

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on April 6, 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. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the March 16, 2021 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. Higgins that the Council approve the March 25, 2021 special 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. Callahan 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:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-12, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 of Title 6 of the Village of Seneca Code of Ordinances to Include Annual Renewal and Inspections of ATVs.

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 the adoption of Ordinance 21-13, An Ordinance Amending Title 10 of the Seneca Municipal Code (the Zoning Ordinance) Pertaining to Adult-Use Cannabis.

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

Nays: None

MAYOR OLSON:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-14, An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 7 of Title 3 of the Seneca Code of Ordinances Regarding Recycling Service and Waste Removal Contractors.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson presented an Ordinance Repealing Chapter 1 of Title 4 of the Seneca Code of Ordinances Regarding Emergency Services Provisions for discussion. As there is no connection between the village and the fire department and ambulance service, there is no need for this section of the code.

Mayor Olson reminded the public that there is a park board vacancy and letters of interest will be accepted until April 16, 2021.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to Boomin Vinyl in the amount of \$3,040.00 for sponsorship banners for Graves Park. A total of 32 banners have been sponsored and orders are continuing to be accepted.

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 expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$4,465.10 for water treatment chemicals.

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 expenditure to Automatic Door Authority in the amount of \$2,600.00 for automatic locks at Graves Park restrooms. These are the same locks used on the boat launch restrooms.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to Anderson's Lawn Service in the amount of \$2,565.00 for Graves Park field maintenance and \$1,900.00 for application of weed control and fertilizer at Graves Park.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to All Type Fence in the amount of \$14,800.00 for installation of fence at boat launch. Several bids were solicited and All Type Fence was the lowest and would not charge extra if they run into rock.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to Correct Digital Display in the amount of \$14,080.00 for installation of scoreboards at Graves Park baseball diamond and softball diamond. This company did the scoreboards at the high school and have also done scoreboards for professional sports teams.

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 expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00 for running electrical from the concession stand to garage and scoreboards at Graves Park. The labor is being donated.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to Associated Technical Services in the amount of \$1,627.50 for hydrant and leak survey. This is preventative maintenance.

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Victor presented an Ordinance Amending Chapter 3 of Title 7 Regarding Park Hours and Violation of Park Rules in Village Parks for discussion. The park hours are being changed from "5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m." to "from dawn until dusk." Discussion was held regarding whether lights should be turned off at Crotty Park or if motion-activated lights should be installed.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor to defer the approval of raises until the next council meeting.

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

Nays: None

STREETS - WEBER:

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Cargill in the amount of \$15,296.72 for bulk salt. Comm. Weber advised that it took eight semi loads to fill the sheds

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to Al's Body Shop in the amount of \$2,497.81 for repair of 2012 Ford Pickup. This was to repair rust damage and extend the life of the truck.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Weber advised that he and the public works guys looked at the retention pond behind Ace Hardware and have determined it can be cleaned out by our own workers, which they hope will help with drainage issues.

Comm. Weber also advised that work is beginning on alleys in town.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to Automatic Door Authority in the amount of \$1,660.00 for additional expense related to police department doors. This work has now been finalized.

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 a motion to defer the approval of the collective bargaining agreement with the police union. The union's attorney is finalizing the agreement and it will be sent to our attorney for review and is expected to be ready for approval at the next council meeting.

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. Callahan to approve an expenditure to Seneca Township High School in the amount of \$30.00 for yearbook page sponsorship. This page sponsorship has been done over the past few years.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson presented an Ordinance Amending Paragraph J of Article 6 of Chapter 8 of Title 3 of the Seneca Code of Ordinances Regarding Restrictions on Issuance of Liquor License. This amendment removes the requirement for corporations to have a manager or agent living in town.

Mayor Olson presented an Ordinance Repealing Chapter 7 of Title 2 of the Seneca Code of Ordinances Regarding Public Safety Advisory Council. This is being repealed because there never has been a public safety advisory council and there is no need for one.

Mayor Olson announced that the Shipyard Festival Committee made the decision to cancel Shipyard Days due to the fact that they cannot find a carnival and they could not receive any assurance from the LaSalle County Health Department that they would issue food service licenses.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the reappointment of Brooke Andreatta to the Park Board for a four year term expiring in April 2025. Mayor Olson thanked Brooke and the Park Board for all the work they did on the recent Easter egg hunt, which was a great success.

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 reappointment of Marissa Maloney to the Park Board for a four year term expiring in April 2025.

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 reappointment of Les Goslin to the Park Board for a four year term expiring in April 2025.

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

Nays: None

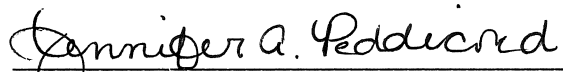
PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to adjourn the April 6, 2021 council meeting at 6:26 p.m.

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

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