

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on December 17, 2019 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord; Attorney Bob Russo

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 December 3, 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 November 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:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Ordinance 19-20, Tax Abatement Ordinance. The village has the money to make the bond payments next year, so we would like to pass this on to our residents as a tax savings.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the adoption of Ordinance 19-21, 2020-2021 Tax Levy Ordinance.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – OLSON:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the adoption of Ordinance 19-22, Ordinance Providing for the Submission to the Electors of the Village of Seneca, LaSalle and Grundy Counties, the Question of Whether the Village Should Allow Legal Adult-Use Cannabis Businesses Within Village Limits.

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 the Council that he spoke with Jim Applebee regarding the inspection of the Vactor truck and proposed repairs. The quote presented to council includes everything that needs to be replaced. Only about half of the repairs are necessary. At this time, there is not a hard figure available regarding what repairs actually need to be made. The Vactor truck is essential and it needs to be either repaired or replaced. The price to replace the truck will be considerably higher. Comm. Timmons asked the council if they’d like to discuss replacing the truck further. Mayor Olson indicated he would like to look into having a larger equipment on the cab and chassis. Discussion ensued. The council agreed they would like to review all options and discuss this further at a later meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Higgins to defer the expenditure to Standard Equipment Co. for repairs to Vactor truck not to exceed \$45,000.00.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the expenditure to Ayers Electric for repair of exhaust fan at sewer plant and air blower motor at water plant in the amount of \$3,542.57. This repair is for parts that went out and had to be replaced.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Timmons announced that the village will be accepting live Christmas trees for disposal at village hall. Trees can be placed next to the dumpster at the back of village hall and the village workers will take care of disposal. No artificial trees will be accepted and all decorations and lights should be removed.

Comm. Timmons announced that effective after the first council meeting in January 2020, he will be resigning as Commissioner of Public Property, Water and Sewer. Comm. Timmons cited personal reasons as his reason for resigning. Mayor Olson thanked Comm. Timmons for his years of service to the village.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

Comm. Callahan had the following transfer requests for the end of the third quarter to make the accounts whole.

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the transfer from Illinois Funds account to general checking in the amount of \$159,089.13.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the transfer from investments account to general checking in the amount of \$108,131.92.

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

Nays: None

STREETS - LAMB:

Comm. Lamb advised that he is working on a plan to clean up Crotty Creek during the winter months. The work would need to be done when we have a hard freeze, and hopefully not a mild winter. His plan is to begin the work in January. At present, he is working on securing a dump area and will be requesting bids once that is done. Comm. Callahan advised that any bidder should be required to have sludge locks.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Police Chief George Lamboley made a statement regarding the recent Shop with a Cop event. 31 kids participated and the many donors were thanked for their donations. The event was a success.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson opened discussion regarding adopting an ordinance prohibiting adult use cannabis business establishments in the village. This ordinance would be adopted in the interim while we wait for the results of the vote regarding allowing cannabis business establishments in the village. If the voters elect to allow cannabis business establishments, the ordinance would be rescinded. The ordinance will be up for adoption at the next council meeting.

Mayor Olson asked the council how they would like to proceed as far as going to one waste hauler in the village. Comm. Higgins and Comm. Callahan advised they would like to move on as there are other bigger issues to deal with in the village. Comm. Lamb advised he would like to know if the garbage could all be collected in one day in the village. Comm. Timmons advised that even if garbage could be collected in one day, but commercial pick-up would still take place throughout the week. Mayor Olson suggested Comm. Lamb do additional research regarding the possibility of one day of collection and bring it back to the council at a later date.

Mayor Olson wished the council and the residents a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Following Executive Session: A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 565, Releasing of Executive Session Minutes.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathy Haralson announced the following holiday lighting winners: Fitness Factory 24/7 was the winner of Deck Out Main Street and Automatic Door Authority received an Honorable Mention. The Gala of Trees winner was the Seneca Fire Department.

Kathy presented Mayor Olson with a plaque listing the first 24 donors for the Silos Pathways Legacy Project.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Higgins to enter into executive session at 7:25 p.m. to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate, personnel and review and approve release of closed executive session minutes.

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

Nays: None

The council returned to regular session at 8:05 p.m.

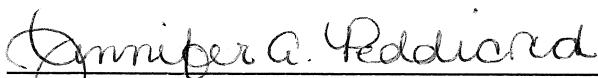
Mayor Olson announced that applications for the replacement of Commissioner Randy Timmons' seat will be accepted at village hall until 4:00 p.m. on January 7, 2020.

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons 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 8:08 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk