

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on August 6, 2019 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner 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 July 16, 2019 Budget meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the July 16, 2019 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the July 22, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Commissioner Higgins announced that the Police Department is taking applications for a new police secretary. The position will be 24-30 hours per week. Applications will be taken until 4:00 p.m. on August 16.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER - TIMMONS:**

In Comm. Timmons' absence, Comm. Callahan presented an expenditure to Master Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.00 for annual maintenance fee for approval. This is the annual maintenance fee for the new smart meters. A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the expenditure to Master Meter, Inc. in the amount of \$1,500.00 for annual maintenance fee to be taken equally out of Water and Sewer.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Comm. Callahan presented an expenditure to Underground Pipe & Valve Co. in the amount of \$4,108.00 for tapping sleeve hydrant valve and hardware for S. Main Street for approval. This was for the replacement of the fire hydrant in front of the Clark Station. A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the expenditure to Underground Pipe & Valve Co. in the amount of \$4,108.00 for tapping sleeve hydrant valve and hardware for S. Main Street to be taken out of Fire Fund.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:**

None.

**STREETS - LAMB:**

Comm. Lamb had Casey McCollom give a short summary of the Scott Street project. Casey McCollom reported that the Scott Street project was started and finished in one day. There is additional maintenance to be completed during the 2019 street program.

Comm. Lamb announced that there was a bid letting for the 2019 Street Program earlier in the day. Two bids were received, one from Universal Asphalt, and one from D Construction. D Construction was the low bidder. It was noted that costs have increased from last year.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the bid from D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$99,192.31 for the 2019 Street Program.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Comm. Lamb presented for approval an expenditure to Burris Equipment for rental of a boom mower in the amount of \$2,300.00. The boom mower is used to mow the canal.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the expenditure to Burris Equipment for rental of a boom mower in the amount of \$2,300.00 to be taken equally out of Public Benefit and Streets.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:**

Comm. Higgins presented for approval an expenditure to Ficek Electric & Communications, Inc. for squad room wiring in the amount of \$1,823.00. This would complete the electrical wiring for running fiber optics, which was not completed when village hall was built. A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the expenditure to Ficek Electric & Communication Systems, Inc. for squad room wiring in the amount of \$1,823.00 to be taken out of PHS.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:**

Mayor Olson presented Ordinance 19-13, Ordinance for Working Cash Fund, for adoption. This ordinance allows the Village to use our cash on hand for the payment of bills. A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the adoption of Ordinance 19-13, Ordinance for Working Cash Fund.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Mayor Olson opened discussion regarding passing an ordinance imposing a municipal cannabis retailers' occupation tax. This ordinance would enable the Village to collect a three percent tax on legal cannabis sales, if the Village decides to allow cannabis retail businesses. Discussion ensued regarding the cannabis legislation. This ordinance will be put on the agenda for approval at the next council meeting.

Mayor Olson presented for approval an expenditure to Seneca Ace Hardware for planters in the amount of \$2,115.00 for downtown. These would be four earth planters for downtown, which are in addition to the planters that are already downtown. These planters have a reservoir for slow watering and require special soil. The plan is to plant mums in the planters in the fall.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the expenditure to Seneca Ace Hardware for planters in the amount of \$2,115.00 to be taken out of the Downtown Fund.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Mayor Olson presented artwork for a proposed mural in downtown Seneca. The artist, Ray Paseka, spoke to the Council about the artwork and explained that his painting will tell the story of the village in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Mr. Paseka explained how the mural is painted and erected. Mayor Olson commended Richard and Phyllis Natanek for getting the Village in touch with Mr. Paseka.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the mural proposal with Westclox Studios, Inc.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Chris Coughlin of NCI ARTworks made a presentation to the Council with regard to the proposed agreement with the Village for the purpose of promoting the mural project, assisting with fundraising, and collecting donations. The total project cost will be \$81,200.00. Village funds will not be used in this project. NCI ARTworks specializes in locating grant funds. All donations are tax deductible.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Village and NCI ARTworks for the Silo Pathways Legacy Project.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

Mayor Olson announced that Kathy Haralson will be heading the Beautification, Betterment & Tourism of Seneca Committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kathy Haralson expressed her excitement about the mural project.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to enter into executive session at 7:42 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

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

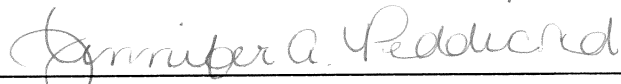
A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Timmons to adjourn the council meeting.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Timmons

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer A. Peddicord". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk