

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on May 17, 2022 and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

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

Vacant Office: Accounts & Finance Commissioner

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

A public hearing on declaring 348 N. Main Street a public nuisance was opened by Attorney Russo. The property owners were sent notice by certified mail and proof of delivery was tendered to the Village Clerk for filing. A memo was prepared by Zoning Enforcement Officer Les Goslin and given to all of the council members for review. Photographs taken by Chief Lamboley were viewed by the council members. Attorney Russo advised there is enough evidence to declare the property a public nuisance. There has been no contact by the owners. It is believed that the owners are in assisted living. The village was contacted by neighbors complaining about the garbage on the property.

Council agreed to declare the property a nuisance. The public hearing was closed.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the May 3, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

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

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

Nays: None

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:**

None.

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

Connie Buchanan of NCICG gave a presentation regarding the Housing Rehabilitation Grant Program.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

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

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

Commissioner Victor announced that village clean-up days will take place on June 17 and 18, 2022. Senior citizen pick-up will be available on Friday, June 17, by calling Seneca Village Hall at 815-357-8771.

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE:**

Due to the vacancy in the office of Accounts & Finance Commissioner, Mayor Olson presented those agenda items.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to First Midwest Bank Visa in the amount of \$1,636.22 for credit card expenses.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Wex Bank in the amount of \$2,935.61 for fuel expenses.

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

Nays: None

**STREETS - WEBER:**

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve a contract with Christmas Décor System in the amount of \$2,485.00 for holiday decorations for Main Street.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the Illinois Department of Transportation Engineering Services Agreement in the amount of \$25,800.00 for Chamlin & Associates.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the hiring of Owen Quigley as Summer help in the Streets Department at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the hiring of Noah Quigley as Summer help in the Streets Department at a rate of \$12.00 per hour.

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

Nays: None

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:**

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 602, A Resolution Declaring a Nuisance at 348 N. Main Street in the Village of Seneca, IL.

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

Nays: None

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:**

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve an expenditure to Ganz Greenhouse in the amount of \$1,307.80 for flowers for beautification. Ganz Greenhouse made a donation of \$500.00.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 601, 2022 Seneca Township High School Homecoming Parade. This is done annually to close Main Street for the parade.

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

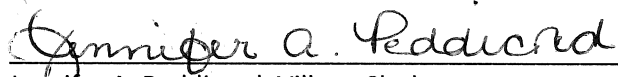
Nays: None

A Safe Boating Proclamation was read by Mayor Olson.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Park Board President Melissa Klicker made a statement regarding the community garden, the tree program and the upcoming garage sales and junk in the trunk.

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to adjourn the May 17, 2022 council meeting. A voice vote was held. All ayes. No nays. The council meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk