

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on September 15, 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. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approve the September 1, 2020 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the August treasurer's report, payroll and 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:

1. New Business/Commissioner Victor: FEMA-based grant for sewage treatment plant.
2. New Business/Commissioner Lamb: Thank you to REG (Renewable Energy Group) for volunteer work.
3. New Business/Commissioner Higgins: Thank you to Lynn McGhee at Seneca Grade School.
4. New Business/Mayor Olson: Electronic recycling event.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:

Commissioner Victor advised the Council that the Village has the opportunity to apply for a FEMA-based grant for a flood wall at the sewage treatment plant. Engineer Casey McCollom advised the council that a pre-application would be due in two weeks and the complete application would be due in December.

The up-front cost to the village to apply for the grant would be approximately \$32,000.00. There is no guarantee that the village would be awarded the grant and significant research and cost would be involved in order to be considered. The council agreed that this is not the right time to apply for the grant.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

None.

STREETS - LAMB:

Commissioner Lamb advised that REG (Renewable Energy Group) has a community service program and ten employees worked on cleaning up the north hill on Friday, September 11, and did a great job. A tree service will pick up the pile of debris that was cleaned up. The REG employees will be back on Friday, September 18 to complete the clean up work. The council appreciates all the work that was done.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Commissioner Higgins announced that trick or treating will be allowed in the village on Saturday, October 31 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Safety guidelines are being implemented and will be shared on the Village's Facebook page and the Village's website.

Commissioner Higgins thanked Lynn McGhee from the Seneca Grade School North Campus for the excellent job she and her staff have done at the drop off and pick up on Walnut Street.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson has organized an electronic recycling event with A-Team Recycling for October 17, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Village parking lot. The cost would be \$5,000.00 and the City of Marseilles would be willing to partner with us. The cost is \$5,000.00 no matter what volume is received. Information will be posted on the Village's Facebook page and the website. All on the council agreed to proceed with this event.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.

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

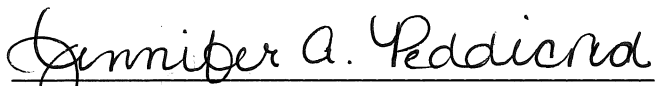
Nays: None

Council returned to regular session at 7:39 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to adjourn the September 15, 2020 council meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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

Nays: None

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer A. Peddicord". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk