

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on May 18, 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

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. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the May 4, 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. Callahan that the Council approve the March 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:

Kim Krueger, resident of Seneca, gave a presentation on Recognize, Respond, Refer. This event will be held on Monday, May 24, 2021 at Crotty Park.

Christopher Maier, of Coldwell Banker and Maier Properties, gave a presentation on the Local Love program.

Mayor Olson announced that he has signed a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 22-28 as Safe Boating Week.

COMMISSIONER VICTOR: NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Cancellation of Fishing Derby.

COMMISSIONER WEBER: NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Tree removal on village property.

COMMISSIONER WEBER: OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Valley View Streetlight surveys.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER WEBER: Commissioner Weber advised that we have received approximately half of the Valley View resident streetlight surveys. The majority of the survey responders do not want more streetlights.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the hiring of C.J. Wignes as a summer worker in the Water and Sewer Department at the rate of \$11.25 per hour.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Victor announced that the Park Board recently held an Earth Day Tree Program. The public was given an opportunity to purchase trees for Graves Park as a living tribute to family members or as a memorial to loved ones. Each tree will include a granite plaque with an engraving of their own wording. 50 trees were purchased for Graves Park from these donations. These are NOT village funds. A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to Spring Grove Nursery in the amount of \$4,370.00 for trees sponsored for Graves Park. The trees were purchased at wholesale price.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Victor announced that the Park Board's fishing derby has been canceled due to a shortage of fish.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Wex Bank in the amount of \$2,228.21 for fuel expenses.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to First Midwest Bank Visa in the amount of \$2,526.31 for credit card expenses.

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

Nays: None

STREETS - WEBER:

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to Quaka Excavating in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for I&M canal clean out project. This will include the use of two trucks, and a possible third. Justin Quaka will operate the excavator for two days. Commissioner Higgins has also offered to operate the excavator for two days. The target date for this work is the week of June 6, weather permitting.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Weber opened discussion regarding amending the village code with regard to sidewalk construction. The current code was written in 1991. Comm. Weber worked with Building Inspector Les Goslin on finding other city codes regarding sidewalks. The reimbursement amount will be raised to \$600.00 with approval ahead of the work being performed. This, of course, is based on whether we have the money for sidewalks in our budget. This will be brought back for further consideration at a future council meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the hiring of Paige Hacker as a summer worker in the Streets Department at the rate of \$13.00 per hour. This will be Paige's fourth year working for the village.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Weber presented an Ordinance Amending Section 3 of Chapter 4 of Title 6 [of the village code] Pertaining to Parking Time Limit on Main Street for discussion. Extensive discussion took place regarding problems with parking time limits downtown. Various suggestions were made, including parking placards being used by businesses. Additional signage will be needed. This matter will be brought back for further discussion at a future council meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

None.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson presented an Ordinance Adopting a Social Media Policy for consideration. A social media policy was discussed previously but never adopted. This will be brought back for approval at the next council meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve a donation to University of Illinois Extension in the amount of \$300.00. This donation benefits the local 4-H programs.

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

Nays: None

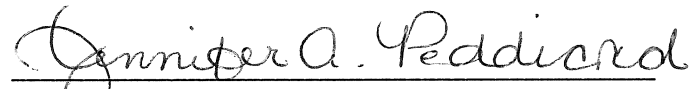
PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to adjourn the May 18, 2021 council meeting at 6:33 p.m.

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

Nays: None


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