

The Seneca Village Council held a regularly scheduled Council meeting at Seneca Village Hall on September 20, 2022 and the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Attorney Robert Russo, 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. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the September 6, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the September 13, 2022 special council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the May treasurer's report, payroll and payment of bills as presented. Comm. Weber pointed out that the monthly bills were higher by approximately \$65,000.00 due to the arrival of the F250 that was ordered 19 months ago, the purchase of a van truck for \$12,000.00, purchase of a drone and the payment for the Christmas lights.

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

Nays: None

**BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:**

None.

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

KT Geier of ClearSky gave a presentation regarding the possibility of bringing fiber internet to the village. She will put a proposal together and bring it back to the council for consideration.

**ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Commissioner Wood:** New: Discussion regarding street program.

**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. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Ayers Electric in the amount of \$1,758.09 for work done at the sewer plant. This was for the replacement of the motor starter for sludge/clarifier/collector at the wastewater treatment plant.

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

Nays: None

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Wood to approve an expenditure to Automatic Door Authority in an amount not to exceed \$3,100.00 for electrical work for timed door locks at Crotty Park. This will be paid out of Public Comfort, which can only be used for bathrooms.

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

Nays: None

A motion as made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Automatic Door Authority in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for door panels and hardware at Crotty Park. This will also be paid out of Public Comfort.

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

Nays: None

**ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - WEBER:**

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to Old National Bank Visa in the amount of \$1,882.43 for credit card expenses.

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

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 \$4,582.33 for fuel expenses.

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

Nays: None

Comm. Weber presented the annual audit to the council for review. He asked that everyone take time to review it and he will bring it back for discussion next month.

Comm. Weber then presented the financial reports on Shipyard Festival and Cruise Night. He noted that the Shipyard Festival Committee received donations totaling \$12,000.00, with expenses of \$36,535.94. Expenses were down slightly. The village's expenses for Shipyard Festival were \$4,141.41, which the village does not get reimbursed for. This covers salaries for the police department and the public works employees.

#### **STREETS - WOOD:**

Casey McCollom addressed the council regarding a possible street program. They have identified streets in need, but there are not enough funds at this time due to the replacement of River Road. At this time of year, labor is tough to come by and supplies are difficult to obtain. Casey recommends putting together a winter bid for work to be completed at the beginning of the new budget year. The work could be approved before receiving the MFT funds next year, but would need to be approved by IDOT once the funds are received.

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

Comm. Higgins advised the council that the police department needs a special IT company to take care of its computers. Two proposals have been sent to Grundy County Dispatch's IT department for review. The reason for the need for a special IT company is due to security and upgrades at the 9-1-1 center. The federal government does mandate who works on the police department's system. This will be brought back at the next council meeting.

#### **PUBLIC AFFAIRS – OLSON:**

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an ad in the Grundy County Community Guide in the amount of \$200.00.

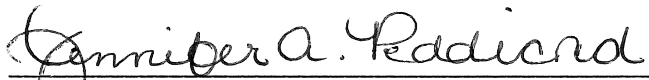
Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor, Weber and Wood

Nays: None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Melissa Klicker reminded the public about the upcoming Fall Festival, including a movie at Graves Park Friday night, and a vendor market, food, hayrack rides, maze, obstacle course, and much more on Saturday.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to adjourn the September 20, 2022 council meeting. A voice vote was held. All ayes. No nays. The council meeting was adjourned at 6:31 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