

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on February 2, 2021 and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

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. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber that the Council approve the January 19, 2021 budget meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Callahan

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the January 19, 2021 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the 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:**

1. Old Business/Commissioner Victor: Thank you for snow plowing.
2. Old Business/Commissioner Weber: Recent snowfall and plowing; ordered pickup truck and October tree removal.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COMMISSIONER VICTOR:** Commissioner Victor thanked the public works guys for the great job they did plowing the snow.

**COMMISSIONER WEBER:**

- Commissioner Weber also thanked the public works guys for the outstanding job they did plowing snow.
- Comm. Weber announced that the new pickup truck has been ordered and it was \$1,850.00 under budget.
- Comm. Weber advised that in October Aaron Miller of Miller's Tree Service did tree removal for the village. He just submitted his bill and there is no charge to the village. Comm. Weber thanked Miller Tree Service for their generous donation to the village.

**COMMISSIONER HIGGINS:**

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-01, An Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Adopting Certain State Law Provisions with Respect to Possession of Alcohol by Persons Under the Age of 21.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-02, An Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Minimum Fines.

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

Nays: None

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:**

Commissioner Victor presented an Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Park Board Meetings. The code will reflect that the park board meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:**

Commissioner Callahan advised that he is still gathering information and will present the establishment of a scholarship fund for discussion at the next council meeting.

**STREETS - WEBER:**

Commissioner Weber thanked Dave Higgins, Jim Johnson and Kale Walsh for their work running conduit at the police department for the automatic doors. They have saved the village several thousand dollars by doing the work themselves.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:**

Commissioner Higgins presented an Ordinance Repealing Section 3 of Chapter 1 of Title 5 of the Seneca Code of Ordinances Regarding Dog and Cat Licenses. The village has not enforced dog and cat licenses for several years and is removing this from the code.

Commissioner Higgins presented an Ordinance Amending Article A of Section 2 of Chapter 1 of Title 5 of the Village of Seneca Code of Ordinances to Update Prohibited Animals. This amendment adds additional animals to the prohibited animal list.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to Automatic Door Authority for security doors for police station in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00. Comm. Higgins advised that this is for the cost of the security doors and the coding, as the running of the conduit was done in-house.

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

Nays: None

Chief George Lamboley addressed the council with regard to House Bill 3653 and the ramifications to the village.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:**

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 581, 2021 Seneca Cruise Night. This resolution is done annually in order to close Route 170 for cruise night.

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 Resolution No. 582, A Resolution by the Mayor and Village Council of the Village of Seneca, Illinois, Opposing Illinois HB 3653 and Requesting Governor Pritzker's Veto. Mayor Olson advised that the village supports our law enforcement and will be sending this resolution to Governor Pritzker with a letter requesting his veto of HB 3653.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson presented an Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Salaries. Elected officials are no longer eligible for IMRF, so the language is being removed from the code.

Mayor Olson requested the council's input with regard to what the priorities for downtown development should be. He asked that everyone think about it and be prepared to discuss this at the next council meeting.

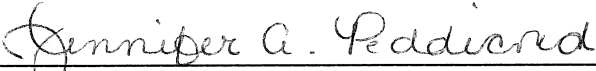
**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to adjourn the February 2, 2021 council meeting at 6:21 p.m.

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

Nays: None

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Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk