

Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on August 4, 2022 and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Robert Russo 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. Weber to approve the July 19, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the payment of bills as presented. Comm. Weber pointed out that there are multiple ComEd charges for \$70.71 each for electrical poles. Those charges used to be approximately \$30.00 per month and have now increased to \$70.71 per month.

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

Nays: None

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:**

None.

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

Becky Thompson of Nania Energy was back to continue her presentation regarding electrical aggregation and to present a proposed agreement. The current program expires in October 2022. ComEd's rates have increased by 100%. Customers would save approximately 4% over ComEd's current rate by going with Constellation NewEnergy for a three year fixed rate. Residents are able to opt out of the program by returning a letter, or by calling anytime during the program period.

**Additional Agenda Item:**

*New Business:* Mark Victor: Thank you to Park Board for Summer Splash Day.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Commissioner Higgins: A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Ordinance 22-09, An Ordinance Granting a Variance Relating to Property Located at 357 East Union Street. This allows for the garage height to be increased from the allowed 15 feet, to 25 feet.

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

Nays: 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 Master Meter in the amount of \$1,500.00 for annual software support.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Hawkins, inc. in the amount of \$2,271.70 for water treatment plant chemicals.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Wood to approve an expenditure to McCullough Implement Company in the amount of \$1,597.14 for service of Toro mower.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Victor presented an Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Water Service Accounts for discussion. This change would require that anyone setting up a water account must provide proof of ownership of the property in the form of a deed or other document. There has been an issue with people wanting to add names to their account that have no ownership interest.

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - WEBER:**

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to Mack & Associates in the amount of \$10,500.00 for annual auditing services.

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

Nays: None

**STREETS - WOOD:**

A motion was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Compass Minerals in the amount of \$6,418.47 for bulk highway salt.

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

Nays: None

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:**

Comm. Higgins advised that the 2021 police department statistics will be posted to the village's Facebook page.

Comm. Higgins announced that one of the squad cars currently has 166,000 miles on it and is leaking oil in various locations. Quotes for a new squad car will be presented at a future meeting. Chief Lamboley is currently looking at purchasing another Dodge, like the one purchased most recently. The last car took approximately one year to receive.

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS – OLSON:**

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an Aggregation Program Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy and authorizes Mayor Olson to execute same.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Ordinance 22-10, An Ordinance for Working Cash Fund.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 604, Destruction of Executive Session Recordings.

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

Nays: None

Clerk Jennifer Peddicord gave a presentation regarding the results of the Community Planning Surveys sent out earlier this year. Out of 773 surveys sent out, 110 were returned.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to enter into executive session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining and Personnel.

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

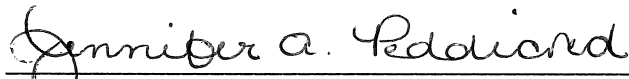
Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Melissa Klicker announced that the recent Park Board bus trip to Starved Rock was a success and the Park Board is looking at doing other local bus trips. The Summer Splash Day was also a great success. Approximately 125 – 150 people attended the recent Movie in the Park. Fall Festival will take place on September 24.

Council returned to regular session at 6:57 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to adjourn the August 4, 2022 council meeting. A voice vote was held. All ayes. No nays. The council meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk