

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on June 15, 2021 and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Olson and Commissioners Victor and Weber (via telephone)

Absent: Commissioners Callahan and Higgins

Also Present: Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord and City Engineer Casey McCollom

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. Victor to approve the June 1, 2021 council meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins

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

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:**

None.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

Kathy Haralson gave an update from the Beautification, Betterment & Tourism Committee. She thanked the many people that helped with the planting of the planters downtown. She advised that the BBT is hosting their first annual golf outing July 10 at The Creek in Morris. The BBT is also officially sponsoring the Seneca Cruise Night on August 7. There will also be a pig roast to benefit the mural on June 19 at Fergy's. There are no major updates at this time regarding the mural.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Olson presented Ordinance 21-21, the annual appropriation ordinance in Commissioner Callahan's absence. A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-21, 2021-2022 Appropriation Ordinance.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER – VICTOR:**

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$1,599.01 for water treatment plant chemicals.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve a contract with MTCO Communications for internet service for a term of three years.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to Underground Pipe & Valve Co. in the amount of \$2,145.00 for parts to fix main water leaks.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins

Comm. Victor encouraged the public to sign up for Nixel alerts in order to be notified of important village news, including water main breaks, water shutoffs and boil orders.

Comm. Victor apologized for any problems residents may have experienced since the planned water shutoff. He further advised that there was a water main break at Clark and Lincoln Streets which resulted in an unplanned water shutoff. The public works guys were thanked for all of their hard work.

Comm. Victor advised that the Weir Street lift station is almost done and should be completed by Wednesday, June 16.

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:**

Mayor Olson presented Comm. Callahan's agenda item in Comm. Callahan's absence.

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to First Midwest Bank Visa in the amount of \$2,156.29 for credit card expenses.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins

**STREETS - WEBER:**

Comm. Weber gave an update regarding the canal clean-up project. He advised that the canal has been 90% cleaned out. A smaller excavator is being rented for the week of June 21 and Jim Applebee and Scott Holman will be operating it. They will also be cleaning out the front of Valley View. Comm. Weber thanked Justin Quaka for donating his time to run the excavator for two days and Comm. Higgins for donating his time to run the excavator for three days. This saved the village approximately \$5,000.00 in labor expenses.

City Engineer Casey McCollom gave an update regarding the state of Main Street/170. Due to the fact that 170 is a state highway, the village has no jurisdiction over repairs and maintenance of the road. There is an unscheduled meeting planned with IDOT to discuss the issues we are having and to try to get IDOT to move up the date for reconstruction of the road. The public was encouraged to submit complaints via IDOT's online complaint system.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:**

Due to the absence of Comm. Higgins, Mayor Olson presented his agenda items.

Mayor Olson presented an Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map and Approving a Minor Subdivision with Respect to Property Located on East 2350<sup>th</sup> Road and an Ordinance Amending the Zoning District Map with Respect to Property Located on East 2350<sup>th</sup> Road. The Planning Commission held a public hearing at their last meeting and both of these items were recommended to the council for approval. Both ordinances will be brought back for approval at the next council meeting.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:**

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to Grundy County Economic Development in the amount of \$500.00 for 2021 membership.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to NCICG in the amount of \$711.30 for annual membership.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins

Mayor Olson requested that the council consider a donation to the Seneca Cruise Night Committee to go towards scholarships and expenses. A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve a donation to the Seneca Cruise Night Committee in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

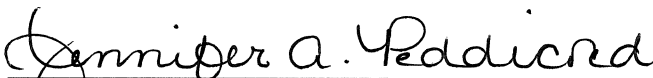
Mayor Olson announced that the executive session is being postponed until the next council meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to adjourn the June 15, 2021 council meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

Absent: Callahan and Higgins



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk