

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on July 2, 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. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the June 18, 2019 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons that the Council approve 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:

Brenda Maier addressed the Council regarding the requested zoning change at 413-425 Main Street. Ms. Maier is specifically concerned with the number of vehicles that apartments would bring to the property, the condition of the back of the building, storage of bicycles and grills, the view that the public will have in passing, and maintenance of the property. Ms. Maier requested that potential tenants be subjected to background checks. Ms. Maier offered to show pictures to the Council, but the Council did not feel it was necessary to view the pictures.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner 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, to the Council for further discussion. Keith Corwin, the property owner, was present and was asked to address the Council. Comm. Higgins had questions about changes that were discussed at a previous meeting and Mr. Corwin advised that he is in the process of working out those changes. Mr. Corwin wants the property to be nice looking, as well. After doing research, Mr. Corwin determined that there is a greater need for residential property than for additional

businesses. He is proposing that there will be seven apartments, approximately 600 square feet each. The units are larger than required by the Village Planning Commission. Discussion was held regarding projected rental fees and a potential screening process. Comm. Timmons had concerns about Section 8 eligibility and Attorney Russo advised that the Council is not in a position to discuss or determine if Section 8 is allowed.

A motion to defer the approval of Ordinance 19-12 to the July 16, 2018 Council meeting was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Timmons.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson:

Mayor Olson presented an expenditure to Green-Up for installation of playground equipment at Crotty Park in the amount of \$6,950.00 for discussion. George Lamb was at the meeting to answer any questions regarding the proposed zip line to be installed. Mr. Lamb advised that mulch will be placed under the zip line. Comm. Timmons had questions regarding maintenance of the zip line and Mr. Lamb indicated that he believes it does not require a specific maintenance schedule. Comm. Lamb had concerns about mulch being sufficient under the zip line and indicated that he would like to see rubber mats under the equipment instead. Mr. Lamb was going to get calculations for how much rubber mats would cost, as opposed to mulch.

A motion to defer the approval of the expenditure to Green-Up to the July 16, 2018 Council meeting was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Lamb.

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

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER - TIMMONS:

Comm. Timmons presented for approval an expenditure to Chamlin & Associates in the amount of \$1,692.00 for services related to the clarifier maintenance project. Casey McCollom advised the Council that these services included meeting with Jim Applebee to determine what was needed, preparing bid packets, attending the bid opening, evaluating the bids that came in and making a recommendation based on the bids received.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the expenditure to Chamlin & Associates in the amount of \$1,692.00 for services related to the clarifier maintenance project to be taken out of Sewer.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Timmons presented an expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$3,608.89 for water treatment chemicals for approval. A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$3,608.89 for water treatment chemicals to be taken out of Water.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Timmons presented an expenditure to J.L. Equipment Service in the amount of \$1,940.00 for custom built crane for excess flow tank pump for approval. Comm. Timmons advised that when work was done on the excess flow tank, a new deck was installed, including a small crane used for lifting equipment in and out of the tank when work is performed. The new crane was fabricated by Jeff Lamb of J.L. Equipment Service.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the expenditure to J.L. Equipment Service in the amount of \$1,940.00 for custom built crane for excess flow tank pump to be taken out of Sewer.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Timmons presented an expenditure to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Annual Fees for sludge disposal. A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the expenditure to Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of \$5,000.00 for Annual Fees to be taken out of Sewer.

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

Nays: None

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

Comm. Callahan announced that there will be a budget meeting prior to the next council meeting, starting at 6:45 p.m.

STREETS - LAMB:

Comm. Lamb presented Resolution No. 564 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for adoption. Casey McCollom advised the Council that this resolution is required by IDOT in order to spend MFT funds and this resolution is standard protocol.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 564 for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Lamb announced that the sealed bids were opened at 3:30 p.m. on July 2 and he read the results of the bids for the sale of the surplus equipment.

Comm. Lamb announced that IDOT will begin work at the intersection of Route 170 and Route 6 in early August with work to be completed before school starts.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Comm. Higgins announced that the Village was awarded a Tobacco Enforcement Program grant for the 2019-2020 year. This allows our officers to enforce our tobacco ordinance by allowing for compliance checks and to educate our retailers on what is legal.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson indicated he was tabling the approval of acceptance of Mount Hope Cemetery property until after executive session.

Following executive session, Mayor Olson presented the acceptance of Mount Hope Cemetery property for approval by the Council. A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the acceptance of the Mount Hope Cemetery property.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Timmons to enter into executive session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss pending litigation and the possible purchase of real estate.

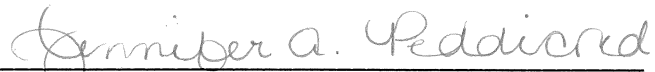
Council returned to regular session at 7:56 p.m.

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

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk

