

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on December 15, 2020 and the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Commissioners Callahan, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Present by Phone: Mayor Olson

Also Present: Village Attorney Robert Russo, Village Engineer Casey McCollom and Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord

Commissioner Callahan acted as Board Chair due to physical absence of Mayor Olson.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the December 1, 2020 special council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor that the Council approve the December 1, 2020 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

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

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

Nays: None

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Kate Reynolds from the Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce gave a presentation regarding CyberSecurity Today, Click Small Starved Rock and nominations for Person of the Year, Business of the Year and Organization of the Year.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN: A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Ordinance 20-18, 2020-2021 Tax Levy Ordinance. Comm. Callahan advised that the village is in a good position and will not be raising taxes.

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

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve and authorize signature of an amended Intergovernmental Agreement for the Grundy County Law Enforcement Pro-Active Unit. Attorney Russo advised that the Intergovernmental Agreement approved at the December 1, 2020 council meeting was amended due to the Channahon Police Department joining in. A benefit of joining the Pro-Active Unit is that the village could potentially gain revenue; for example, if a vehicle is impounded in a drug case and is later sold we would benefit from the sale of the vehicle.

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

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 \$2,500.00 for tapping machine. A tapping machine attaches to the water main and drills through the valve without interrupting service.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an estimate from Metropolitan for replacement of the Weir Street lift station in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00. Comm. Victor is waiting for a call back from Metropolitan with the exact estimate, but prices will go up dramatically after the first of the year, so it is imperative economically to commit to the project before year-end.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Victor announced that the village will be accepting live Christmas trees for disposal beginning December 26. Trees can be dropped off at the village parking lot for disposal.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to First Midwest Bank Visa in the amount of \$3,599.70 for credit card expenses.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to Wex Bank in the amount of \$1,580.63 for fuel expenses.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Ordinance 20-19, Tax Abatement Ordinance. The passing of this ordinance foregoes the levying of taxes on bonds.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the transfer of \$137,900.00 from Investments to General Checking.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the transfer of \$75,000.00 from Motor Fuel Tax Money Market to General Checking.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the transfer of \$242,230.00 from Illinois Funds account to General Checking.

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

Nays: None

STREETS - WEBER:

None.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the hiring of Kady Sassinger as a part-time police officer at the hourly rate of \$21.38. Two officers were recently separated from the village and will need to be replaced.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 579, Resolution Approving the Adoption of the Grundy County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Ordinance 20-20, Ordinance Amending Section 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 1 of the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Council Meetings. Effective with the first meeting in January, council meetings will now begin at 6:00 p.m.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to enter into executive session at 7:22 p.m. to review closed executive session minutes.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson excused himself from the council meeting and did not participate in executive session.

Council returned to regular session at 7:37 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 580, Releasing of Executive Session Minutes. The minutes being released are reflected on Exhibit A attached to the resolution.

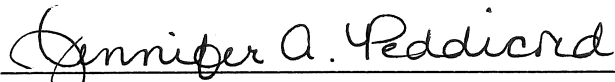
Roll Call: Ayes: Callahan, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to adjourn the December 15, 2020 council meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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

Nays: None



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk

