

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on May 19, 2020 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Also Present: Village Engineer Casey McCollom and Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord

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 April 6, 2020 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

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, Lamb, Higgins, and Victor

Nays: None

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Victor:

- 1) *New Business:* Comm. Victor thanked Andy Applebee for the use of his boat at the sewer plant during the recent flooding and he also thanked the Village employees for their hard work during the flooding.

Commissioner Callahan:

- 1) *New Business:* Comm. Callahan made a statement regarding the state of the budget. Earlier this year, the village was expecting a surplus in the budget, however, due to COVID-19, we are now expecting a deficit. After discussion, including the sharing of statistics and various quotes, Comm. Callahan advised that the current outlook is an approximately \$60,000.00 deficit.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 571, A Resolution Delaying Annual Water Rate Increase for 2020. Comm. Victor advised that a rate increase will not take place until 2021.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Victor announced that in June we will resume with water shut-offs for delinquent water bills. If anyone will have difficulty in paying their past due bill, they should contact village hall to make payment arrangements.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

Comm. Callahan presented the annual appropriation ordinance to council for review. A public hearing will be held at the next council meeting and the ordinance will be approved at that time.

STREETS - LAMB:

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to LaSalle County Highway Department in the amount of \$2,144.21 for preliminary engineering for 2020 cape sealing program. This expenditure is required because the village was included on the bid list. We were not expecting a fee to be included on the bid list. This fee will cover most of the engineering costs for the 2021 cape sealing program, if the village decides to participate.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Lamb advised the council that he spoke with Streets Superintendent Scott Holman and Mr. Holman indicated that he does not need any summer street help this year. The decision was made not to hire any street help this summer.

Comm. Lamb presented his thoughts regarding the 2020 street program for review. Comm. Lamb indicated that the two streets he would like to work on this year are East Scott Street leading to the high school and Shipyard Road at the entrance to the industrial park. Discussion was held regarding the ability to pay for the street program. Mayor Olson suggested that the work on Shipyard Road could be taken out of the TIF fund. Comm. Callahan advised that the village should be delaying the street program since we are currently facing a deficit. Mayor Olson ended discussions and indicated that the street program should be brought for a vote at the next council meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

None.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson presented an Ordinance Authorizing Remote Attendance at Village Council meetings for discussion. This ordinance will allow remote attendance at council meetings in the future, if necessary.

Mayor Olson advised that Jason Bersano has resigned as Assistant EMA Coordinator. In light of the very busy schedule of current EMA Coordinator, Grant Hacker, changes are being made to the department. A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the appointment of Kathleen Haralson as Emergency Management Agency Coordinator, with a term ending May 2023.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the appointment of Grant Hacker as Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, with term ending May 2023.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson announced that Village Hall will be reopening June 1 in Phase 3 of the Governor's shutdown and masks will be required by the public. Announcements will be made on the Village's Facebook page and website.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

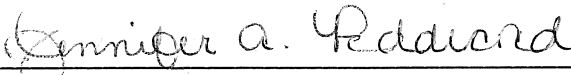
None.

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

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

Nays: None

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



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk