

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on January 21, 2020 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Olson, Commissioners Callahan, 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. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve the January 7, 2020 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the January 14, 2020 Special Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

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

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

Nays: None

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:**

None.

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

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS – MAYOR OLSON:**

Mayor Olson advised that four candidates had been considered for the vacant position of Commissioner of Public Property, Water and Sewer. All were well qualified and he thanked all of the candidates for their interest.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the appointment of Kathleen Haralson as Commissioner of Public Property, Water and Sewer, with a term to expire in May 2021.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson and Lamb

Nays: Callahan and Higgins

Motion failed.

Mayor Olson deferred the matter of appointing a new commissioner until the next council meeting, when he will bring another name before the council for consideration.

Mayor Olson brought the Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Open Burning for further discussion. Mayor Olson indicated he would like the council to consider reducing burning to one day a week. Comm. Lamb suggested looking into renting a dumpster as a trial run for collection of yard waste. A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan to defer the approval of Adoption of Ordinance 20-02, Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Open Burning.

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

Nays: None

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

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:**

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$4,437.68 for bulk chemicals for water plant.

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

Nays: None

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:**

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to First Midwest Bank Visa in the amount of \$4,890.74 for credit card expenditures to be taken out of the following:

Park:	\$214.00	Police:	\$660.02	Public Property:	\$1,199.95
Downtown:	\$47.47	Video Gaming:	\$69.30	Shop with a Cop:	\$2,700.00

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

Nays: None

**STREETS - LAMB:**

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Scott Stewart, Appraiser, in the amount of \$750.00 for commercial appraisal to be taken out of all departments. The appraisal was for the Graves property on Williams Street.

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

Nays: None

A presentation was given by Dillon Sass of Standard Equipment Company regarding the vector truck repairs or replacement. A number of options were discussed with regard to repairs versus replacement.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:**

Comm. Higgins announced that the Seneca Police Department is accepting bids for a 2008 Cadillac Escalade ESV until February 4, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. The vehicle is being sold as-is and the minimum bid is \$4,000.00. The vehicle is available for viewing at the vacant lot behind village hall.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:**

Mayor Olson presented an expenditure to LaSalle County Treasurer in the amount of \$150.00 for National Hazards Mitigation Plan. This is something the village has participated in in the past and he recommends continuing to do so. A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to LaSalle County Treasurer in the amount of \$150.00 for National Hazards Mitigation Plan grants to be taken out of EMA.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson presented an expenditure to Seneca High School for yearbook page sponsorship. A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to Seneca High School in the amount of \$30.00 for yearbook page sponsorship.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson read a prepared statement by the Seneca Park Board advising the council and public that Graves Park will remain closed until May or June.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan to enter into executive session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate and the sale or lease of real estate.

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

Nays: None

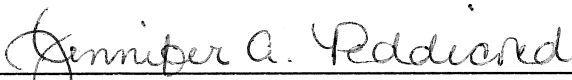
The council returned to regular session at 8:00 p.m.

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

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk