

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on May 4, 2021 and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Commissioner Callahan

Also Present: Village Attorney Robert Russo 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. Higgins to approve the April 20, 2021 budget meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the April 20, 2021 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the payment of bills as presented. Comm. Weber advised that there is a \$500.00 charge for street signs and reminded residents that running over signs and stealing signs causes unnecessary expenses for the village.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

COMMISSIONER VICTOR: OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Cross connection control survey reminder.

COMMISSIONER WEBER: OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Valley View streetlight survey reminder.
- 2) Summer help application reminder.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER VICTOR: Commissioner Victor reminded residents that cross connection control surveys are due by the end of May. These surveys are required by every household.

COMMISSIONER WEBER: Commissioner Weber reminded Valley View residents to complete their streetlight survey. Commissioner Weber also reminded the public that we are accepting summer help applications and will make a decision by the next council meeting.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS: A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-19, An Ordinance Amending the Text of the Zoning Ordinance Regulating the Minimum Lot Size of Mobile Home Lots. This amendment raises the minimum lot requirement from 3,500 square feet to 6,000 square feet.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS:

Newly elected commissioners Kent Weber and Mark Victor were sworn in.

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 Opperman Construction Co. in the amount of \$4,072.03 for Market Street sanitary sewer. This completes the landscaping on Market Street, which couldn't be completed until recently due to the winter weather.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to River Redi-Mix, Inc. in the amount of \$1,802.63 for concrete for Graves Park.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

Commissioner Victor thanked the Park Board for all of their work with the Illinois Irish Softball tournament over the past weekend. The town was filled with people and the park received many compliments.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

Due to Commissioner Callahan's absence, Commissioner Victor covered his agenda items.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to Dr. Megabyte in the amount of \$2,914.51 for new computers and Microsoft licenses at village hall. The last time the computers were replaced at village hall was seven years ago.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

STREETS - WEBER:

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to ALTA Equipment Company in an amount not to exceed \$4,500.00 for long reach excavator rental. This excavator will be used to clean out the I&M Canal.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

Comm. Weber advised that he contacted three different trucking companies with regard to renting semis to haul away the debris from the I&M Canal and all were similar in price. The cost will be approximately \$1,100.00 per day per semi. Comm. Higgins has offered to operate the excavator on days when there is no one else available to operate it. The total cost, including trucking and excavating, will be approximately \$20,000.00.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

None.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson announced that there will be a Grundy County Tire Recycling event July 15 – 17, 2021 at Olson's Recycling on Jackson Street in Seneca. The event is open to Grundy County residents, including Seneca. Restrictions were announced.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve and authorize Mayor Olson to enter into a Land Use Permit with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for cleaning of

the I&M Canal. Mayor Olson advised that Valley View is dependent on the cleaning of the canal to prevent flooding. Comm. Weber advised that they are looking at doing this work the first full week of June. Comm. Higgins asked for specific depth and width from IDNR and Mayor Olson advised that in the past it has been up to the discretion of the excavator operator.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the appointment of Lonnie Horn to the Seneca Park Board for a one-year term to expire in April 2022.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan

PUBLIC COMMENT:

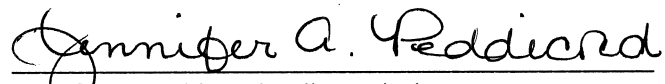
None.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to adjourn the May 4, 2021 council meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk