

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on November 16, 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.

Commissioner Weber led a moment of silence in honor of David "Buck" Bogren, former Planning Commission member, that recently passed away.

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the November 2, 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. Higgins that the Council approve the September 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:

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Higgins: Old: Shop with a Cop announcement.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-33, An Ordinance Pertaining to the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. This ordinance is required to be passed in order to receive and spend the coronavirus funds.

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

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER WEBER:

Comm. Weber asked Casey McCollom to give an update regarding the River Road replacement project. Casey advised that the plan was approved by Springfield (IDOT) on Monday and is now awaiting district approval. The next step will be the bid process.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Ordinance 21-34, An Ordinance Amending the Text of the Zoning Ordinance Regulating the Use of Intermodal Containers as Permanent Structures. The intermodal containers will now be allowed for industrial use.

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

Nays: None

Commissioner Higgins announced Shop with a Cop will take place on December 11 at noon at Walmart. Applications are available at the schools and village hall, and will be due by November 30, 2021.

MAYOR OLSON:

Kevin Lindeman and Aaron Sanders of NCICG spoke regarding the Rebuild Illinois Grant. The council was advised that if the village is a grant recipient, there will be \$36,000.00 in administrative fees due from the village. The three projects being submitted are: Armour Street parking, Village hall parking, and Main Street lighting. Letters have been received from several businesses and residents, but more are requested, especially if the business has been affected by COVID. Discussion was held regarding whether the village is able to contribute funds, which could possibly strengthen our application. The Village Clerk was directed to share the plans on social media for the public to see. This matter will be brought back at the December 7 council meeting for a final decision as to whether funds will be contributed by the village.

The Community Planning Survey was presented and discussed. The council agreed that it is ready to be sent out to the public.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER - VICTOR:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$4,406.18 for water treatment plant chemicals. These chemicals are purchased quarterly.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$2,000.00 for camera of sewer line on North Cash Street alley. No problems were found on the village side.

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 expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$1,907.50 for camera of sewer line on Sherman Street. No problems were found on the village side.

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 in an amount not to exceed \$7,000.00 for labor and material to replace boat launch docks. The boat docks are approximately 20 years old and have never been rebuilt previously.

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

Nays: None

Park Board President Melissa Klicker announced the calendar of events for the November 21 Christmas in the Park at Crotty Park.

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 \$2,630.23 for fuel expenses. Comm. Callahan pointed out that fuel expenses have almost doubled since last month's bill.

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 \$2,612.82 for credit card expenses.

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

Nays: None

STREETS - WEBER:

Two resolutions were presented for adoption. Casey McCollom advised that in order to spend MFT funds, IDOT requires a resolution. The second resolution is for the use of Rebuild Illinois Funds.

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of a Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of a Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for Rebuild Illinois Funds.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Comm. Higgins presented an Ordinance Amending the Text of the Zoning Ordinance Regulating the Size of Accessory Buildings. The approved size of accessory buildings will be increased from 900 to 1,000 square feet. The Planning Commission approved this change at a recent public hearing.

Comm. Higgins presented an Ordinance Amending the Text of the Zoning Ordinance Increasing the Fees for Variances. The fees are being increased from \$200.00 to \$500.00, which will include the cost of the publication.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Mayor Olson announced that there is a Planning Commission vacancy. Letters of interest will be accepted until December 3, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Resident Doug Kalwa addressed the council regarding a problem with semis parking overnight at the BP station and his frustration with burning only being allowed on Saturdays.

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to adjourn the November 2, 2021 council meeting. A voice vote was held. All ayes. No nays. The council meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk