

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on September 7, 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, 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. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the August 17, 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. Weber 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:**

Mayor Olson announced the photography contest winners and thanked the Beautification Committee for choosing the winners. The following winners were announced: Larry Rasmussen, Eric Burchett, Lindsay Berta, Chad Paulson, Heather Cherwinski and Cheryl Johnson.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COMMISSIONER WEBER:** A motion was made by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Higgins to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-29, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 of Title 6 Pertaining to Parking Regulations.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Commissioner Weber and seconded by Commissioner Callahan to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-30, An Ordinance Adding Section 10 of Chapter 4 of Title 6 Pertaining to Snow Route Restrictions to the Seneca Code of Ordinances. This ordinance will restrict parking on one side of five streets when we have two inches of snow or more. The following streets will be declared snow routes

and will have prohibited parking: South Hossack Street (west side of street), East Lincoln Street (south side of street), Valley View Drive (outside of circle), Oak Street (east side of street) and East Scott Street (north side of street).

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

Nays: None

**MAYOR OLSON:** Mayor Olson presented the Ordinance Establishing the Beautification, Betterment and Tourism Committee for further discussion. Kathy Haralson gave a presentation to the council of the various projects the Beautification Committee held throughout the past two years, including fundraising for the mural project, cruise night, the Christmas tree contest, and decorating the downtown area with self-watering pots, flags and plants. Commissioner Weber presented various concerns he had with the wording of the ordinance, specifically the "proposal" clause. Debate was held regarding where the funds for the beautification committee would come from. Commissioner Weber asked that Section 5A. be amended from \$1,500.00 to \$500.00. A motion was made by Commissioner Weber to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-31, An Ordinance Establishing the Beautification, Betterment and Tourism Committee, as amended, but it was not seconded. The motion died for lack of a second.

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

##### **PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:**

Commissioner Victor announced that he was passing on the Motion to Reconsider Dissolution of Intergovernmental Agreement between Seneca Township High School District 160 and the Seneca Park Board Concerning Use of Certain Sports and Recreation Facilities. Commissioner Weber made a motion to approve the Motion to Reconsider and presented several points with regard to the merits of keeping the agreement in place. Mayor Olson advised that a meeting took place between himself, Commissioner Victor, Park Board President Melissa Klicker, Park Board member George Lambolely and Superintendent Dan Stecken regarding extending the agreement for one year and then making changes to the agreement next summer. Commissioner Callahan advised that he has issues with regard to the village's indemnification of the high school in the event of damage or injury. Attorney Russo confirmed that the current agreement does put the village at risk. There were also questions regarding the high school's requirement that the facility be deep cleaned after use and what that will cost the village. There was no second. The motion died for lack of a second.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Underground Pipe & Valve Co. in the amount of \$4,729.80 for hydrant and valve replacement parts. These are parts for one hydrant.

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 additional expenditure to Ayers Electric in the amount of \$2,750.00 for electrical upgrades for the cruise night and festival.

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 Chamlin & Associates in the amount of \$1,658.00 for engineering work related to Green Tree Mobile Home Park water main. Casey McCollom advised that Green Tree Mobile Home Park is extending the water main north of the Manlius Township Building to the west along Crotty Lane. This is a village-owned main. The cost will be shared between Green Tree and the village. The village's portion of the work will be performed by the city workers. Green Tree has hired a contractor to do their portion.

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

Nays: None

#### **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:**

Commissioner Callahan presented the results of the annual audit to the council. He advised that the village's net position increased and the village's overall position is good.

#### **STREETS - WEBER:**

Commissioner Weber advised that we are still waiting for estimates for the temporary replacement of the collapsed section of River Road. We have received one estimate and are waiting for a second one. Once the estimates are received, we will need to choose between two replacement plans. The bridge will ultimately need to be replaced completely. A special meeting will be called once the estimates are received.

Commissioner Weber thanked IDOT for fixing the potholes on Main Street.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:**

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Seneca and Seneca Community Consolidated School District 170 to provide School Resource Officer to School District 170. This is an amendment to the existing agreement.

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 Application for Amusement Device License for No. 4 Social Garage LLC. This is the new business going into the old Sandlot building.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the Community Data Platform Membership Program with TriTech Software Systems. This is an update to the existing system.

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

Nays: None

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:**

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to NCICG Economic Development District for \$1,000.00 for annual local share for economic development. Mayor Olson advises that NCICG assists us with grant applications.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson presented an ordinance for discussion which revises Article 11 of Chapter 8 of Title 3 of the Seneca Code of Ordinances regarding liquor licensing. The current code only allows for the issuance of temporary permits for liquor sales to clubs and organizations. The amendment will allow businesses to be issued temporary permits for selling wine and alcohol at village festivals on a limited basis. This ordinance will be brought back at the next council meeting for approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Weber to adjourn the September 7, 2021 council meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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

Nays: None

  
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Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk