

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on January 18, 2022 and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Olson, Commissioners Callahan, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord, Attorney Robert Russo and Village Engineer Casey McCollom

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A moment of silence was held for Lillian "Lil" Fricke.

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the January 4, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan that the Council approve the November treasurer's report, payroll and 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:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

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

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

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to TextMyGov in the amount of \$4,500.00 for smart texting technology. Clerk Peddicord explained that TextMyGov will replace Nixel and will be a way of getting messages to the public via text message. This is a two year contract, with a \$1,500.00 set-up fee.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Victor announced that the water bill gift certificate program was a great success again, with over \$1,700.00 in donations received. Thank you to everyone that donated.

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

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the expenditure to First Midwest Bank Visa in the amount of \$3,405.82 for credit card expenses.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Wex Bank in the amount of \$2,261.98 for fuel expenses.

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

Nays: None

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

Comm. Weber announced that five bids for the River Road bridge repair project were opened on Friday (January 14, 2022) and Tobey's Construction was the low bidder at \$210,307.00. Engineer Casey McCollom advised that the contract can be signed by the village next week, then it gets sent to the contractor for signature, and then to IDOT for final approval. Work can begin in early February with a completion deadline in April. Work will be weather permitting. A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the River Road Bridge Repair bid in the amount of \$210,307.00 from Tobey's Construction & Cartage, Inc., contingent upon no challenges or objections during the objection period, and authorizes Mayor Olson to execute a contract for same.

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

Nays: None

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

Comm. Higgins presented an Ordinance Establishing False Alarm Fees for discussion. He advised that there are a few establishments that have alarms that have been going off periodically throughout the year due to faulty equipment.

Comm. Higgins presented an Ordinance Disconnecting Certain Territory from the Village for discussion. Attorney Russo advised this is two acres south of town surrounded by disconnected property. This property was not included when the Terry property disconnected, which completely surrounds it. It was

caught by LaSalle County Mapping and they have asked us to disconnect that parcel. This property is owned by Salzmans and the property has a garage on it, but no residence.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:**

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to Seneca Township High School in the amount of \$30.00 for yearbook page sponsorship.

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 the Amended Seneca Mural Installation, Easement and Indemnity Agreement and authorizes Mayor Olson to execute same. Mayor Olson met with the Port District recently and they have concerns, which are addressed in the amended agreement. All future owners would be required to keep the mural on the building. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of not affixing the mural to the building and Mayor Olson will look into it. Mayor Olson would like to look into putting aside funds for future maintenance of the building when we do the budget in April.

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 appointment of Larry Rasmussen to the Planning Commission board for a term to expire in January 2027.

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 appointment of Becky Siegel to the Park Board for a term to expire in April 2026.

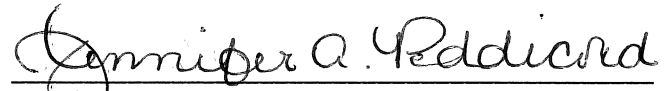
Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Callahan, Higgins, Victor and Weber

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to adjourn the January 18, 2022 council meeting. A voice vote was held. All ayes. No nays. The council meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer A. Peddicord". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk