

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on December 1, 2020 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approve the November 3, 2020 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the November 23, 2020 special council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

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

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

Nays: None

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Ordinance 20-17, Ordinance Granting a Special Use Permit Relating to Property Located at 253 N. Main Street. This is for the sea container at Main Street Garage.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, 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 Larry Anderson for fertilization of Graves Park in the amount of \$4,860.00

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

Nays: None

Comm. Victor announced that during the month of December gift certificates for payments on water accounts will be available for purchase. This is open to anyone and can be done anonymously if desired. Contact Village Hall for details.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$6,441.63 for annual maintenance of software.

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

Nays: None

STREETS:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to D Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$91,746.59 for the 2020 street program.

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

Nays: None

Casey McCollom gave an update regarding the 2020 street program. He advised that the streets that were paved and marked were Graves Street at Englewood, Grant Street west of Hossack Street, and Douglas Street to Crotty. There is a delay in waiting for shoulder stone due to a decrease in manpower at D Construction due to the virus. He hopes that all work will be completed by the end of the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to Grundy County ETSB in the amount of \$9,222.40 for annual renewal of Starcom radio system.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve and authorize signature of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Grundy County Law Enforcement Pro-Active Unit. Attorney Russo advised that this agreement is between multiple local agencies and consists of sharing of information, officers and resources to be used for the investigation of crimes involving drugs, guns, and other multi-jurisdictional matters.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Higgins advised that he will be speaking with the Planning Commission regarding making changes to the zoning ordinance to allow sheds on larger tracts of land outside of town. Attorney Russo will also research this matter.

Comm. Higgins announced that the Planning Commission will now meet at 6:00 p.m. on their meeting nights.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Grundy County Chamber of Commerce for 2021 membership dues in the amount of \$100.00.

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

Nays: None

Attorney Russo advised the council that he was contacted by the attorney for a potential buyer of 709 Forrest Drive requesting a vacation of a water line easement. Water service has not been provided to the property on Forrest Drive and there are no immediate plans to do so. When the survey was done for the property it showed a water line easement with a garage built directly on top of the easement. Casey McCollom suggested authorizing Attorney Russo to pursue the vacation of the easement, as the only alternative is to require the garage to be moved, which would not be well received. Attorney Russo will contact the buyer's attorney and let them know the village is willing to vacate the easement. If needed, this will be brought up again at a future council meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the appointment of Kent Weber as Commissioner of Streets with a term to expire in May 2021. Mayor Olson thanked the three individuals that applied for the vacancy.

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

Nays: None

Kent Weber was sworn in as Commissioner of Streets and took his seat on the council.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comm. Higgins announced that Shop with a Cop applications will be accepted at village hall, at the police department, and at the Seneca Grade School until the end of the week (December 4). This program has been going on for 12 years and the kids really enjoy it. Shop with a Cop will take place on Saturday, December 19 at 8:00 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Callahan to enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. to discuss potential litigation.

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

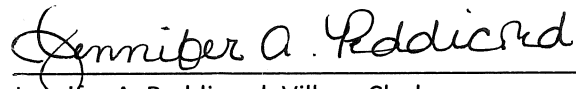
Nays: None

Council returned to regular session at 7:41 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to adjourn the December 1, 2020 council meeting at 7:42 p.m.

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

Nays: None



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk