

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on July 21, 2020 and the meeting was called to order immediately following the budget meeting.

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

Absent: None

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.

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approve the July 7, 2020 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Victor requested a correction to the bill list to show that the bill from Snowdance should be split equally between water, sewer and streets, not public property. A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb that the Council approve the Treasurer's Report, payroll and payment of bills as amended.

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

Nays: None

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Lamb: The Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Vehicles Exempt from Weight Restrictions was revised to state that "Agricultural trucks will be exempt to travel on East Union Street, West Union Street to Ellis Farm and West Scott Street only, as long as they are in use for purpose of an agricultural business." A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 20-12, An Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Vehicles Exempt from Weight Restrictions in the Village of Seneca.

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

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Underground Pipe & Valve Co. in the amount of \$4,779.00 for new fire hydrant and water tap-on at Grant Street.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure of up to \$3,000.00 to move a donated garage from Scott Street to Graves Park. The garage was donated from the former Ward property.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Victor announced that Village Clean-up Days will be Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 8, 2020 at Olson's on Jackson Street. The Seneca FFA will be picking up stuff from senior citizens on Thursday or Friday before the event. To make a reservation, contact village hall.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to First Midwest Bank in the amount of \$2,735.13 for credit card expenses.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve an expenditure to Wex Bank in the amount of \$1,703.26 for fuel expenses.

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

Nays: None

STREETS - LAMB:

Comm. Lamb announced that the alleys in town are becoming difficult to drive down and maintain due to residents piling up brush and yard waste. Arrangements are being made to clean up yard waste during clean-up days. If the clean-up goes smoothly, we may implement a procedure cleaning up yard waste on a regular basis.

Comm. Lamb proposed renting a dumpster for collection of yard waste and advised that the council would need to determine an acceptable location. He proposed placing a dumpster up north at the water plant

with a security camera to make sure there is no dumping of garbage. Comm. Higgins suggested that it might be wise to put a fence up and only have it open at certain times. Chief Lamboley suggested a compost pile might be a good alternative. The discussion will continue at the next council meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to Elan City in the amount of \$5,947.00 for two radar speed signs. These are the same signs that we have on Main Street. The signs collect a history that can be downloaded and they are mobile, so they can be moved to different locations around town, as needed.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 574, Resolution Approving Minor Land Subdivision. This is related to land owned by Earl Kazel on the east side of town on Route 6. Mr. Kazel's attorney, Irv Masching, explained that the purpose of the subdivision is that Parcel B is being sold with a large plot of farm ground and Parcel A is staying with the existing mobile home park, which is possibly being sold. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this subdivision and recommended to the council that the Plat of Subdivision be approved.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Higgins proposed a change to the golf cart and utility task vehicle ordinance, specifically to require windshields on all licensed golf carts and UTVs and to require that village vehicle stickers be displayed on the windshield. This would make it more clear to the officers which vehicles are properly licensed within the village. The ordinance will be presented for adoption at the next council meeting.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson accepted the resignations of Park Board members Fran Kasten and Patty Newberry. Mayor Olson thanked Mr. Kasten and Ms. Newberry for their many years of service to the Village. Mayor Olson announced that we have two Park Board vacancies and letters of interest will be accepted at Village Hall until Friday, July 31. A decision will be made by August 18 as to the new members.

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, Lamb, Higgins and Victor

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.


Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk