Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on February 4, 2020 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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. Higgins that the Council approve the January 21, 2020 Budget 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. Callahan that the Council approve the January 21, 2020 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

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

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

New Business: Commissioner Callahan passed out budget worksheets for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for everyone to start reviewing.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS — MAYOR OLSON:

Mayor Olson requested the appointment of Mark Victor as Commissioner of Public Property, Water and Sewer. A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the appointment of Mark Victor as Commissioner of Public Property, Water and Sewer, with a term to expire in May 2021.

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

Nays: None
Mayor Olson opened discussion regarding amending the burn ordinance. He advised the ordinance has been further revised to leaves, grass and weeds being burned on Saturdays only. Campfires, with seasoned wood, will be allowed on any day of the week. Mayor Olson further suggested getting a dumpster for leaves and grass to be disposed of during the non-burn days to see how it works. A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb to defer the 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:

Newly appointed Commissioner Mark Victor took the Oath of Office and took his seat at the council table.

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve an expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of $1,010.00 for parts to rebuild pumps. These are the booster pumps at the water plant.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson advised the council that the control valves at the water plant need to be replaced. Currently, there are 18 valves and 11 of the valves are from 1992. This is a much needed upgrade to pneumatic valves. A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the expenditure to Building Assets Systems, LLC in the amount of $20,550.00 for replacement of control valves at water plant.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the expenditure to Building Assets Systems, LLC in the amount of $4,200.00 for integration of new control valves to computer system. Once the valves have been replaced, they will need to be integrated to the computer system.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the expenditure to DePue Mechanical, Inc. in an amount up to $12,000.00 for installation of replacement control valves at the water plant.

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

Nays: None
ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:
None.

STREETS - LAMB:
A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of $3,000.00 for hydro excavating storm drain tile in Hickory Court.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Victor
Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to Minooka Grain & Lumber for renovation of Crotty Park bathrooms in an amount not to exceed $5,000.00. This will be paid from funds that were donated by the Peg Davis Civic Trust.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Victor
Nays: None

Comm. Lamb presented the council with photographs of insect damage in the Crotty Park bathrooms. Village employee Scott Holman will replace the damage by cutting up the damaged portion of the wall and replacing it with treated lumber. This will be a time and material job.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:
A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the hiring of Tristan Borzick as a part-time police officer at an hourly rate of $20.74.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Victor
Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the expenditure to Thomas Dodge Chrysler-Jeep of Highland, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $40,000.00 for a new Dodge squad vehicle.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Victor
Nays: None

Bids were accepted until 3:00 p.m. on February 4, 2020 for the Police Department’s 2008 Cadillac Escalade ESV. A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the bid in the amount of $41,102.00 for the purchase of the 2008 Cadillac Escalade ESV. The sale proceeds will be used toward the purchase of the new squad vehicle.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Lamb and Victor
Nays: None
PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 566, Appointment of 2020-2021 Seneca Festival Commission. This is a resolution that is adopted annually.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to the Heritage Corridor Convention & Visitors Bureau in the amount of $410.00 for advertising in the 2020 visitor’s guide.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the appointment of Marissa Maloney to the Seneca Park Board with a term to expire in February 2021. This appointment was previously approved by the Seneca Park Board.

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

Nays: None

Attorney Russo spoke to the council about the proposed Drug and Alcohol Policy for Village employees. This policy is needed with the recent legalization of cannabis. The Illinois Municipal League has come out with a model policy, which was reviewed and revised by Chief Lamboley and Clerk Peddicord, and then reviewed and further revised by Attorney Russo. The council was asked to review the policy and it will be brought back for adoption at the next council meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

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

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk