of Accounts & Finance
- John Lamb, Commissioner of Streets
- David Higgins, Commissioner of Public Health & Safety
- Randy Timmons, Commissioner of Public Property, Water and Sewer

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Callahan to accept the proposed Commissioner designations.

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

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER - TIMMONS:

Comm. Timmons presented for approval an expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$3,567.64 for camera and jet vac of sewer at 260 Walnut Street and hydro-excavate line to fix. This expenditure was due to a cracked sewer line at 260 Walnut Street and one-third of the bill is to be paid by the homeowner, the remaining \$3,567.64 is the responsibility of the Village.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$3,567.64 for camera and jet vac of sewer at 260 Walnut Street and hydro-excavate line to fix to be taken out of Sewer.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Timmons requested that the Council approve the hiring of Kohlton Babcock as a summer worker in the water/sewer department.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the hiring of Kohlton Babcock as a summer worker in the water/sewer department at the rate of \$10.50 per hour.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Timmons gave an update regarding the flooding experienced in the Village recently. Due to the amount of flooding, the public works department had to install additional pumps and request a permit by IEPA to pump sewage. An additional pump was needed and the staff had to locate a pump. Comm. Timmons commended the exceptional work done by the staff throughout the flooding. Comm. Lamb added a commendation to Justin Quaka for lending the Village the extra pump. The extra pump was able to pump 2,000 gallons per minute.

Comm. Timmons advised the Council that well #3 was lost last week due to an electrical failure. The well is back on line and awaiting testing. A claim has been made to the insurance carrier due to the electric failure.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

Comm. Callahan advised that he and Mayor Olson will be the new signators on the accounts at First Midwest Bank.

STREETS - LAMB:

Comm. Lamb requested approval to hire two summer workers for the Street Department: Paige Hacker, who has worked for the Village previously, and Colton Kline, who has also worked for the Village previously.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to hire Paige Hacker at the rate of \$11.00 per hour and Colton Kline at the rate of \$10.75 per hour.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Lamb announced that the Village will hold a clean-up event on June 7 and 8, 2019 at Olson's Scrap Yard. No tires, electronics, paint (unless dry) or building materials will be accepted.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Comm. Higgins presented for approval an expenditure to Central Square in the amount of \$3,021.52 for annual maintenance fee for reporting and dispatch system. This is an annual expense.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Timmons to approve an expenditure to Central Square in the amount of \$3,021.52 for annual maintenance fee for reporting and dispatch system to be taken out of Public Health & Safety.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Higgins presented for approval an expenditure to Everbridge, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000.00 for annual renewal of Nixel. This is an annual expense for operation of the Village's Nixel alert system.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve an expenditure to Everbridge, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000.00 for annual renewal of Nixel to be taken out of Public Health & Safety.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Higgins requested approval to hire Matthew Pagakis as a part-time police officer. Chief Lamboley advised that Officer Pagakis passed the required background check, and will do a good job for the Village, and will fill some of the extra shifts.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the hiring of Matthew Pagakis as a part-time police officer at the rate of \$20.74.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Higgins presented an Application for Amusement Device License for Yan & Associates, Inc. d/b/a Gulf Station. Yan & Associates, Inc. already has the requisite liquor license for video gaming and has requested installation of five amusement devices.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the Application for Amusement Device License submitted by Yan & Associates, Inc. d/b/a Gulf Station.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson requested the following Village appointments with terms ending May 2023:

- Police Chief George Lambolely
- Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord
- Village Treasurer Nancy Gross
- Village Engineer Chamlin & Associates
- Village Attorney Bob Russo

A motion as made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Timmons to accept the appointments, as requested, with terms ending May 2023.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson requested the following Emergency Management Services appointments, with terms ending May 2023:

- Grant Hacker, Emergency Management Coordinator
- Jason Bersano, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the requested Emergency Management Services appointments, with terms ending May 2023.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson requested the appointment of Les Goslin as Zoning Enforcement Officer with a term ending May 2023.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the appointment of Les Goslin as Zoning Enforcement Officer with a term ending May 2023.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson requested the following appointments to the Plan Commission, with terms ending May 2024:

- Diane Till
- Matt Peterson
- Wayne Anderson

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the requested appointments to the Plan Commission with terms ending May 2024.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson requested that the following appointments to the Port District Board be approved, with terms ending May 2022:

- Carolyn Lockridge
- Steve Spangler
- Michael Marchiando

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the requested appointments to the Port District Board, with terms ending May 2022.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson advised that Graves Park will remain closed due to overseeding and fertilizing.

Mayor Olson presented the Council with an opportunity to have an ad in the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce 2019 Community Guide. Last year, the Village had a one-eighth page ad at a cost of \$395.00.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons to place a one-eighth page ad at a cost of \$395.00.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

George Oswald presented information regarding the 2019 Free Youth Fishing Derby sponsored by the Seneca Park Board on May 11, 2019.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb to adjourn the council meeting.

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Jennifer A. Peddicord

Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk