

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on December 21, 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

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. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the December 7, 2021 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber that the Council approve 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:

Mayor Olson recognized Jeff Maierhofer as a recent recipient of the Illinois Association for Career and Technical Education Carl Perkins Community Service Award.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Higgins:

- 1) New: Thank you for Officer Razny for drone.
- 2) New: Shop with a Cop Update.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMISSIONER VICTOR:

Commissioner Victor announced that donations are being accepted at village hall for gift certificates to be used on water/sewer accounts. The program was very successful last year, with approximately \$2,500.00 in donations being made.

COMMISSIONER CALLAHAN:

A motion was made by Commissioner Callahan and seconded by Commissioner Higgins to approve the adoption of Amended Ordinance 21-32, Annual Bond Abatement Ordinance. A change in the amount was made to reflect the records at the courthouse [county clerk].

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

Nays: None

COMMISSIONER WEBER:

Casey McCollom advised that the State of Illinois has approved the plan. Advertising will begin on December 23rd.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT AND NEW BUSINESS:

PUBLIC PROPERTY, WATER & SEWER - VICTOR:

None.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - CALLAHAN:

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 \$3,676.45 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. Weber to approve the First Amendment to Land Lease Agreement between the Village and Celico Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, and authorizes Mayor Olson to execute same. Comm. Callahan advised that the land lease agreement started in 2007 with a cell tower company. The village will receive a one time payment of \$15,000.00 payable within 30 days of the effective date. Rent is \$1,024.92 per month in the first year and each renewal term the rent goes up 15%. The lease expires May 31, 2032 with seven additional five year terms. If we do all renewal terms available, this agreement would expire May 31, 2067. The lease money goes into public property.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Callahan and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the Contractual Agreement between Mack & Associates, P.C. and the Village of Seneca for auditing services, and authorizes Mayor Olson to execute same. This is a three year contract. The village has used Mack & Associates as their auditor for the past nine years.

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

Nays: None

STREETS - WEBER:

Comm. Weber announced that the village will accept live Christmas trees for disposal at the village hall parking lot, south of the police station, next to the dumpster.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Comm. Higgins thanked Officer Razny for working with CSX to get a grant to purchase a drone.

Comm. Higgins announced that Shop with a Cop received a \$7,500.00 donation from Fergy's, a donation from Fat Daddy'z, and \$26,000.00 total in donations were received. 33 kids were shopped for. Numerous people were thanked for their help with this successful program.

Comm. Higgins opened agenda item "Approval of Application for Amusement Device License for 777 Lucky Slots" for discussion. The council had no comments. Applicant Tommy Shannon advised that his intent is to open a gaming parlor for purposes of financing his existing restaurant. He would like to keep his restaurant as a family location. Mayor Olson called for a motion twice and no motion was made.

Comm. Higgins presented for discussion an Ordinance Amending the Text of the Zoning Ordinance Increasing the Fees for Map Amendments and Subdivisions. The fees will increase from \$200.00 to \$500.00. This was approved by the Planning Commission. The ordinance will be presented for approval at the next council meeting.

Comm. Higgins presented for discussion an Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map with Respect to Property Located in Lake River Drive Estates, Phase IV. This property will be rezoned from Riverfront to Ag. This was approved by the Planning Commission. The ordinance will be presented for approval at the next council meeting.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS - OLSON:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve an expenditure to Illinois River Area Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$480.00 (10% discount to apply) for 2022 membership dues.

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

Nays: None

Following Executive Session: A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to approve the adoption of Resolution 593, Releasing of Executive Session Minutes.

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

Nays: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Park Board President Melissa Klicker thanked all who attended the Holiday Market and Sip & Shop, and all who helped make it possible. She gave a reminder that the Park Board has an opening and letters of interest will be accepted at village hall until January 4, 2022.

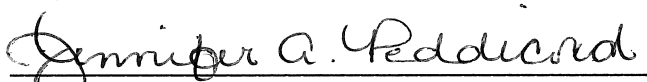
EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Callahan to enter into executive session at 6:19 p.m. to discuss semi-annual review of executive session minutes.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to adjourn the December 21, 2021 council meeting. A voice vote was held. All ayes. No nays. The council meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.


Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk