

Seneca Village Council held a public hearing at Seneca Village Hall on June 2, 2020 on the 2020-2021 appropriation ordinance.

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

Absent: None

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

There was no public comment.

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on June 2, 2020 and the meeting was called to order immediately following the public hearing.

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

Absent: None.

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. Lamb that the Council approve the May 19, 2020 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins that the Council approve the payment of bills as presented.

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

Nays: None

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Higgins:

- 1) *New Business:* Comm. Higgins announced that SunVest Solar and Lamb Sunny Farms LLC, and Lauren Lamb as General Manager, have started a solar project at the junior high. All permits have been issued.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Callahan: A motion was made by Com. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 20-06, the 2020-2021 Appropriation Ordinance.

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

Nays: None

Mayor Olson: A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 20-07, Ordinance Authorizing Remote Attendance at Village Council Meetings.

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

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to Chamlin & Associates in the amount of \$5,000.00 for services related to Graves Park.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Lamb to approve an expenditure to Hawkins, Inc. in the amount of \$1,676.96 for parts for CL2 feed into water system. This is for the remote meters and ejector.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Prairie State in the amount of \$2,500.00 for purchase of pump. This pump will be used at the boat launch bathrooms.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Victor advised that the water billing department has had continuing problems with renters leaving behind water bills that exceed the water deposit amount. Comm. Victor presented an ordinance for discussion that would amend the Seneca code of ordinances pertaining to water deposits. This ordinance would increase the water deposit amount to \$200.00 from \$100.00. Comm. Callahan expressed concerns about the burden that this increase would have on potential tenants.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Dr. Megabyte in the amount of \$2,093.00 for IT services.

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

Nays: None

STREETS - LAMB:

Comm. Lamb presented his 2020 street program, which will consist of Grant Street, Douglas Street and Englewood/Graves by the high school. A motion was made by Comm. Lamb and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the bid package for the motor fuel tax program, not to exceed \$157,000.00.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Lamb advised that there are no TIF funds available for Shipyard Road, so no work will be done on that this year. Comm. Callahan brought to the council's attention the Amended Redevelopment Agreement adopted by the Village Council in February 2019 and asked for clarification as to the use of the TIF funds. Discussion was held and Attorney Russo advised that the agreement states that all funds must be paid to the developer prior to any funds being available for use by the village.

Comm. Callahan then presented the council with copies of the Shipyard Industrial Park Final Plat. The question was who owns the portion of Shipyard Road marked as "to be dedicated by others." Attorney Russo indicated he will contact the title company and do some research as to ownership of the subject portion of the plat.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Comm. Higgins asked Attorney Russo to advise the council regarding a proposed Ordinance Disconnecting Certain Property. Attorney Russo advised that a Petition to Deannex was filed by Thomas Justice, Jr. and his wife, Tracy Justice, and Justin Terry, and his wife, Heather Terry. This petition will be the subject of the executive session, at which time the council will discuss pros and cons of approving the disconnection.

Attorney Russo further advised that a petition to disconnect was also filed by Ronald Erickson and Holly Rolando, requesting disconnection from the village. This petition will also be the subject of discussion in executive session.

Comm. Higgins brought up the subject of cannabis zoning for discussion with the council. He advised that a number of points will need to be considered with regard to location, including parking, traffic, and distance from schools. Once the council decides specific zoning requirements, the matter will go to the Planning Commissioner and a public hearing will take place. This will be brought back for further discussion at the next council meeting.

Comm. Higgins announced that Officer Marc Stanek has submitted his resignation. After speaking with Chief Lamboley, the decision was made not to replace Officer Stanek at this time due to financial constraints.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

Attorney Russo advised the council that there was an issue with a building owned by Bill Graves on Williams Street that encroached on village property at Williams Street and Bridge Street by four feet. A license agreement was prepared by Attorney Russo, which will allow the building to remain on village property. A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the License Agreement with Forrest Woods, Inc. regarding building encroachment on Williams Street.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to enter into executive session at 7:22 p.m. to discuss litigation.

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

Nays: None

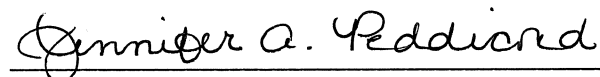
Council returned to regular session at 7:32 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to adjourn the council meeting.

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

Nays: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk