

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

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

Absent: Commissioner Weber

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. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the December 6, 2022 council meeting minutes as presented.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Weber

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Weber

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT PRESENTATION:

None.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS AND ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:

Higgins: New: Shop with a Cop.

OLD BUSINESS:

Commissioner Weber (Presented by Mayor Olson, due to absence of Comm. Weber):

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the adoption of Ordinance 22-19, Annual Bond Abatement Ordinance.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Weber

Mayor Olson:

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Wood to approve the adoption of Ordinance 22-20, Ordinance Amending the Seneca Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Liquor Control Penalties. This increases the minimum fine to \$100.00 and maximum fine to \$500.00.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Wood
Nays: None
Absent: Weber

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 Dr. Megabyte in an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 for camera and related equipment for live video and audio feed in council chambers.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Wood
Nays: None
Absent: Weber

Commissioner Victor announced that the village will be accepting live Christmas trees for disposal after Christmas. Trees can be left by the dumpster in the parking lot behind the police department.

ACCOUNTS AND FINANCE - WEBER:

Commissioner Weber's agenda items were presented by Mayor Olson due to Comm. Weber's absence.

A motion was made by Comm. Wood and seconded by Comm. Higgins to approve an expenditure to Wex Bank in the amount of \$2,825.62 for fuel expenses.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Wood
Nays: None
Absent: Weber

A motion was made by Comm. Victor and seconded by Comm. Wood to approve an expenditure to Old National Bank Visa in the amount of \$3,997.59 for credit card expenses.

Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Wood
Nays: None
Absent: Weber

STREETS - WOOD:

None.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY - HIGGINS:

Comm. Higgins announced that Shop with a Cop was held on December 18, with 31 kids participating. He thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for all of their help with this event.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS – OLSON:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to approve the cancellation of the Christmas Décor contract by way of letter to be executed by Mayor Olson. Mayor Olson stated he is very disappointed with this year’s Christmas lights. They were not put up until December, and the contract states that they are to be put up in November. The lights are very dim and overall unsatisfactory.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Weber

Mayor Olson advised the council that he recently met with Caton Commercial. A proposal by Caton Commercial was presented to the council. Mayor Olson read a statement regarding his vision for the downtown and he indicated Caton Commercial can help the village with making presentations to area businesses requesting financial assistance, and overall marketing of the village. Comm. Wood indicated he would like to have Caton Commercial come to a council meeting to give a presentation regarding what they can do for the village.

Mayor Olson announced the winners of the Christmas lighting contest. Third place was the Forth Family at 119 N. Main Street, second place was the Justice Family at 280 Richards Street, and first place was the Valdez Family at 232 Valley View Drive. Mayor Olson thanked Pastor Jason Sprinkel and his family for judging the contest.

Following Executive Session: A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Wood to approve the adoption of Resolution No. 607, Semi-Annual Release of Executive Session Minutes.

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

Nays: None

Absent: Weber

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jack Ferguson, owner of Fergy's and Fergaria's, addressed the council in support of Mayor Olson's proposal that the video gaming money be invested into the downtown, as it was originally proposed, and indicated he would like to see a façade program implemented. Mr. Ferguson stated he would like to see a concentration in downtown and tourism.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Wood to enter into executive session at 6:16 p.m. to discuss the semi-annual review of executive session minutes.

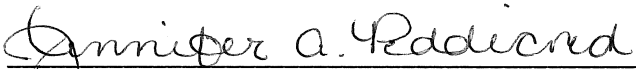
Roll Call: Ayes: Olson, Higgins, Victor and Wood

 Nays: None

 Absent: Weber

The council returned to regular session at 6:24 p.m.

A motion was made by Comm. Higgins and seconded by Comm. Victor to adjourn the December 20, 2022 council meeting. A voice vote was held. All ayes. No nays. The council meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.


Jennifer A. Peddicord, Village Clerk