

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on February 18, 2020 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan that the Council approve the February 4, 2020 Council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

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

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

Nays: None

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Kate Reynolds, Director of the Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation regarding the military banners that will be sold by the Chamber.

OLD BUSINESS:

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – MAYOR OLSON:

Mayor Olson presented the amended open burning ordinance for adoption. A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Ordinance 20-02, Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Open Burning.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Lamb and Victor

Nays: Callahan and Higgins

Mayor Olson presented the ordinance adopting a policy establishing a drug-free workplace for approval. A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Ordinance 20-03, Ordinance Adopting a Policy Establishing a Drug-Free Workplace.

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

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:

Comm. Victor presented the council with a quote from Standard Equipment Company for a custom rebuilt 2016 Vactor 2100 Plus combination sewer cleaner. The quote includes a trade-in of our current Vactor. Delivery will take place in approximately two weeks. Mayor Olson will contact various financial institutions regarding financing. A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the expenditure to Standard Equipment Company in the amount of \$271,000.00 for a Custom Rebuilt 2016 Vactor 2100 Plus combination sewer cleaner, with a down payment of \$50,000.00 to be taken out of the Replacement Tax Fund, with payments to be split evenly between Streets, Water and Sewer.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$3,120.00 for chemicals for water plant to be taken out of Water.

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

Nays: None

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the expenditure to Law Offices of Robert J. Russo, Ltd. in the amount of \$1,867.50 for legal services.

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

Nays: None

STREETS - LAMB:

Comm. Lamb presented the Council with an Intergovernmental Agreement for cape sealing River Road, which is part of the village limits. This is a county program and cape sealing River Road was recommended by the County Engineer. Discussion was held regarding the estimated cost in the agreement. Attorney Russo requested that this be deferred until the March 3 council meeting so he can review the agreement further and get more information. A motion as made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve a motion to defer approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for Cape Sealing Various Streets Within the Village of Seneca and Payment for Work Performed on Same with LaSalle County in the amount of \$80,636.17.

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 an excavator rental from Illinois Truck & Equipment in the amount of \$2,600.00. The excavator will be used to clean up Crotty Creek from the canal up.

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

Nays: None

Village Engineer Casey McCollom discussed the north entrance to Shipyard Road. A right-of-way that was thought to be owned by the village was never recorded. Research is being done regarding ownership of Shipyard Road. It appears the road currently belongs to the Lambs and Pipe & Piling. Determining ownership is important when applying for grants. Permission was given to Attorney Russo to order title searches to determine ownership.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

None.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 567, 2020 Seneca Cruise Night. This is an annual resolution which is required to close Route 170.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve an expenditure to LaSalle NewsTribune for advertising in the LaSalle County Visitor Guide in the amount of \$247.00. This is an annual advertisement and we are receiving a discount for a larger ad at a smaller price.

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

Nays: None

Discussion was held regarding a proposed ordinance authorizing the direct sale of baked goods by home kitchen operations. This ordinance was requested by a resident and is very common among Illinois municipalities. It will be presented for adoption at the March 3 council meeting.

Following Executive Session: A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor to decline the Real Estate Sale Contract between the Village of Seneca and Forest Woods, Inc. Comm. John voted nay out of respect for Bill Graves.

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

Nays: Lamb

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathy Haralson thanked Jeff Maierhofer and various individuals that were involved in the making of the video submitted to HGTV for the Hometown Takeover.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to enter into executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the purchase or lease of real estate and litigation.

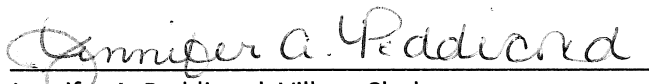
Council returned to regular session at 8:06 p.m.

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

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk