

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on January 7, 2020 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; 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. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan that the Council approve the December 17, 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. 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:

Communications: Comm. Timmons presented a donation on behalf of the Timmons Family in the amount of \$135.00 to the Park Board for the care and maintenance of the Crotty Park Shelter.

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Mayor Olson: Old Business: Announce Commissioner Vacancy.

OLD BUSINESS:

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

Following Executive Session: A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve raises for non-union hourly employees in the amount of \$1.00 per hour effective January 1, 2020.

Roll Call: Ayes: Callahan and Higgins

Nays: Olson, Lamb and Timmons

Motion failed.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – OLSON:

Mayor Olson announced that, in light of Comm. Timmons' resignation, Village Hall has accepted four applications for the vacant commissioner position. Council will decide on a procedure for making the selection.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Timmons to approve the adoption of Ordinance 20-01, Ordinance Prohibiting Adult Use Cannabis Business Establishments in the Village of Seneca, LaSalle and Grundy Counties, Illinois.

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

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER - TIMMONS:

A motion was made by Comm. Timmons and seconded by Comm. Lamb to defer the discussion regarding placing of butterfly valves at water plant. This will be discussed at the next council meeting, as Jim Applebee is waiting for information to come in.

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

Nays: None

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

None.

STREETS - LAMB:

None.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Comm. Higgins asked that all contractors working within the village visit Village Hall to register as a contractor. This is for the protection of the homeowner. Chief Lambole asked that the public try to use contractors that have already been registered with the village.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson presented a proposed ordinance amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances pertaining to open burning. Mayor Olson advised that he has been approached by a number of residents requesting

that burning be banned due to health problems. Comm. Lamb added that the leaf collection program was started because of complaints regarding burning. Comm. Timmons suggested finding a place to dispose of the yard waste. Mayor Olson suggested that the village buy a dumpster for collection of yard waste. The ordinance will be presented for adoption at the next council meeting.

Mayor Olson advised that he had asked Chief Lamboley to research doing an ewaste event, as there is a need for it within the village. He advised that the event could cost approximately \$10,000.00 and asked permission to move forward with getting more information. The council was in agreement. Mayor Olson suggested having the Summer kids help with the event. He will work on finding a trucking company to assist.

Mayor Olson advised that the Peg Davis Civic Trust has agreed to fund the building of the softball field at Graves Park. The Park Board has half the money for completion of the baseball field at Graves Park. Mayor Olson asked the council if they would be interested in paying the other half of the cost for completion of the baseball field. Comm. Callahan suggested that money could be taken out of gaming to help with the completion of the park, or possibly out of public benefit. This matter will be put on the next meeting agenda for approval.

Mayor Olson thanked Commissioner Timmons for his years of service to the village.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Timmons to enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss personnel, the appointment or removal of public officers, and the purchase or lease of real estate.

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

Nays: None

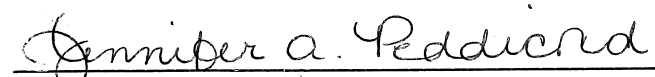
The council returned to regular session at 7:40 p.m.

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 7:46 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk

