

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Wood

Also Present: 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. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the November 9, 2022 special council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the November 15, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the payment of bills as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Presentation by Kevin Lindeman of NCICG regarding grant writing.

Victor: Old: Gifting program.

Olson: New: Holiday decorating contest and update regarding Christmas lights in downtown area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Victor: Comm. Victor reminded the public regarding the gifting program for water and sewer bills. Forms are available at village hall.

Commissioner Weber:

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Ordinance 22-17, Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Personnel Policy Regarding Employee Vacation Time. The last version of the ordinance contained some typos that have been fixed. This new policy will make the village a more appealing place to work by speeding up the time it takes to earn additional vacation time.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Ordinance 22-18, the Annual Tax Levy Ordinance. This is required by law to be done annually.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

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 USA Blue Book in the amount of \$1,975.04 for new centrifuge, clarifier samplers and settleometer.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$5,000.00 for vac and wash down of east clarifier.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to A&E Septic Services in the amount of \$5,000.00 for vac and wash down of east aeration tank and mixing vault.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - WEBER:

Comm. Weber presented the annual bond abatement ordinance for review. This will be brought back for adoption at the next council meeting.

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 606, Resolution Appointing Shelly Figgins as the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Authorized Agent.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the motion to add Shelly Figgins as an authorized signer on all Old National Bank accounts.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

STREETS - WOOD:

None.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to Everbridge, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000.00 for annual Nixel subscription. The village has signed up with another text provider and this will be the last year using Nixel.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – OLSON:

A motion was made by Comm. Weber and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve an expenditure to the Grundy County Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$100.00 for annual membership dues.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

Mayor Olson presented an Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Liquor Control Penalties for discussion. This will increase the minimum penalty. Chief Lamboley advised it has been approximately three years since the last time a penalty was assessed in the village.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Weber to approve the appointment of Judy Spicer to the Seneca Port District Board with a term to expire May 31, 2025. This is following the resignation of Mike Marchiando.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Wood

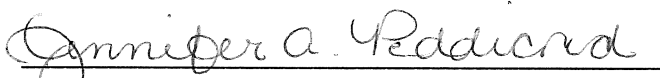
Village Clerk Jennifer Peddicord advised that the new website is up and running and receiving positive comments. She pointed out that the meeting packets are now available for each meeting on the website. If there are any questions or concerns about any of the meeting items, the public can call village hall, Mayor Olson or a commissioner.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

On behalf of the Park Board, Melissa Klicker thanked everyone that attended Christmas in the Park. The Park Board is hoping this event will grow every year. A number of individuals and vendors were thanked for their help and participation.

Comm. Weber thanked the Park Board for the recent bus trip to Rotary Park in LaSalle to see the celebration of lights.

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Weber to adjourn the December 6, 2022 council meeting. A voice vote was held. All ayes. No nays. The council meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.


Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk