

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on June 16, 2020 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Victor

Also Present: Village Attorney Robert Russo, 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.

Corrections were made to the June 2, 2020 minutes by Commissioner Higgins and Mayor Olson. A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve the June 2, 2020 council meeting minutes as corrected.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Higgins:

- 1) *New Business:* Comm. Higgins thanked Springbrook Marina, Kyle Stenzel, Kevin Steep and village employees Scott Holman, Matt Sticha and Conlan Callahan for putting the docks in at the boat launch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Higgins: A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 20-08, An Ordinance Disconnecting Certain Territory from the Village of Seneca (Justice and Terry). This deannexation does not involve any homes.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 20-09, An Ordinance Disconnecting Certain Territory from the Village of Seneca (Erickson and Rolando). This deannexation is land only, no homes.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

Comm. Higgins advised that he is deferring the continued discussion regarding cannabis zoning to a later date so that Comm. Victor could participate.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:

Due to the absence of Comm. Victor, Comm. Callahan presented an Ordinance Amending Seneca Village Code Pertaining to Water Accounts, Deposits and Refunds for discussion. The purpose of the ordinance is to keep the water accounts in the name of the property owner, which will be effective August 1. The ordinance will be up for adoption at the next council meeting.

Discussion regarding annual clean-up days was deferred until Comm. Victor returns.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the expenditure to First Midwest Bank in the amount of \$3,187.64 for miscellaneous Visa credit card expenses.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve a transfer from Illinois Funds to General Checking in the amount of \$144,153.99.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve a transfer from Investments to General Checking in the amount of \$156,225.00.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

STREETS - LAMB:

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 573, Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Cargill in the amount of \$11,293.02 for road salt.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

Comm. Lamb presented the council with pictures taken of Crotty Creek at the north edge of town at Route 6. There is a serious problem with soil erosion. Comm. Lamb knows of no maintenance in this area. Because of the erosion, the creek has moved to the west. Discussion occurred as to what needs to be done. Comm. Lamb suggested that it's possible to have Chamlin put together a bid package. Casey McCollom suggested that we may need to get a right of entry permit from the railway, which can be expensive. Mayor Olson has contacted CSX but has not heard back from anyone. Casey McCollom suggested that creeks sometimes fall within the land owner's financial responsibility. Research will be done and this will be brought back for discussion at a later meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Seneca and Seneca Township High School District 160 to Provide School Resource Officer to School District 160. The purpose of the updated agreement is to make Officer Sangston a full-time employee for purposes of qualifying for insurance if necessary.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to Grundy County Economic Development in the amount of \$500.00 for 2020 membership. This is the village's annual membership.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

Discussion was held regarding a proposed Ordinance Adopting an Updated Policy Prohibiting Sexual Harassment. This updated ordinance contains a required change. It will be adopted at the next council meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of the Village zoning map for 2020. The proposed map includes minor issues that were cleaned up and a deannexation.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

Mayor Olson announced that Fran Kasten has submitted his resignation from the Park Board, effective September 1. Mayor Olson thanked Fran for his years of time and dedication to the Park Board.

Mayor Olson announced that Melissa Klicker will be taking the position of Chairman of the Park Board on September 1, 2020. A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the reappointment of Melissa Klicker to the Seneca Park Board, with a term to expire May 2024.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

Mayor Olson announced that there are two Planning Commission vacancies. Letters of Interest will be accepted at Village Hall until July 3, 2020. Comm. Higgins thanked Diane Till for her years of service to the Village and the Planning Commission. Ms. Till has resigned from the Planning Commission, as she and her husband are moving out of the village.

Following Executive Session, a motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 572, Releasing of Executive Session Minutes.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to enter into executive session at 7:27 p.m. to review executive session minutes and discuss litigation.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

Council returned to regular session at 7:45 p.m.

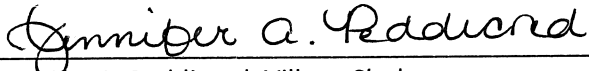
A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to adjourn the council meeting.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Victor

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk

