

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on October 5, 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. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the September 21, 2021 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan 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:**

**Commissioner Victor:** New Business: Invitation to Park Board Fall Festival.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**COMMISSIONER WEBER:** Comm. Weber gave an update regarding the River Road replacement project. He advised that the village's engineering firm is getting the plans together for the temporary road replacement. Casey McCollom anticipates sending the plans to IDOT next week. IDOT has officially concurred with doing the concrete replacement plan we submitted. We are moving forward with an 80% replacement plan.

**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 Republic Services in the amount of \$4,662.44 for sludge fees. This is a yearly fee.

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 Underground Pipe & Valve Co. in the amount of \$7,164.00 for parts for Green Tree water line.

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

Nays: None

On behalf of the Park Board, Commissioner Victor invited the public to attend its first annual fall festival at Crotty Park on Saturday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Commissioner Callahan announced that there will be a budget meeting at the next council meeting, on October 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Chamlin & Associates in the amount of \$41,112.00 for engineering work with regard to River Road Bridge replacement. This is the start of the fees for getting the bridge fixed. Casey McCollom advised that the surveying, geotechnical investigations, soil borings, and hydraulics will all get rolled into the final plan.

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 Premier Asphalt in the amount of \$4,500.00 for patching of roads. These are roads that we had to dig up for sewer lines and hydrants, which need to be fixed before freezing. Scott Holman contacted three companies and for two of them the job was too big. Premier Asphalt is able to do the job fairly quickly.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Weber advised that there was a meeting with IDOT last week regarding the repavement of Illinois 170/Main Street. The project is currently scheduled to take place in 2025. A number of items were discussed during that meeting, including fixing the sidewalks to make them handicapped accessible, traffic control, a bicycle path option, and a potential detour option. IDOT will create a website for the public to follow the plans.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:**

None.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:**

Mayor Olson presented information regarding a recent meeting he had with NCICG regarding a Rebuild Downtown & Main Streets Capital Grant. He advised the council that they will be given copies of the comprehensive plan to review and asked for the council to come back with ideas regarding potential projects to include. There is no cost to apply for the grant. NCICG needs our wishlist by the beginning of November. The application is due by January 2022. Letters of support from local business and residents will be key in being considered for the grant. This matter will be discussed further at the next council meeting.

Mayor Olson announced that there is a Planning Commission vacancy. Letters of interest will be accepted at village hall until October 31, 2021.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve a motion to defer the appointment of an ESDA coordinator. A decision will be made by the next council meeting.

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 a motion to defer the appointment of an assistant to the ESDA coordinator.

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

Nays: None

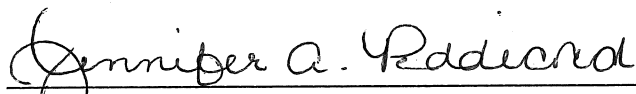
**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Weber to adjourn the October 5, 2021 council meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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

Nays: None



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk