

Seneca Village Council held a public hearing at Seneca Village Hall on June 18, 2019 on the 2019-2020 appropriation ordinance.

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

Absent: None

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

There was no public comment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Timmons and seconded by Commissioner Lamb to close the public hearing.

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

Nays: None

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on June 18, 2019 and the meeting was called to order at 6:50 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. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve the June 4, 2019 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the June 6, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve the May Treasurer's Report, payroll and the payment of bills as presented.

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

Nays: None

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Mayor Olson: Executive Session – Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 5(c)(5) – Includes general discussion of whether land should be purchased or leased by the public body.
2. Commissioner Callahan: Property located at 136 S. Clark Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Callahan:

Commissioner Callahan presented Ordinance No. 19-09, 2019-2020 Appropriation Ordinance for approval with no changes. This is an ordinance adopted on an annual basis, as required by law.

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to adopt Ordinance No. 19-09, 2019-2020 Appropriation Ordinance.

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Lamb:

Comm. Lamb presented Ordinance No. 19-10, Ordinance Authorizing Sale and Disposal of Surplus Village Property for approval. Upon passing of this ordinance, the surplus village equipment will be sold by sealed bid. Comm. Timmons added that once the equipment is sold, our insurance carrier should be notified to remove it from our list of covered equipment.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to adopt Ordinance No. 19-10, Ordinance Authorizing Sale and Disposal of Surplus Village Property.

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Higgins:

Comm. Higgins presented Ordinance No. 19-11, Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 of the Seneca Village Code Regulating the Sale and Purchase of Tobacco Products for approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to adopt Ordinance No. 19-11, Ordinance Amending Chapter 5 of the Seneca Village Code Regulating the Sale and Purchase of Tobacco Products.

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

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER - TIMMONS:

Comm. Timmons advised that before starting any street projects, there are oftentimes repairs that need to be made to the network of water and sewer lines and pipes under the roads. With regard to W. Scott Street, Casey McCollom advised that there is a 140 foot segment that runs parallel with Scott Street that makes a 90 degree turn that is wearing in the middle. We are proposing to upsize the line from 10 inch to 12 inch PVC. The wearing has caused problems with residents and needs to be replaced. It is also the only conduit from the north.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the acceptance of a bid from Brandt Excavating in the amount of \$49,361.80 for the installation of sanitary sewer on W. Scott Street to be taken out of Sewer.

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

Nays: None

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

Comm. Callahan advised that account transfers are needed in order to reconcile accounts for the quarter end.

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the transfer of \$27,942.66 from Investments to General Checking.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Timmons to approve the transfer of \$219,747.38 from Illinois Funds Account to General Checking.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Callahan brought the property located at 136 S. Clark Street to the Council's attention as being unsightly, with an unlicensed camping trailer sitting on the property. Comm. Higgins said he would look into the unlicensed trailer and talk to the owners, or Chief Lamboley, if necessary.

STREETS - LAMB:

Comm. Lamb announced that approval of the three year contract with Hap Industries, Inc. is on hold while further research is done regarding other possible Christmas decoration companies.

Comm. Lamb presented an expenditure to Olson's Auto/Scrap Metal Recycling in the amount of \$7,000.00 for clean-up days for approval.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Olson's Auto/Scrap Metal Recycling in the amount of \$7,000.00 for clean-up days to be taken out of Garbage.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Olson

Comm. Lamb announced that construction of the shelter at Graves Park began Monday and is being managed by the Seneca Port District. The projected completion date is September, weather permitting. Comm. Callahan commented that the baseball field at Graves Park does not appear to be level. Extensive discussion ensued regarding the construction of the park and the baseball field specifically.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Comm. Higgins presented Ordinance No. 19-12, An Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map with Respect to Property Located at 413-425 Main Street for discussion. The Planning Commission has recommended this property be rezoned from commercial to residential. The current business units will be converted to apartments, including studio apartments and one bedroom apartments. Zoning Enforcement Officer Les Goslin is currently working with the owner with regard to required changes and necessary permits. Comm. Higgins requested that this ordinance be placed on the agenda for a vote on July 2, 2019.

Comm. Higgins announced that all of the full-time police officers have been certified in Narcan training for opioid overdoses. Chief Lamboley advised that there are approximately one to two overdoses in the Village each year. The officers will all now carry Narcan with them during their respective shifts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson announced that the next addition to Crotty Park will be a zip line to be paid for by George Lamb. Mr. Lamb has requested that the Village pay for the installation of the zip line in the amount of \$6,950.00. The Village paid for the installation of the playground equipment already installed at Crotty Park. Discussion ensued regarding the safety of the zip line and it was agreed that further research would be done before agreeing to pay for the installation of a zip line. Comm. Higgins expressed interest in using the money for upgrading the bathrooms at Crotty Park to being handicapped accessible rather than installing a zip line. This matter will be put on the agenda for further discussion at the July 2, 2019 council meeting.

Mayor Olson advised that Coleen O'Neill has submitted her resignation from the Seneca Park Board. Her resignation letter was read by Mayor Olson and he thanked Coleen for her years of service to the Park Board and Village.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the appointment of Brooke Andreatta to the Seneca Park Board for completion of an unexpired term, which will expire in April 2021.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Callahan to enter into executive session at 7:27 p.m. to perform a semi-annual review of closed executive session minutes, and discuss pending litigation and the possible purchase of real estate.

Council returned to regular session at 8:05 p.m.

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

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Jennifer A. Peddicord
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